

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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2023-2026 TIP Amendment: SouthWest Transit Electric Buses and Charging Station

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the purchase of two electric buses and a charging station for SouthWest Transit.

Background

The project was included in the 2022-2025 TIP and needs to be included in the 2023-2026 TIP because it was not obligated in time to be completed while that TIP is active. The scope and project cost remain unchanged. The funding source is MnDOT's Clean Transportation Pilot Program.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *livability* by funding electric buses.

Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal and local funds.

Please amend the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2023. This project is being submitted with the following information:

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

| Seq # | State Fiscal Year | ATP/ Dist | Route System | Project Number (S.P. #) | Agency | Description | Miles |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------|
| TBD | 2023 | M | Transit | TRS-TCMT-22G | MnDOT | Southwest Transit, Purchase 2 electric buses and charging station | 0.00 |

| Prog | Type of Work | Prop Funds | Total \$ | FHWA \$ | Other \$ |
|------|--------------|------------|----------|---------|----------|
| TR | Transit | STP | 295,088 | 236,071 | 59,017 |

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 to add this 2023 FHWA transit project into the 2023-2026 TIP. It was originally programmed in 2022 in the 2022-2025 TIP. The scope and project cost remain the same.

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
- Other X

Federal STP funds are available in a District C set-aside SP 880C-CTPP-23. 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:

Conformity demonstration is not required as all of the region is in attainment of federal standards for all transportation-related air pollutants as of 9/24/2022.