

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 27, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 13, 2020

Subject: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: Transit Vehicle Purchase for Rise, Inc. (Sect. 5310 MnDOT Capital)

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 approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc.

Background

MnDOT was awarded funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310's Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabilities program, which is programmed by MnDOT's Office of Transit. The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not always compatible with TIP development and in order for Rise, Inc (the grantee) to purchase its vehicles, an amendment is needed to identify the purchase in the current TIP.

Rationale

The Transportation Advisory Board and the Metropolitan Council approve formal amendments to the TIP. 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes livability by providing transportation to those unable to transport themselves via automobile or fixed-route transit.

Funding

The project is fully funded with local and federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This proposed action was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. No known opposition.