

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 14, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 23, 2019

Subject: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: Heywood II Bus Garage

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 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add FTA Section 5339 discretionary funds for Metro Transit's Heywood II Bus Garage (Minneapolis Bus Garage).

Background

Metro Transit requests an amendment because it was awarded Section 5339 discretionary funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Metro Transit Heywood II Bus Garage (Minneapolis Bus Garage). The garage will provide additional bus storage, operations, support, and maintenance functions to support continued growth in ridership demand and upcoming service expansion. This funding represents part of the cost associated with construction of the new bus garage to achieve optimal capacity and enhanced efficiency for the fleet which is projected to grow by 185 buses by 2032, including electric buses, supporting service expansion. This funding supplements the Heywood Bus Garage project funded in the 2016 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 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes stewardship by securing federal funds for a project.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Please amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following project in program year **2019**. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #) (Fed# if available)	Agency	Description include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)				Miles
2019 (State and Fed)	M	BB		Met Council-MT	Sect 5339: Twin Cities Met Council MT – Metro Transit Heywood II Bus Garage (Minneapolis Bus Garage) – Fund construction of new bus garage to provide additional bus storage, operations, support and maintenance functions				0
Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	Other \$	
BB	Transit (P)	FTA 5339	\$13,750,000	-	-	\$11,000,000	-	\$2,750,000	

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).

This amendment is needed because Metro Transit was awarded discretionary funds. The Metro Transit Heywood II Bus Garage provides additional bus storage, operations, support, and maintenance functions to support continued growth in ridership demand and upcoming service expansion. This funding represents part of the cost associated with construction of the new bus garage to achieve optimal capacity and enhanced efficiency for the fleet which is projected to grow by 185 buses by 2032, including electric buses, supporting service expansion.

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

- New Money X
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)
- Other

New Money: The funding for this project is FTA 5339; it is new discretionary funding.

CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:

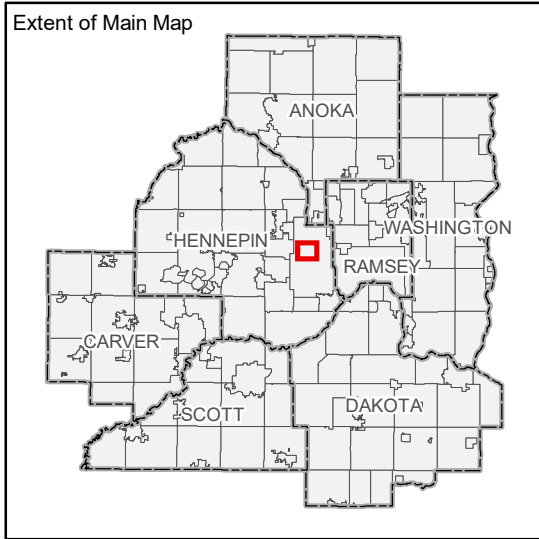
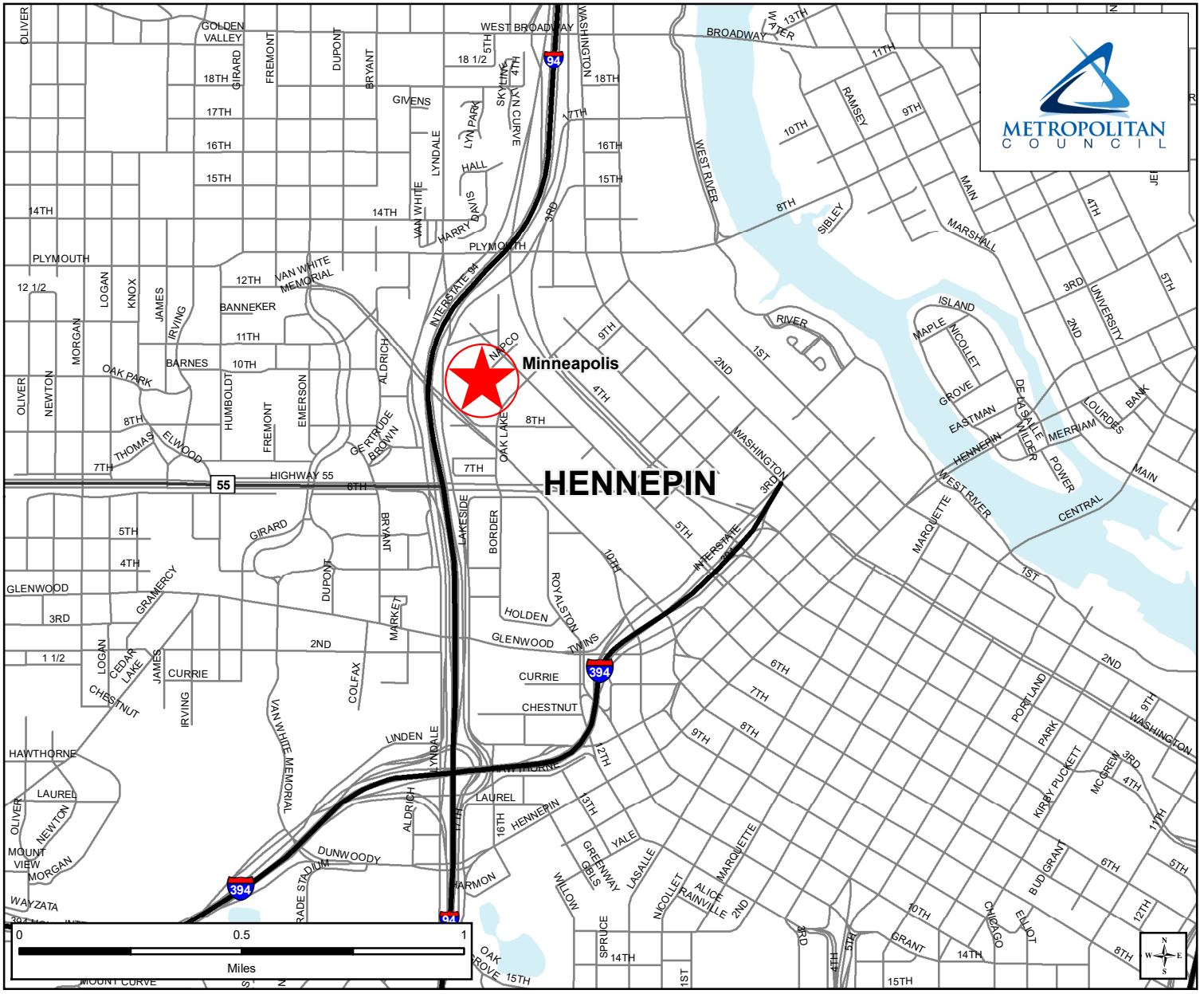
This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 2015, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on March 13, 2015.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:

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



Project Location



-  Heywood II Bus Garage
-  Interstate Highways
-  State, US Highways and County Roads
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries
-  Lakes and Rivers