

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: January 4, 2023

Date: December 28, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2023-04

Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Three 2022 Regional Solicitation Projects

To: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested Action

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Metro Transit request an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add three projects recently approved for funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended Motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add three projects recently approved for funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

Summary

This requested action involves adding three new projects to the TIP. These projects were recently approved for funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation and need to be placed in the 2023-2026 TIP due to their likelihood to be completed prior to enactment of the next TIP. Each of these actions meets the threshold for a streamlined TIP amendment.

Background and Purpose

On December 14, 2022, the Metropolitan Council approved funding of 91 projects through its semi-annual Regional Solicitation (77) and the new USDOT Carbon Reduction Program (14). While most projects are programmed for several years out, these funding sources also include 2023 and 2024 funding. Any 2023 project needs to be included in the 2023-2026 TIP. Further, inclusion of 2024 projects can serve applicants that intend to obligate projects either late in fiscal year 2023 or early in fiscal year 2024. Staff is considering amending all 2024 projects into the 2023-2026 TIP starting in February 2023. At this time, the following projects are proposed for addition to the 2023-2026 TIP:

1. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board was awarded \$2.56M to construct a bicycle/pedestrian underpass on its East Bank Trail. This is a 2024 project that is likely to be obligated prior to approval of the 2024-2027 TIP and therefore needs to be added to the 2023-2026 TIP. (SP # 091-090-090). (Page 3)
2. Metro Transit was awarded \$7M for its Green Line Light Rail Transit extension. This is a 2023 project. (SP # TBD). (Page 4)
3. Metro Transit is sponsoring a park-and-ride structure on the Gold Line ABRT line. This \$7M 2023 award was granted to Washington County, who has since transferred it to Metro Transit. (SP # TRS-TCMT-23F). (Page 5)

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all TIP amendments meet the following tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption, provided these requirements are met.

The streamlined TIP amendment process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing the TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results in saving a month of process time.

Staff Analysis

The three TIP amendment requests meet fiscal constraint because the funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. This amendment and the three projects contained herein are consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020. Public input opportunity for this amendment is provided through the TAB's and the Council's regular meetings.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed / (Scheduled)
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	January 4, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	January 18, 2023
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	January 23, 2023
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	January 25, 2023



Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project into fiscal year 2024. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2024	M	Local	091-090-090	Minneapolis Park & Rec	East Bank Trail, Plymouth Avenue just east of Mississippi River in Minneapolis – Construct bicycle/pedestrian underpass, trail connections, and intersection improvements	0.20

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BT	Bike/Ped	STBG-TAP	\$5,760,000	\$2,560,000	\$3,200,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

This amendment is needed to add Minneapolis Park and Recreation’s East Bank Trail underpass under Plymouth Avenue, recently approved for fiscal year 2024 funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation, to the TIP. The project is likely to be obligated prior to completion of the 2024-2027 TIP and therefore will need to be included in the 2023-2026 TIP.

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

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

On December 14, 2022, the Met Council awarded 2022 Regional Solicitation funding. Federal funds come from this action. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council November 18, 2020, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add this project into fiscal year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
TBD	2023	M	Transit	TBD	Metro Transit	METRO Green Line LRT Extension Project	14.5

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit	CMAQ	8,500,000	7,000,000	1,500,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

On December 14, 2022, Metro Transit was awarded \$7M in federal funding towards its METRO Green Line Extension through the Council’s Regional Solicitation. This amendment is needed to bring these fiscal year 2023 funds into the TIP and STIP.

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

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

On December 14, 2022, the Met Council awarded Carbon Reduction funding for fiscal years 2023-2027. Federal funds come from this action. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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TBD	2023	M	Transit	TRS-TCMT-23F	Metro Transit	Approximately 512-stall parking structure and access roads at the intersection of Woodlane Dr and Guide Dr in Woodbury	0.1

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	Other \$
TR	Transit	Carbon Reduction	21,679,457	7,000,000	14,679,457

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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

This amendment is needed to add the Gold Line park-and-ride lot and access roads recently approved for fiscal year 2023 funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
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