

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: June 4, 2012**

**Council meeting date: June 13, 2012**

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>May 16, 2012</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to include projects selected by MnDOT to receive FTA 5310: Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds (TAB Action 2012-22)</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>TAB Action</b>
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	<b>Arlene McCarthy, Director (651-602-1754)  Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance &amp; Planning (651-602-1058)  Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator (651-602-1728)  James Andrew, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Services</b>

## **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include projects selected by MnDOT to receive FTA 5310: Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

## **Background**

MnDOT's Office of Transit conducts an annual solicitation and evaluates projects submitted for transportation for elderly and persons with disabilities projects. These projects are typically for buses and paratransit service. The solicitation for these funds is out of synch with the adoption of the TIP, so every year a TIP amendment is required to add these projects into the TIP. Each of these projects is listed below and is for buses and related equipment.

Project (Detailed description attached 3/21/12 in TIP amendment letter)	FTA 5310 Funds	Provider Match
TRF-3312-12: Ecumen	\$68,000	\$13,600
TRF2428-12: DARTS	\$68,000	\$13,600
TRF-0111-12: Minneapolis Indian Center	\$68,000	\$13,600
TRF-9058-12: Choice	\$58,000	\$11,600
TRF0755-12: White Bear Lake	\$58,000	\$11,600
TRF-9056-12A-F: New Traxs	\$408,000	\$81,600

TRF-1567-12: PRISM	\$68,000	\$13,600
TRF-0015-12: MRCI	\$68,000	\$13,600
TRF-0890-12: Proact	\$118,000	\$23,600
TRF-0836-12A-B: North East Contemporary	\$136,000	\$27,200
TRF-0260-12A-B: Midwest Special Services	\$136,000	\$27,200

**Rationale**

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. This project is exempt from air quality analysis because it is for transit vehicles. It does not affect fiscal constraint as it uses new federal funds from FTA Section 5310.

**Funding**

This project is using FTA Section 5310 Funds and local agency funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.

# Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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May 28, 2012

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Susan Haigh, Chair  
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390 Robert Street No.  
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Ms. Haigh,

On May 16, 2012, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add 18 projects selected by MN/DOT to receive FTA Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

The Section 5310 program was established in 1975 as a discretionary capital assistance program. In cases where public transit was inadequate or inappropriate, the program awarded grants to private non-profit organizations to serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

MN/DOT's Office of Transit conducts a solicitation for projects to be funded through the Section 5310 Program. The funding requests in MN/DOT's solicitation are mostly for vehicles to be used for dial-a-ride type service. The solicitation for these funds is out of synch with the adoption of the TIP so an amendment is required to add these projects into the TIP.

The TAB forwards the TIP amendment action to the Metropolitan Council along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2012-22.

Sincerely,



Bill Hargis,  
Chair

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**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2012-22

**DATE:** May 21, 2012  
**TO:** Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**PREPARED BY:** Jon Solberg, MnDOT Metro Program Management (651-234-7792)  
James Andrew, Metropolitan Council MTS (651-602-1721)  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB (651-602-1728)  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment Request for FTA Section 5310 Projects for Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.  
**MOTION:** The TAB adopted an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds projects selected by MnDOT to receive FTA Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** MnDOT's Office of Transit annually conducts a solicitation and evaluates projects submitted for funding under the federal Section 5310 Program - transportation for elderly and persons with disabilities. The purpose of the program is to assist private non-profit organizations in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled where transportation services are unavailable or otherwise do not meet needs. Funds are awarded through a grant process based on the annual program of projects included in a statewide application. The 18 projects listed in this TIP amendment represent the awards made to the metro district; additional awards were made to outstate organizations. The solicitation for these funds is out of synch with the adoption of the TIP, so every year a TIP amendment is required. The total amount of funding in this TIP amendment, including matching funds, is \$1,254,000. This is new money and the vehicle purchases are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Additional background material is attached.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 19, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 2, 2012
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	May 16, 2012
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	May 16, 2012
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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## Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (5310)

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### Program Overview

This program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to States for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. Funds are apportioned based on each State's share of population for these groups of people.

Funds are obligated based on the annual program of projects included in a statewide grant application. The State agency ensures that local applicants and project activities are eligible and in compliance with Federal requirements, that private not-for-profit transportation providers have an opportunity to participate as feasible, and that the program provides for coordination of Federally assisted transportation services assisted by other Federal sources. Once FTA approves the application, funds are available for state administration of its program and for allocation to individual subrecipients within the state.

### Eligible Recipients

States are direct recipients. Eligible subrecipients are private non-profit organizations, governmental authorities where no non-profit organizations are available to provide service and governmental authorities approve to coordinate services.

### Eligible Activities

Capital expenses that support transportation to meet the special needs of older adults and persons with disabilities.

### Statutory References

49 U.S.C. 5310

### Funding Availability

Section 5310 funds are available to the States during the Fiscal Year of apportionment plus two additional years (total of three years).

### Allocation of Funding

Section 5310 funds are apportioned among the States by a formula which is based on the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities in each State according to the latest available U.S. census data.

## Match

The Federal share of eligible capital costs may not exceed 80 percent of the net cost of the activity. The 10 percent that is eligible to fund program administrative costs including administration, planning, and technical assistance may be funded at 100 percent Federal share. The local share of eligible capital costs shall be no less than 20 percent of the net cost of the activity.

## Other Program Highlights

Title 49 U.S.C. 5310, as amended by SAFETEA-LU, requires a recipient of Section 5310 funds to certify that projects selected are derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.

## Contact Information

For additional information about the Section 5310 Program, contact the Office of Program Management: (202) 366-2053.

 Report Problems

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March 21, 2012

Karl Keel, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
390 N. Robert St.  
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RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
State Project Number: 2012 FTA Section 5310 Projects  
Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new projects in SFY 2012 of the STIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

### PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

*Please see list of projects on page 4.*

### 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).

Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. FTA guidelines require the State to establish criteria for selection of projects. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and are evaluated for conformance with program criteria by the MnDOT Office of Transit.

The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with TIP/STIP development and in

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order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles in SFY 2012 an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

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

- New Money – FTA 5310 Operating Funds\*   X\*    
 (Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment  
 of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP  
 target
- Other

\*These funds are in addition to regular target formula funds. Therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 with conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination.....
- Exempt from regional level analysis\*.....  YES
- Exempt from project level analysis\*.....  YES
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation\*.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) .....

\*Exempt Project Category # T-10 Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

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Karl Keel  
March 21, 2012  
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We are requesting approval of this TIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7788.

Sincerely,



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Planning Director, Program Management

cc: James Andrew, Metropolitan Council  
Jon P. Solberg, Metro Program Management  
Cindy Krumsieg, Metro Program Management  
Trudi Gustad, MnDOT Office of Transit

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## LIST OF PROJECTS

State Fiscal Year	State Agency	Project Number	Agency	Description of Project (if applicable)	Quantity	Unit	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
2012	M	BB	TRF-3312-12	Ecumen	Section 5310 - Ecumen- Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF2428-12	DARTS	Section 5310 - DARTS - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0111-12	Mpls Indian Center	Section 5310 - Mpls Indian Center - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9058-12	Choice	Section 5310 - Choice - Class 300 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$58,000	0	0	0	0	\$46,400	0	\$11,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF0755-12	White Bear Lake	Section 5310 -White Bear Lake Senior Center- Class 300 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$58,000	0	0	0	0	\$46,400	0	\$11,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9058-12A	New Trax	Section 5310 - NewTrax (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10



2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12B	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12C	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Merrick) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12D	New Traxs	Section 5310 NewTraxs (Phoenix) Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12E	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Phoenix) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-9056-12F	New Traxs	Section 5310 - NewTraxs (Phoenix) - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-1567-12	PRISM	Section 5310 - PRISM Express - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$64,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0015-12	MRCI	Section 5310 - MRCI Rosemount Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$64,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0890-12	Proact	Section 5310 - Proact - Eagan Bus - Class 500 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$118,000	0	0	\$94,400	0	\$23,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0636-12A	North East Contemporary	Section 5310 -NorthEast Contemporary Bus - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10

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2012	M	BB	TRF-0836-12B	North East Contemp any	Section 5310 - NorthEast Contemporary - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0280-12A	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310 - Midwest Special Services - Apple Valley - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10
2012	M	BB	TRF-0280-12B	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310 - Midwest Special Services - Brooklyn Park - Class 400 Bus & Realted Equipment	0	NB	Purchase Bus	5310	\$68,000	0	0	\$54,400	0	\$13,600	T-10

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