



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OCTOBER 2018 MPO MEETINGS

**Agenda Item:** Amendment to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

**Presenter:** Wykoda Wang, MPO Staff

**Summary:** The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the MPO's short-range programming document and is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state and local funding within the metropolitan area. The TIP may be modified in accordance with the procedures outlined in the adopted Participation Plan by resolution of the CORE MPO Board if priorities, area goals, project schedules or funding levels change. The CORE MPO's FY 2018 - 2021 TIP was adopted by the MPO Board in June 2017. Several administrative modifications and TIP amendments have been processed for various projects. The original adopted TIP and the amendment reports are all available for review on the MPO website at <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Tip2040>.

At the end of August 2018, the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) requested to add the newly awarded FTA grant funds for CAT's electric bus purchase to FY 2019. CAT requested to revise the financial information regarding the local match amount in September. According to the adopted Participation Plan of the CORE MPO, addition of a project or a project phase to the TIP is considered an amendment.

It should be noted that the Transportation Improvement Program must be consistent with the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Before amendments can be made to the FY 2018 - 2021 TIP, MTP/TIP consistency must be verified.

The information below summarizes the proposed amendment to CORE MPO's FY 2018 – 2021 TIP for October 2018.

### **FTA Discretionary 5339c Low and No Emission Vehicles**

- **MTP Priority:** Public Transportation (consistent with the CAT's Transit Development Plan (TDP))
- **Project Description:** The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) will use the awarded funds from the FTA Discretionary 5339c Program to purchase four (4) zero-emission battery-electric buses and four (4) depot chargers, and to conduct any necessary architecture and engineering work.
- **Amendment:** Add the grant funds to FY 2019 in the transit section of the TIP.
- **Reason for Amendment:** CAT was awarded the FTA discretionary 5339c grant funds to purchase several zero-emission battery-electric buses in August 2018. In order for CAT to receive these funds, the pre-requisite is to program these funds in the TIP. Add a project to the TIP is considered an amendment.
- **Funding/Year:**

#### Financial Summary:

- Add the funds to FY 2019 as follows:
  - ❖ Federal funding: \$1,500,000
  - ❖ Local funding: \$2,552,000
  - ❖ Total: \$4,052,000
- **Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP):** The project will contribute to achieving the performance targets outlined in the CORE MPO's PBPP program\* as the project will help with Safety (reduction of vehicle breakdowns and mechanical failures), State of Good Repair (improving transit infrastructure conditions), Air Quality (reduction of emissions), and other performance targets outlined in the Transit Asset Management Plan.

\*The CORE MPO's TIP amendment reports regarding PBPP are available for review at <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Tip2040>.

- **Requesting date:** 8/31/2018
- **Requesting Agency:** CAT
- **Comment Period:** 10/10/2018 – 10/24/2018

### **Public Participation Process**

The adopted TIP/STIP amendment process outlined in the CORE MPO's Participation Plan requires public review and comment and responses to all comments (either individually or in summary form) for all TIP amendments. In order to process the proposed amendment in October 2018, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, October 7. The notice was sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies as well as neighborhood associations, and posted on the CORE MPO website. The comment period starts on October 10, 2018 and closes on October 24, 2018. A public hearing has been advertised – it will be held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on October 24, 2018.

**Recommendation:** For endorsement and approval of proposed TIP amendment

## **Appendix**

The following appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A - the updated project page for FY 2018 – 2021 TIP that incorporates the proposed amendment
- Appendix B - the public involvement materials including the change requests from CAT

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## Appendix A: Updated TIP Project Page

### New FTA 5339c Program in the TIP

FTA DISCRETIONARY 5339C LOW AND NO EMISSION VEHICLES						
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
5339c	Vehicle Purchase*	\$0	\$4,052,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,052,000
	<b>PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,052,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,052,000</b>
	FEDERAL COST	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
	STATE COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LOCAL COST	\$0	\$2,552,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,552,000
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\*Indication of ADA compliance.

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## **Appendix B: Public Involvement Materials**

**October 2018**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE FOR TIP AMENDMENT**

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), the transportation planning agency for the Savannah urbanized area, is requesting the public to review and provide comments on proposed amendment to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the short-term programming document that lists transportation improvement projects to receive funding in the next four years. The report providing details of the proposed TIP amendment is available for review at the Live Oak public libraries, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office, the MPC website at <https://www.thempc.org/CORE>, and other public review agencies. Any changes to the report will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **October 10, 2018** and written comments on the proposed TIP amendment will be accepted until close of business on **October 24, 2018**. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at [wangw@thempc.org](mailto:wangw@thempc.org).

CORE MPO will host a public hearing at the October 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendment. Meeting time and location are listed below:

**CORE MPO Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room**  
**112 East State Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

For a complete list of public review agencies or additional information regarding the proposed TIP amendment, please call (912) 651-1466.

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**From:** Grant Sparks <Grant.Sparks@catchacat.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>  
**Cc:** Aidan Quirke <Aidan.Quirke@catchacat.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder - October TIP Amendments for Processing

Wykoda:

Here's our new project for the TIP. Please program this in FY19. Thanks!

Program: FTA Discretionary 5339c Low and No Emission Vehicles  
Description: Chatham Area Transit will use the funds to purchase four (4) zero-emission battery-electric buses, four (4) depot chargers, and any necessary architecture and engineering work.  
Federal Amount: \$1,500,000  
Local Amount: \$2,624,000

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**From:** Grant Sparks <Grant.Sparks@catchacat.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>  
**Cc:** Aidan Quirke <Aidan.Quirke@catchacat.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder - October TIP Amendments for Processing

Hey Wykoda,

Could you please adjust the local match requirement to \$2,552,000? When FTA released their awards they were not specific about which budget alternative of ours they selected. All we know is that we are awarded \$1.5 million to support the projects listed in our application. Initially I asked you to program \$2,624,000 as the local match, which mirrors the Budget Alternative #2 in our application, but I'm pretty confident that we (CAT) have discretion as to which budget Alternative to use, and we'd like to change it to Alternative #3, which has \$2,552,000 as the local match. The federal amount stays at \$1,500,000.

As for the source of the matching funds, we actually have some flexibility and have not yet made a decision on that.

Let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks,

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