

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2011-32

**DATE:** March 9, 2011  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** TIP Amendment Request for FTA Section 5310 Projects for Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.

**MOTION:** That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that adds projects selected by Mn/DOT to receive FTA Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Mn/DOT's Office of Transit conducts a solicitation for projects to be funded through the Section 5310 Program. The Section 5310 program was established in 1975 as a discretionary capital assistance program. In cases where public transit was inadequate or inappropriate, the program awarded grants to private non-profit organizations to serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. FTA (then the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) apportioned the funds among the States by formula for distribution to local agencies, a practice made a statutory requirement by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and included in each subsequent transportation Act.

The funding requests in MN/DOT's solicitation are mostly for buses for dial-a-ride type service. The projects are listed in the TIP amendment letter. The solicitation for these funds is out of synch with the adoption of the TIP so every year, a TIP amendment is required to add these projects into the TIP. This is new money and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Additional background material is attached.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 17, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 2, 2011
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	



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February 17, 2011

Karl Keel, Chair  
TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
Metropolitan Council  
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RE: Amendment to the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)  
State Project Number: 2011 FTA Section 5310 Projects  
Federal Project Number:

Dear Mr. Keel:

Please amend the Minnesota 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following new projects in SFY 2011 of the STIP. The project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

*Please see list of projects on page 4.*

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g. project in previous STIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in STIP).

Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, is funded by FTA through MnDOT's Office of Transit. The selection of these projects is done through grant applications submitted to FTA. The timing of project selection is not compatible with TIP/STIP development and in order for the agencies to purchase their vehicles in SFY 2011 an amendment is needed to identify them in the current TIP.

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2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money – FTA 5310 Operating Funds\*     X      
(Discretionary, Special Allocations or Other New Funding Sources)
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or Mn/DOT Adjustment of other projects
- Earmark or HPP federal funds outside ATP target
- Other

\*These funds are in addition to regular target formula funds. Therefore fiscal constraint is maintained.

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted on January 14, 2009, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on September 16, 2009. The amendment is also consistent with the 2030 Policy Plan update adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 and transmitted to MnDOT on November 22, 2010 for transmittal to USDOT for a conformity determination.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination.....
- Exempt from regional level analysis\*.....     X
- Exempt from project level analysis\*.....     X
- Exempt by virtue of interagency consultation\*.....
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area) .....

\*Exempt Project Category # T-10 Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet Per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules

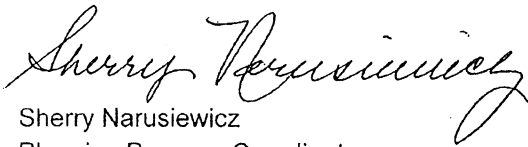
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We are requesting approval of this STIP amendment at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-234-7793.

Sincerely,



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Metro District Program Management

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Trudi Gustad, MnDOT Office of Transit

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## LIST OF PROJECTS

SEQ #	STATE FISCAL YEAR	A T P	ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER (S.P.#) (Fed # if available)	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION Include location, description of all work, & city (if applicable)	MILES	PROG	TYPE OF WORK	PROP FUNDS	TOTAL \$	FHWA \$	AC \$	FTA \$	TH \$	OTHER \$	AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
	2011	M	BB	TRF-1703-11	Achieve Community Services	Section 5310 - Achieve Community Services - Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-7229-11	East Suburban Resources	Section 5310 - East Suburban Resources - Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-2428-11	DARTS	Section 5310-DARTS- Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-3244-11	Human Services, Inc	Section 5310-Human Services, Inc. - Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0011-11A	Lifeworks Service Inc.	Section 5310 - Lifeworks Service Inc. - Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0011-11B	Lifeworks Service Inc.	Section 5310-Lifeworks Service Inc. - Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-6866-11A	Merrick	Section 5310-Merrick-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-6866-11B	Merrick	Section 5310-Merrick-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0260-11A	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310-Midwest Special Services - Apple Valley-Class 500 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	118,000	0	0	94,400	0	23,600	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0260-11B	Midwest Special Services	Section 5310-Midwest Special Services - Eagan - Class 500 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10

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	2011	M	BB	TRF-7899-11A	Phoenix	Section 5310-Phoenix-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-7899-11B	Phoenix	Section 5310-Phoenix-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-1567-11A	PRISM Express	Section 5310-PRISM Express-Class 300 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	54,000	0	0	43,200	0	10,800	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-1567-11B	PRISM Express	Section 5310-PRISM Express-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0890-11A	Proact	Section 5310-Proact-Eagan Bus-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0890-11B	Proact	Section 5310-Proact-Eagan Bus-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-0890-11C	Proact	Section 5310-Proact-Eagan Bus-Class 500 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	118,000	0	0	94,400	0	23,600	T10
	2011	M	BB	TRF-1767-11	RISE	Section 5310-RISE-Class 400 Bus	0	NB	Purchase Bus	FTA	66,000	0	0	52,800	0	13,200	T10

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