

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 28, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 13, 2017

Subject: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit Heywood Bus Garage Modernization

District(s), Member(s): 7 – Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for Metro Transit's Heywood garage modernization.

Background

The purpose of the project is to renovate and expand the existing Heywood bus operation and maintenance garage, located at 570 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis. The project will modernize the facility based on the additional buses, staff, and changes in bus fleet mix since the garage was constructed in 1984. The garage will be renovated to allow enough space to accommodate the current fleet mix and enable Metro Transit to better accommodate the addition of employees since it was originally designed. The funding source for the project is FTA 5339 funds, which are not administered by the Council's Regional Solicitation.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board approves formal amendments to the TIP and the Metropolitan Council concurs with the action of the TAB. The project is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. This TIP amendment is using the streamlined process adopted by TAB on April 19, 2014.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by efficiently accommodating an increasing fleet of buses.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in program year **2018**. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	FISCAL YEAR	A T P	DI ST	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)			MILES
-	State: 2018 Federal: 2017	M	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-17AZ	MET COUNCIL-MT	SECT 5339: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL-METRO TRANSIT HEYWOOD GARAGE MODERNIZATION			0
PROG	TYPE OF WORK		PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	
B9	Transit (P)		FTA 5339	\$5,000,000	-	-	\$4,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	

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 funding for Metro Transit Heywood Garage Modernization construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. The purpose of the project is to renovate and expand the existing Heywood bus operation and maintenance garage at 570 6th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411, which will modernize the facility based on the additional buses, staff, and changes in bus fleet mix since the garage was constructed in 1984. The garage will be renovated in such a way that there will be enough space to accommodate the current fleet mix of standard, coach, hybrid and the articulated buses. This renovation and expansion will result in Metro Transit being able to better accommodate the addition of employees since originally designed.

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
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)
- Other

The funding for this project is FTA 5339 – Formula funds / Metro Transit local match. Projects proposed to be funded by 5339 FTA Formula Funds in 2017 will be deferred to maintain fiscal constraint. Any projects deferred are internal projects approved on Metro Transit’s Capital Improvement Program. None are competitively awarded or regionally solicited projects.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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

X*

* T-8: Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures