

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 26, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 28, 2017

Subject: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: MVTA Bus Acquisition

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 concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to purchase a small bus.

Background

MVTA was awarded \$103,515 from a competitive solicitation to purchase a small bus. The award is through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will provide FTA Section 5339 funds.

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 leveraging federal funds.

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. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Seq #	Fiscal Year	ATP	Dist	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		
	Federal: 2017 State: 2018	M	M		Not yet assigned	MET Council - MTS	SECT 5339: Bus Acquisition	0.0		
Prog	Type of work			Prop funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$
TR	Fleet (bus) Acquisition			LOCAL	\$129,394	-	-	\$103,515	-	\$25,879

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- 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).

The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority has been awarded a competitive \$5339 federal grant to purchase a small bus. Federal award total is \$103,515. Award will be matched with \$25,879 of regional transit capital improvement bonds. This amendment is needed so the Council can include this project in the next federal grant application.

- How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?
 - New Money
 - Anticipated Advance Construction
 - Deferral of other projects
 - Earmark or HPP not
 - Other

The funding for this project is newly awarded federal section \$5339 funding and existing local sources from the Metropolitan Council.

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-10: Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.