

FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Approved Feb. 13, 2025

The following is a detailed list of **APPROVED** changes to the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO's) fiscal years (FY) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Given the nature of some of these changes, an amendment process to this document has been initiated. Per guidelines documented in the APO's Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), a 30-day public comment period is required before changes can be implemented.

Public comment on these requested changes occurred between Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, and Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.

The APO's Policy Board approved these changes at its regularly scheduled February meeting (Feb. 13, 2025).

City of Sauk Rapids

- 2026
 - **191-090-003.** ****AC**2ND AVE S, FROM BENTON DRIVE TO 6TH ST S., CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK IN THE CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS (PAYBACK IN 2028).** Due to the need for additional water main work that will occur underneath the railroad tracks, the city is requesting to increase the project cost from \$737,834 to \$900,000. The cost increase of \$162,166 will be reflected under the local contribution. Funding breakdown as follows: STIP Total: \$309,733; Total AC: \$590,267; Other/Local: \$309,733; Project Total: \$900,000.

Minnesota Department of Transportation

- 2025
 - **TRF-9503-25A.** SECTION 5310: WACOSA, INC.; PURCHASE ONE (1) CLASS 200 MINI-VAN FOR SERVICE EXPANSION. Per MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT), WACOSA is requesting to add the purchase of a minivan using federal funds to the APO's TIP. Funding breakdown is as follows: STIP Total: \$90,000; FTA: \$72,000; Other/Local: \$18,000; Project Total: \$90,000.
 - **TRF-9136-25.** SECTION 5310: A HOME FOR THE DAY; PURCHASE ONE (1) CLASS 200 MINI-VAN FOR SERVICE EXPANSION. Per MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT), A Home for the Day is requesting to add the purchase of a minivan using federal funds to the APO's TIP. Funding breakdown is as follows: STIP Total: \$90,000; FTA: \$72,000; Other/Local: \$18,000; Project Total: \$90,000.

Benton County

- 2026
 - **005-596-006.** ****MN309**BENTON CSAH 29 CORRIDOR EXTENSION FROM CSAH 1 TO CSAH 3 IN THE CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS.** Per the Benton County engineer, the updated cost estimate to complete this project is increasing

from \$6,250,000 to \$8 million. The cost increase of \$1,750,000 will be reflected under the local contribution. Funding breakdown as follows: STIP Total: \$8,000,000; FHWA Earmark: \$5,000,000; Total FHWA: \$5,000,000; Other/Local: \$3,000,000; Project Total: \$8,000,000.

Saint Cloud Metro Bus

- 2025
 - **TRF-0048-25C.** ST CLOUD MTC; NORTHSTAR COMMUTER OPERATING. Per the Metro Bus Director of Finance, the operating budget for Northstar has been reduced from \$1,486,250 to \$734,500. This is attributed to the ongoing reduction in the Northstar Commuter Rail service and the suspension of weekend/special event Northstar Commuter Bus service by Saint Cloud Metro Bus. Funding breakdown as follows: STIP Total: \$734,500; Other/Local: \$734,500; Project Total: \$734,500.

City of Sartell

- 2025
 - **220-090-005.** The City of Sartell was awarded state funding through the Active Transportation Infrastructure grant program to leverage the federal funding associated with this project. Because the state funding needs to be spent in either the FY 2025 or FY 2026 construction season, the city would like to ensure enough time to use the state funds before it expires. As a result the city would like to advance this project to FY 2025 with an AC Payback in 2026. New description is as follows: ****AC**CONSTRUCT HERITAGE DRIVE TRAIL BETWEEN AMBER AVE AND CSAH 1 AND SIDEWALKS NEAR RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SARTELL (PAYBACK IN 2026).** Funding breakdown is as follows: STIP Total: \$248,740; Total AC: \$389,160; Other/Local: \$248,740; Project Total: \$637,900.
- 2026
 - **220-090-005.** The City of Sartell was awarded state funding through the Active Transportation Infrastructure grant program to leverage the federal funding associated with this project. Because the state funding needs to be spent in either the FY 2025 or FY 2026 construction season, the city would like to ensure enough time to use the state funds before it expires. As a result the city would like to advance this project to FY 2025 with an AC Payback in 2026. Updated project number: 220-090-005AC. New description is as follows: ****AC**CONSTRUCT HERITAGE DRIVE TRAIL BETWEEN AMBER AVE AND CSAH 1 AND SIDEWALKS NEAR RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SARTELL (PAYBACK 1 OF 1).** Funding breakdown is as follows: STIP Total: \$389,160; Target AC Payback: \$389,160; Total AC Payback: \$389,160.

It should be noted that one project was pulled from consideration for approval by the APO's Policy Board. On Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued guidance to state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) – including MnDOT – to suspend all activities related to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program.

In discussions with MnDOT senior officials, APO staff have been instructed to suspend the proposed amendment regarding the electric vehicle charging station

along the I-94 corridor.

Minnesota Department of Transportation

- 2025
 - **8823-450. **NEVI**DISTRICTWIDE INSTALL NEVI CHARGING STATION WITHIN 1 MILE FROM EXIT 164A/B, 167A/B, 171 OR 173 ON I94.** Project needs to be added to the APO's TIP due to the firm conditionally awarded to install a charging station within this area in FY 2024 unable to meet the requirements of the NEVI grant. As a result, MnDOT is seeking to rebid for this charging station location. Funding breakdown as follows: STIP Total: \$820,000; Dist C FHWA: \$656,000; Total FHWA: \$656,000; Dist C TH: \$82,000; Total TH: \$82,000; Other/Local: \$82,000; Project Total: \$820,000.

Per the memo titled Suspending Approval of State Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plans dated Feb. 6, 2025, FHWA is in the process of updating the NEVI formula program guidance to align with current U.S. DOT policy and priorities in accordance with those set forth in DOT Order 2100.7 – Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities.

If, at such a time, FHWA decides to lift its suspension of the NEVI program and allow the project to proceed, APO staff have been instructed that this amendment could be brought directly to the Policy Board to take action. This change has already been submitted for 30 days of public comment as well as received recommending approval action from the APO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in accordance with the APO's Stakeholder Engagement Plan.