Committee Report

Transportation Committee

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

Business Item: 2026-210

Streamlined 2027-2030 TIP Amendment – Five Southwest Transit Projects

Proposed action

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- Purchase of four diesel-electric hybrid buses
- SouthWest Transit bus facility rehabilitation project
- Bus facility rehabilitation and preventative maintenance project
- Procurement of bus technology and bus equipment
- 2027 SouthWest Transit service operational assistance

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

SouthWest Transit (SWT) requests an amendment to the 2027-2030 TIP to add five new projects:

- Purchase of four diesel-electric hybrid buses, which is funded through the 2025 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards.
- SouthWest Transit Bus Facility Rehabilitation project, which is funded through the Fiscal Year 2024 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards. The project includes replacement of surveillance cameras at Southwest Station and SWT Garage, replacement of a vertical-rise drive-on platform lift and accessibility improvements.
- Bus Facility Rehabilitation and Preventative Maintenance project, funded through Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program Section 5307. The project includes parking ramp preventative maintenance, parking lot crack repair and seal coating, HVAC unit replacement, and security door replacement.
- Procurement of bus technology and equipment, funded through Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program Section 5307. This will include funding of two-way radios and driver vehicle inspection report (DVIR) mobile devices that have exceeded their useful life in SouthWest Transit revenue vehicles, as well as wireless bus video surveillance, remote retrieval system, and new bus wraps to improve and enhance service operations.
- 2027 SWT Service Operational Assistance, funded through Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program Section 5307.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council approves formal amendments to the TIP. The projects are 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 projects.

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 transit service.

Funding

The projects are fully funded with federal and local funding.

Small business inclusion

The projects included in this request are federally funded. Therefore, the applicant is responsible for meeting federal DBE requirements.

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-27AJ
Agency	SouthWest Transit
Description	PURCHASE OF 4 DIESEL-ELECTRIC HYBRID BUSES
Miles	0
Program	BUS AND BUS FACILITIES - SECTION 5339
Type of work	Transit
Proposed Funds	Section 5339
Total $	5,976,521
FHWA $	5,080,042
Other $	896,479

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.

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Fiscal Year (State)	2027
ATP and District	M
Route System	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TCMT-27AK
Agency	SouthWest Transit
Description	SWT BUS FACILITY REHABILITATION PROJECT: REPLACEMENT OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT SOUTHWEST STATION AND SWT GARAGE. REPLACEMENT OF A VERTICAL RISE DRIVE-ON PLATFORM LIFT AND IMPROVEMENT TO ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH CONSTRUCTION OF CATWALK RAMP AT SWT GARAGE
Miles	0
Program	BUS AND BUS FACILITIES - SECTION 5339
Type of work	Transit
Proposed Funds	Section 5339
Total $	614,384
FHWA $	520,436
Other $	93,948

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is to add a new project to the 2027-2030 TIP. The project is a bus facility rehabilitation funded with funds awarded in the fiscal year 2024 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

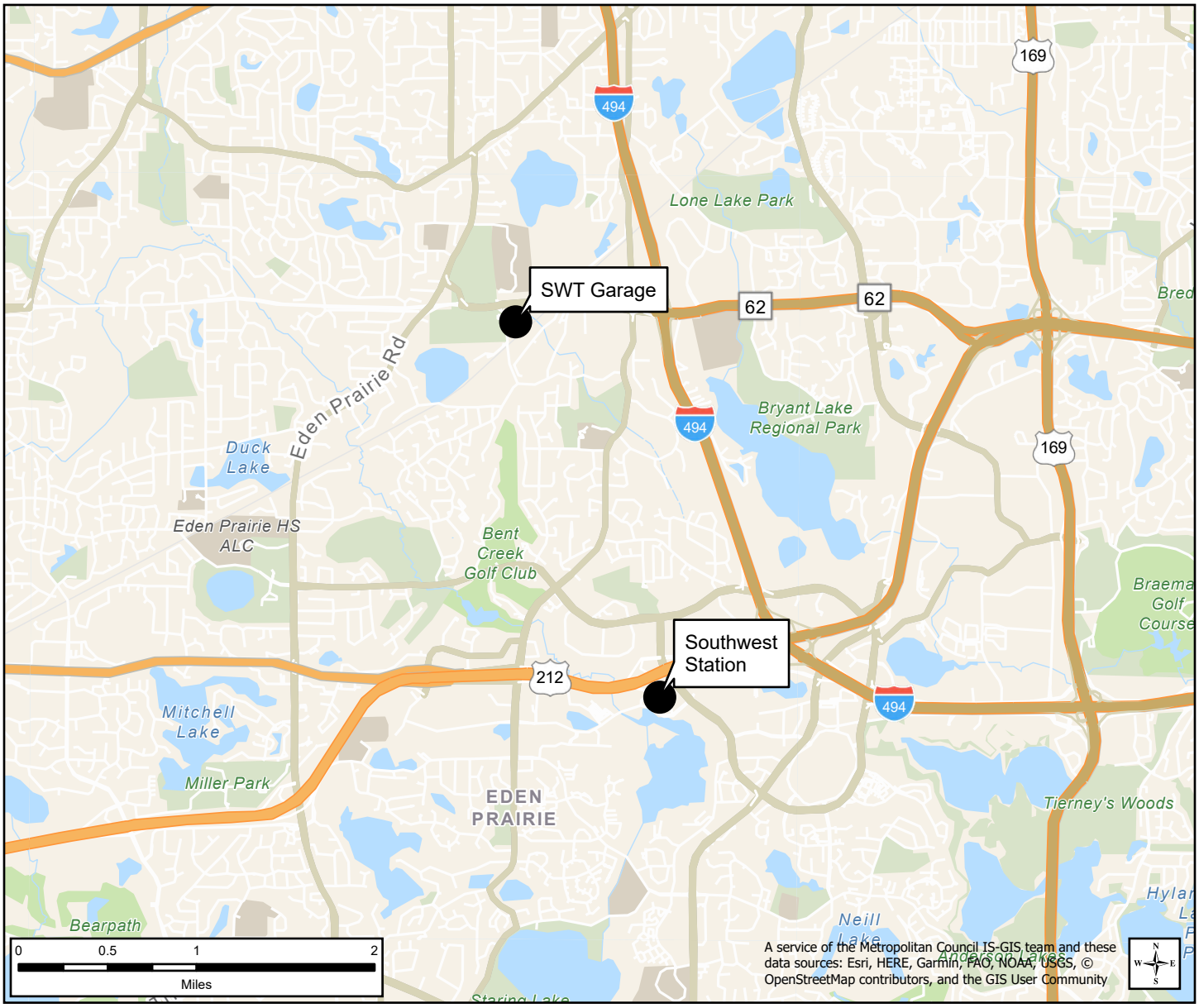
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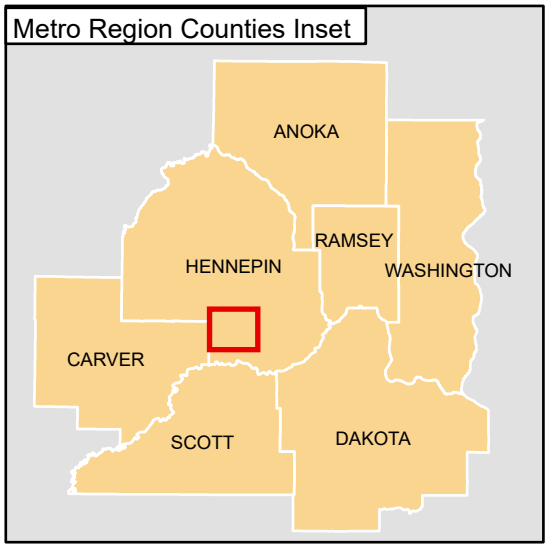
Consistency with MPO Long-Range Plan

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2027-2030 TIP/STIP Amendment

Southwest Transit Bus Facility Rehabilitation at SWT Garage and Southwest Station





● TIP Amendment Project

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Fiscal Year (State)	2027
ATP and District	M
Route System	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TMCT-27AL
Agency	SouthWest Transit
Description	BUS FACILITY REHABILITATION AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
Miles	0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Facility Rehabilitation
Proposed Funds	Section 5307
Total $	279,800
FTA $	223,840
Other $	55,960

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is to add a new project to the 2027-2030 TIP. The project is the bus facility and transit stations rehabilitation, including parking ramp preventative maintenance, parking lot crack repair and seal coating, HVAC unit replacement and security door replacement, funded with Section 5307 funds.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

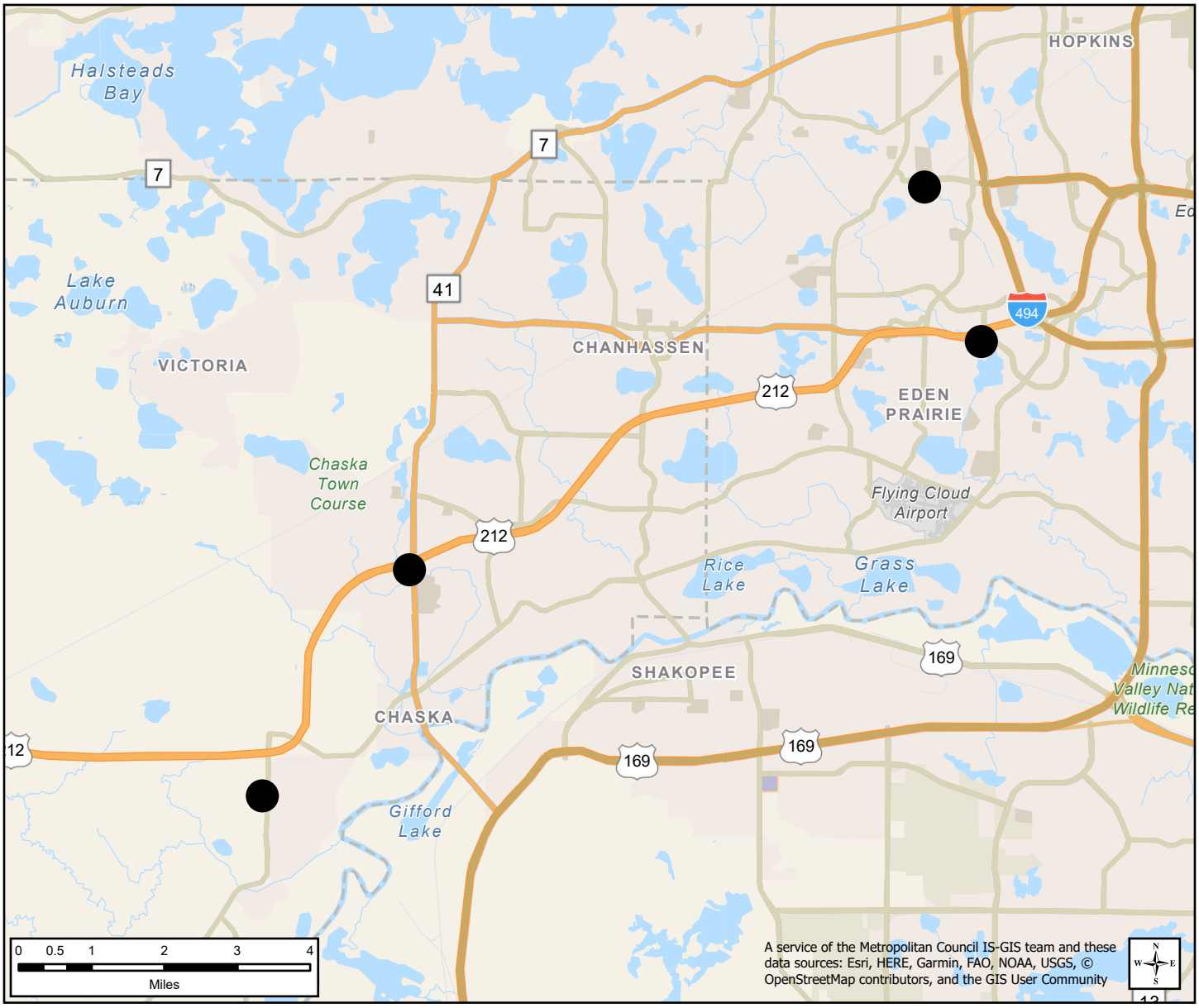
Section 5307 is the Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program the provides federal funding to states and local recipients for transit capital and operating and transportation-related planning. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

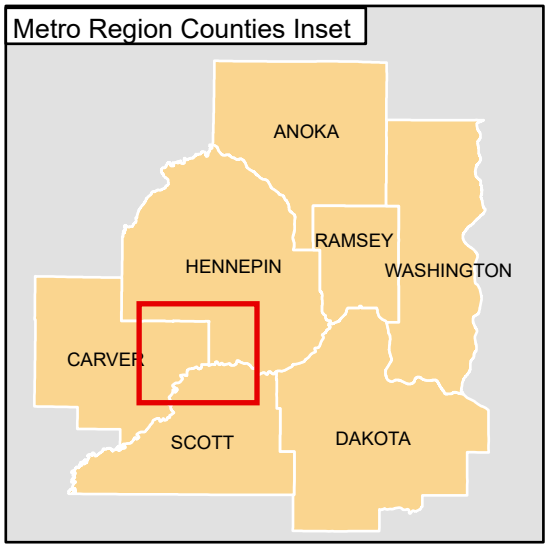
Consistency with MPO Long-Range Plan

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2027-2030 TIP/STIP Amendment

Southwest Transit Bus Facilities set for Rehabilitation and Preventative Maintenance





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Fiscal Year (State)	2027
ATP and District	M
Route System	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TCMT-27AM
Agency	SouthWest Transit
Description	PROCUREMENT OF BUS TECHNOLOGY AND BUS EQUIPMENT
Miles	0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Bus Equipment Replacement
Proposed Funds	Section 5307
Total $	$405,026.44
FTA $	$324,021.15
Other $	$81,005.29

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is to add a new project to the 2027-2030 TIP. The project is for bus equipment replacement, including two-way radios and DVIR mobile devices that have exceeded their useful life in SouthWest Transit revenue vehicles, as well as a Wireless Bus Video Surveillance and Remote Retrieval System and new bus wraps to improve and enhance service operations. The project will be funded with Section 5307 funds.

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ATP and District	M
Route System	Transit
Project Number (S.P. #)	TRF-TCMT-27AH
Agency	SouthWest Transit
Description	SECTION 5307: OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE
Miles	0
Program	Transit
Type of work	Transit Operating Assistance
Proposed Funds	Section 5307
Total $	13,708,577
FTA $	1,152,843
Other $	12,555,734

Background and TIP Amendment Need

This amendment is to add a new project to the 2027-2030 TIP. The project is Operational Assistance for 2027 SWT service operations, partially funded with section 5307 funds.

Fiscal Constraint (as Required by 23 CFR 450.216)

Section 5307 is the Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program the provides federal funding to states and local recipients for transit capital and operating and transportation-related planning. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained.

Consistency with MPO Long-Range Plan

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