

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 10, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 12, 2021

**Subject:** 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: Farebox Replacement for Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council, and Suburban Providers

**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 adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add two projects replacing the fareboxes for Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council, and Suburban provider bus fleets.

### Background

Metro Transit was awarded funding from the 2020 Regional Solicitation for regionwide replacement of fareboxes. While this is only one grant application and award, it is scheduled to be programmed as two separate projects in order to accept limited funding available for 2022 with the balance of the funding to be programmed in 2023. Projects from the 2020 Regional Solicitation are scheduled to be included in the 2022-2025 TIP. However, Metro Transit anticipates the 2022 project beginning before that TIP is completed in the fall. Therefore, it needs to be added to the 2021-2024 TIP, which will be active for roughly the first four months of fiscal year 2022. No deviation from the cost or scope of the original application proposed.

### 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 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 allowing for the project to start prior to the federal approval of the STIP.

### 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 add this project to program years 2022 and 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

Fiscal Year	ATP / Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2022	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-22D	Metro Transit	CMAQ: Replace fareboxes for regional bus fleet	-
2023	M	BB	TRS-TCMT-23D	Metro Transit	CMAQ: Replace fareboxes for regional bus fleet	-

Fiscal Year	Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FTA \$	FHWA \$	Other \$
2022	BB	Transit (P)	CMAQ	\$2,752,774	\$2,202,219	-	\$550,555
2023	BB	Transit (P)	CMAQ	\$5,997,226	\$4,797,781	-	\$1,199,445

**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 formal amendment is needed to add a new CMAQ-funded project into the 2021-2024 TIP/STIP for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. This is one award is being split into two years (and, therefore, two projects, per the TIP) due to the amount of funding available in the earlier year. The project was awarded funding in the 2020 Regional Solicitation and needs to be placed into the 2021-2024 TIP because it may be authorized prior to federal approval of the 2022-2025 STIP, in which it will appear with identical information.

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
  - Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint **X\***

\*This project was recently awarded funding in the 2020 Regional solicitation.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 18, 2020 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on December 4, 2020.

**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-5: Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g., radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.).