Committee Report

Transportation Committee

Committee meeting date: November 23, 2026 **For the Metropolitan Council:** December 2, 2026

Business Item: 2026-209

Streamlined 2027-2030 TIP Amendment Request: Metro Transit Hybrid-Electric Bus Replacement

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Metro Transit's Low- and No-Emission Hybrid-Electric Bus Replacement project.

Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

This item was on the consent list.

Motion by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Toni. Motion carried to approve the consent list.

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District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	TAB Action
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Division/department:	Transportation Planning

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Background

Metro Transit was awarded Section 5339 funds in Fiscal Year 2025 through FTA's Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards, which is not part of the Regional Solicitation. The funding will be used to make hybrid-electric bus replacements.

Rationale

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

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. This action promotes livability by providing hybrid-electric buses.

Funding

The project is fully funded with federal and local funding.

Small business inclusion

Metro Transit works through the Council's grant administration team in coordination with the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs (OCRSB) and Procurement to include DBE requirements on relevant projects.

2027-2030 TIP/STIP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Please amend the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add the below project.

Project Identification

Seq #	TBD
Fiscal Year (State)	2027
ATP and District	M
Route System	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TCMT-27AG
Agency	Metro Transit
Description	Low-No Hybrid-Electric Bus Replacement
Miles	0
Program	BUS AND BUS FACILITIES - SECTION 5339
Type of work	Transit
Proposed Funds	Section 5339
Total $	43,791,250
FHWA $	35,033,000
Other $	8,758,250

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is to add a new project to the 2027-2030 TIP. The project is a bus replacement funded with funds awarded in the Fiscal Year 2025 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards funds were awarded for this project and this is new money. 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 February 12, 2025.