

## Transportation Committee

July 14, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

**Subject:** 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Metro Transit: Fixed Guideway – LRT Associated Capital Maintenance & Track Modifications

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council, contingent on TAB approval, concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include additional funds for repair, maintenance and upgrade to existing trackwork on the Blue Line light rail transitway (SP# TRF-TCMT-14AX).

### Background

Metro Transit's requested inclusion of additional funds for repair, maintenance and upgrade to existing trackwork on the Blue Line light rail transitway project is funded with FTA Section 5337 Fixed Guideway formula and is currently programmed in the 2014-2017 TIP.

Because this funding needs to be obligated by the end of the Federal Fiscal Year, it should be completed in July. To have this TIP Amendment processed by the end of July, it is necessary to request Transportation Committee concurrence contingent on TAB action.

### Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP, and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. This project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and local funds are sufficient to fully fund them. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis as it is maintenance of an existing right-of-way. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality.

This TIP amendment is following the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

### Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

## Amendment to the Twin Cities 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

### 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
2014	M	M	BB	TRF-TCMT-14AX	Met Council-MT	Section 5337: Fixed Guideway – LRT Associated Capital Maintenance & Track Modifications	0.0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
GR	Bus grant Capital Improvement	FTA	\$2,300,000			\$1,840,000		\$460,000

### PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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).

This represents funding for repair, maintenance and upgrade to existing trackwork on the Blue Line light rail transitway. This amendment adds the following amounts to the line in the 2014 STIP (sequence 1425 – SP# TRF-TCMT-14AX).

Additional Funding

\$1,000,000 Federal

\$ 250,000 Other

\$1,250,000 Total

This funding is available from FFY 2014 5337 Fixed Guideway formula.

- 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 these projects 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 November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project was exempt from air quality conformity analysis [reason T-9 for Rehabilitation or reconstruction of track structures, track, and trackbed in existing rights-of-way].