

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: October 26, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2020

**Subject:** 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for MVTA: Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation  
**District(s), Member(s):** 15 – Sterner  
**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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project expanding and renovating MVTA’s Burnsville Bus Garage.

**Background**

This amendment is requested because Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was awarded Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 discretionary funds, with which it intends to fund a renovation and expansion of the Burnsville Bus Garage. This effort will improve the condition of the existing facility, resolve congestion, and increase bus storage capacity by 30.

The amendment would add the project to the 2021-2024 TIP, which was approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 23, 2020, The TIP still needs to be approved by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. Should this amendment be approved before that approval, the project will not be eligible to receive federal funds until federal approval occurs.

**Rationale**

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. 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 *livability* by enhancing public transit.

**Funding**

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

**Known Support / Opposition**

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



Please amend the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend this project in program year 2021. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2021	M	BB	Not yet assigned	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	Sect 5339: Minnesota Valley Transit Authority – Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion. Fund renovation and addition to existing bus garage to improve condition of existing building, resolve congestion and safety issues, add storage, increase ceiling height, and increase bus storage.	-

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
BB	Transit (P)	FTA 5339	\$3,500,000	\$2,800,000	-	\$700,000

**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 Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) was awarded Section 5339 discretionary funds. The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation/Expansion will improve the condition of the existing facility, resolve congestion and safety issues, add storage, increasing ceiling height to maintain all bus types in the fleet, and increase bus storage capacity by 30 to accommodate current and long-term inventories.

- 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

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 October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

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

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