

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Business Item: 2024-36

Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s Section 5310 Bus Purchases

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add six new projects to purchase a total of 15 transit vehicles.

Background

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add six new projects:

- Purchase two expansion mini vans for Lifework Services
- Purchase three expansion mini vans for Midwest Special Services
- Purchase four expansion mini vans for RISE
- Purchase one expansion mini vans for DARTS
- Purchase two expansion mini vans for Newtrax
- Purchase three expansion mini vans for TSE

These six new projects are funded through the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, which provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.

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 state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes livability by distributing federal funds to purchase vehicles to transport seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Funding

This project is fully funded with federal and local funds.

Small Business Inclusion

Each of the projects included in this request is federally funded. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will oversee the federal requirements, including the DBE requirement.



2025-2028 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the below project.

Project Identification

Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-0117-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: LIFEWORK SERVICES, INC. - 2 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	180,000
FTA \$	144,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	36,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

Federal funds in the amount of \$144,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment, which is sufficient to fund this project. 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.

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Project Identification

Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-0260-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC- 3 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	270,000
FTA \$	216,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	54,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

Federal funds in the amount of \$216,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment, which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Project Identification

Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-1767-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: RISE INC - 4 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	360,000
FTA \$	288,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	72,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

Federal funds in the amount of \$288,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-2428-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: DARTS - 1 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	90,000
FTA \$	72,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	18,000

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This formal amendment is needed to add a new fiscal year 2025 FTA project into the 2025-28 TIP/STIP.

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Federal funds in the amount of \$72,000 are provided by the FTA Section 5310 grant request and will use the 2025 apportionment which is sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

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Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9056-25B
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: NEWTRAX INC - 2 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	180,000
FTA \$	144,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	36,000

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Seq #	NA
Fiscal Year (State)	2025
ATP and District	M
Route System	Districtwide
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-9132-25A
Agency	MnDOT
Description	SECT 5310: TSE, INC. - 3 EXPANSION MINI-VAN (CLASS 200)
Miles	0.0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Vehicle Purchase
Proposed Funds	FTA Section 5310
Total \$	270,000
FTA \$	216,000
State \$	NA
Other \$	54,000

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