

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 8, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021

**Subject:** 2022-2025 TIP Amendment: Orange Line Small Starts Grant Agreement

**District(s), Member(s):** 5 – Cummings, 6 – Vacant, 7 – Lilligren, 8 – Muse, 15 – Sterner

**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 2022-2025 TIP to add a new project for the apportionment of the Orange Line Small Starts Grant Agreement (SSGA).

### Background

This is an FTA-funded project and there is no Regional Solicitation funding involved. This project has been authorized in past TIPs and therefore did not appear to be needed for inclusion in the TIP. However, because Metro Transit received federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the change needs to be reflected in the TIP. This change would reflect \$11,362,644 in additional federal funding, with the same reduction in local funds.

### Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meet fiscal constraint because the federal, state, and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by acquiring additional federal funding in lieu of local funding.

### Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

### Small Business Inclusion

This project includes federal funding. Therefore, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements will apply.

### Known Support / Opposition

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

Please amend the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2022. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

State Fiscal Year	ATP/Dist	Route System	Project Number (S.P. #)	Agency	Description	Miles
2022	M	BB	TRF-TCMT-22B	Met Council- MT	SECT 5309 ARPA: Twin Cities Met Council MT-Orange Line-Small Start SSGA Appropriation	17.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	Federal \$	TH \$	Other
TR	Transit	FTA	69,090,909	49,362,644	NA	19,728,265

**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 to add a new federally funded project into state fiscal year 2022 of the 22-25 TIP/STIP.

- 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
  - Other X

These funds were awarded in FTA Grant MN-2021-047. The source of these funds is FFY 2021 Section 5309 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) funds. Section 5309 CIG funds for the Orange Line Project were originally presented in the 2019-2022 STIP. These ARPA CIG funds will be used to replace local share for this project. There are no adjustments to the total project overall cost or scope. These funds are being moved into SFY 2022 (beginning 7/1/2021) which coincides with FFY 2021 (ending 9/30/2021), therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

**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\*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

\*Exempt because the project has been in previous TIPs.