

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 27, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 8, 2017

Subject: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit Police Facility Construction

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 concurs with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add construction of a Metro Transit Police facility.

Background

This amendment is needed to add the remaining funding for Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) facility construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. Metro Transit plans to construct a new police facility, which will be an addition to the Heywood Office Building at 560 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis. The new building is needed because the Police Department has outgrown its current headquarters at 2425 Minnehaha Avenue in Minneapolis. Recent projections indicate the MTPD staff will grow nearly 70%, by 2030 to keep pace with planned growth of the region's transit system.

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 local 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 providing for needed replacement of existing assets.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds. Projects proposed to be funded by 5307 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.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

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

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	D I S T	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	M I L E S
	2017	M	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-17F	MET COUNCIL-MT	SECT 5307: TWIN CITIES MET COUNCIL-METRO TRANSIT POLICE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	0

PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$
B9	Bus Grant Capital Improvement	FTA 5307	\$24,430,000	-	-	\$19,544,000	-	\$4,886,000

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 the remaining funding for Metro Transit Police Facility construction to the 2017-2020 TIP. Metro Transit plans to construct a new police facility. The building will be an addition to the Heywood Office Building at 560 6th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411. The new building is needed because the police have outgrown their current headquarters at 2425 Minnehaha Ave. Minneapolis, MN. Recent projections indicate the MTPD staff will grow nearly 70% by 2030 to keep pace with planned growth of the region’s transit system.

This project was in the 2016-2019 TIP. The 2016 Federal grant application was delayed due to the lack of 2016 bonding bill in the Minnesota Legislature. Local funding was reprioritized to allow this project to proceed as a 2017 initiative.

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

The funding for this project is FTA 5307 – Formula funds / Metro Transit local match. Projects proposed to be funded by 5307 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

*T-8: Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals and ancillary structures)