

To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Luke Champa
Date: 03/26/2020
Re: **2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public hearing at the Metro COG Conference Room – 1 2nd Street North, Suite 232, in Fargo, North Dakota on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to consider public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM Metropolitan Area. The proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 TIP reflects a new rural transit grant award through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

A public notice was published in the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Monday, March 30, 2020, advertising a public hearing and detailed public comment information such as where to send written comments regarding the proposed amendment. It was advertised that public comments would be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting Stay at Home Order for Minnesotans, the final information regarding the grant award has not yet been compiled, and no formal action should be taken on the TIP Amendment at this time. MnDOT has provided preliminary MnDOT project information to Metro COG, as can be seen in Attachment 1. The preliminary Metro COG project sheet, Attachment 2, is also attached and shall be finalized when the formal MnDOT award letter is received.

Requested Action: Pending public comment, continue the public hearing of Amendment #3 of the Metro COG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 and extend the public comment period to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

**Office of Transit and Active Transportation**

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Memo

Date: 03/30/2020

To: Luke Champa, Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments

From: Deborah Ellis, Grant Program Coordinator

RE: Anticipated Federally Funded RTCC Project Request

On February 14, 2020, the MnDOT Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT) released a Section 5310 Solicitation for projects related to planning and implementation of Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils (RTCCs). RTCCs consist of stakeholders interested in improving mobility for “transportation disadvantaged” – older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with low incomes, and/or military veterans.

Eligibility for Phase 3 (On-going Activities) is limited to Regional Transportation Coordinating Council(s) that have a current *Phase 2: Implementation Grant* and are working on the tasks outlined in Greater Minnesota regions outside the seven county Twin Cities metropolitan area. *Applications were due April 15, 2020 for projects activities to occur July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Because the COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional strain on organizations and staff members. Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT) has extending the Phase 2 Grant Application deadline to May 15, 2020 for projects activities to occur July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.*

Preliminary Project Identification

The RTCC Project lead in your planning area has preliminarily identified an eligible RTCC project, and during conversations with OTAT Staff, has indicated that they will be applying for a project prior to the current application deadlines. Concurrently, OTAT has been reviewing projected budgets to determine the maximum amount funds that may be available for that project. The following is the budget information that has been identified for a project in your planning area:

SP#	Project Description	Project Timeline	Federal Budget Allocation	Total Project Funds	Federal Section 5310 Funds	State Funds	Local Funds
TRF-4003-21	Region Four RTCC Activities	07/01/20 through 06/30/21	Small Urban Allocation	\$56,000	\$ 44,800	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
TRF-9107-20	Region Four RTCC Activities	07/01/20 through 06/30/21	Rural Allocation	\$213,000	\$ 170,400	\$ 21,300	\$ 21,300
			Total Project Budget	\$269,000	\$ 215,200	\$ 26,900	\$ 26,900

TIP Amendment Request for anticipated project award:

In order to help OTAT facilitate the obligation the anticipated Federal Share of these projects prior to the end of FFY 2020, **we are requesting that your agency consider adding State Project Number TRF-4003-21 to Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Government’s 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan prior to June 1, 2020.** Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Small Urban Section 5310 Funds will be utilized for these projects, therefore federal fiscal constraint is met.

TRF-9107-20 has already been approved in the current year STIP.

Lead Agency	Metro COG ID State Number	Project Year	Project Location	Length	Project Limits		Project Description	Improvement Type	Total Project Cost	Federal Revenue Source	Other Revenue Source	Revenue
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West Central Communities Action, Inc.												
West Central Communities Action, Inc.	8203001 TRF 4003-21	2020	Transit				Region Four Regional Transportation Coordination Council (RTCC) Activities	Operating Assistance	\$ 56,000	FTA 5310		\$ 44,800 \$ 5,600 \$ 5,600
Moorhead Transit												
Fargo Transit												
City of Fargo												
City of Moorhead												
City of West Fargo												
North Dakota Department of Transportation												
Cass County												
Minnesota Department of Transportation												
Clay County												