

Re: Amendment to the Twin Cities 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Please amend the 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2015. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DIST	ROUTE SYS	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES
2015	M	M		New	Metropolitan Council - MT	5307 - Design of C Line ABRT corridor improvements, Penn Ave, Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center	

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
5307	Design and Engineering-transit stop improvements		1,800,000	0	0	1,440,000	0	360,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous STIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

The project is a design and engineering project for a future C Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) corridor in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center. The funds will recognize federal formula funds apportioned to Metro Transit, matched by Regional Transit Capital bonds, to be used for corridor design and environmental work. The project does not include construction. Construction funds will include future federal and state funds and related local match. The requested amendment is a separate project that includes only design work.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money _____
- Anticipated Advance Construction _____
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects X
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint _____
- Other _____

Previously programmed projects, funded by FTA bus and rail formula funds apportioned to the Metropolitan Council, will be deferred to other years or eliminated in order to complete this project at this time as a result of a change in priority for these transit projects.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on September 10, 2014, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on October 6, 2014.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

- Subject to conformity determination _____
- Exempt from regional level analysis..... X*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)..... _____

*Exempt from regional level analysis: O-2 (Engineering to assess social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action).