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| Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) | MN-2020-020-02 |
| Temporary Application Number | 2039-2020-1 |
| Application Name | Section 5311 Capital Funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funds |
| Application Status | Final Concurrence / Reservation |
| Application Budget Number | 0 |

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| Period of Performance Start Date | 5/4/2020 |
| Original Period of Performance End Date | 3/30/2026 |
| Current Period of Performance End Date | 3/30/2026 Revision #: 0 |

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: Transportation, Minnesota Department Of

| Recipient ID | Recipient OST Type | Recipient Alias | UEI | DUNS |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 2039 | State Agency | MINNESOTA DOT OFFICE OF TRANSIT | JL4EX4R4A647 | 957271604 |

| Location Type | Address | City | State | Zip |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Headquarters | 395 JOHN IRELAND BLVD | SAINT PAUL | MN | 551551800 |
| Physical Address | 395 JOHN IRELAND BLVD | SAINT PAUL | MN | 55155 |
| Mailing Address | 395 JOHN IRELAND BLVD. | SAINT PAUL | MN | 55155 |

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

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| <p>Title: Section 5311 Capital Funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funds</p> |
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| FAIN | Application Status | Application Type | Date Created | Last Updated Date | From TEAM? |
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| MN-2020-020-02 | Final Concurrence / Reservation | Grant | 4/14/2022 | 4/14/2022 | No |

Application Executive Summary

Amendment #2

This amendment to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds flexed from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$4,851,060 with \$1,259,940 in match for replacement vehicles during the period of June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. Funds will be administered under Section 5311 and used to purchase 11-30 Ft. (or greater) body-on-chassis replacement buses and 31 less than 30 Ft. body-on-chassis replacement buses.

State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local tax levies (City and County) and contributions from not-for-profit agencies.

- Purpose of the Award: The purpose of this award is to purchase 42 replacement buses
- Activities to be performed: Funds will be used to purchase 42 replacement buses for use in rural areas in Minnesota
- Expected Outcomes: Funding will transit agencies to provide safe and more reliable transit service and allow the State of Minnesota to meet their State of Good Repair targets.
- Intended Beneficiaries: Transit Riders in rural Minnesota will benefit from continued services, permitting them to get to work, social, medical, and other destinations.
- Subrecipient Activities: Rural Transit agency staff will work with State of Minnesota staff to purchase vehicles that will meet their needs utilizing the State of Minnesota's Cooperative Purchase Venture program.

In executing this grant, the MnDOT agrees to abide by Section 3011 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) regarding the phased increase in domestic content under the Buy America statute for rolling stock.

As Grant Agreement includes an FTA-funded transit vehicle purchase, MnDOT agrees to comply with the related requirements set forth in 49 CFR § 26.49(a). Specifically, Recipient must ensure as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, that each transit vehicle manufacturer certified that it complied with DOT requirements for submitting a DBE program and goal to FTA prior to bidding. Recipient is also required to submit the name of the successful bidder and the total dollar value of the contract within 30 days of making a FTA- assisted transit vehicle award using the required FTA reporting tool. Recipient understands that failure to comply with these requirements may result in formal enforcement action or appropriate sanction as determined by FTA, including reimbursement of FTA funds used for the vehicle procurement.

Attachments to this document include a Program of Projects, the FHWA/FTA STIP Approval Letter dated 10/29/2021, A list of buses that will be replaced with these funds, and the DOL Letter of Assurance dated 12/13/2019.

Amendment #1

This amendment to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds flexed from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$4,434,400 with \$1,189,600 in match for replacement vehicles during the

period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Funds will be administered under Section 5311 and used to purchase 56 less than 30 Ft. replacement buses and two (2) less than 30 Ft. body-on-chassis buses for rural operators.

State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local tax levies (City and County) and contributions from not-for-profit agencies.

In executing this grant, the MnDOT agrees to abide by Section 3011 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) regarding the phased increase in domestic content under the Buy America statute for rolling stock.

As Grant Agreement includes an FTA-funded transit vehicle purchase, MnDOT agrees to comply with the related requirements set forth in 49 CFR § 26.49(a). Specifically, Recipient must ensure as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, that each transit vehicle manufacturer certified that it complied with DOT requirements for submitting a DBE program and goal to FTA prior to bidding. Recipient is also required to submit the name of the successful bidder and the total dollar value of the contract within 30 days of making a FTA- assisted transit vehicle award using the required FTA reporting tool. Recipient understands that failure to comply with these requirements may result in formal enforcement action or appropriate sanction as determined by FTA, including reimbursement of FTA funds used for the vehicle procurement.

Attachments to this document include a Program of Projects, the FHWA/FTA STIP Approval Letter dated 11/23/2020 , and the DOL Letter of Assurance dated 12/13/2019.

Original Application:

This grant to the Minnesota Department of Transportation is for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds flexed from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$4,278,400 with \$1,069,600 in match for replacement and expansion vehicles during the period of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. Funds will be administered under Section 5311 and used to purchase 48 less than 30 Ft. replacement buses and 10 less than 30 Ft. expansion buses for rural operators.

State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local tax levies (City and County) and contributions from not-for-profit agencies.

In executing this grant, the MnDOT agrees to abide by Section 3011 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) regarding the phased increase in domestic content under the Buy America statute for rolling stock.

As Grant Agreement includes an FTA-funded transit vehicle purchase, MnDOT agrees to comply with the related requirements set forth in 49 CFR § 26.49(a). Specifically, Recipient must ensure as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, that each transit vehicle manufacturer certified that it complied with DOT requirements for submitting a DBE program and goal to FTA prior to bidding. Recipient is also required to submit the name of the successful bidder and the total dollar value of the contract within 30 days of making a FTA- assisted transit vehicle award using the required FTA reporting tool. Recipient understands that failure to comply with these requirements may result in formal enforcement action or appropriate sanction as determined by FTA, including reimbursement of FTA funds used for the vehicle procurement.

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Application Point of Contact Information

| First Name | Last Name | Title | E-mail Address | Phone |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| William | Wheeler | Transportation Program Specialist | William.Wheeler@dot.gov | (312) 353-2639 |
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| Deborah | Ellis | Federal Program Manager | deborah.ellis@state.mn.us | 651-366-4185 |

Application Budget Control Totals

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$13,563,860 |
| Local | | | \$1,834,340 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$1,684,800 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$17,083,000 |

Application Budget

| Project Number | Budget Item | FTA Amount | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | 111-00 BUS - ROLLING STOCK | \$4,278,400.00 | \$1,069,600.00 | \$5,348,000.00 | 58 |

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----|
| | (111-A1) | | | | | | |
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | | 11.12.04 | BUY CY 2020 STBGP FUNDED REPLACEMENT Less Than 30 FT BUS (SECTION 5311) | \$3,572,000.00 | \$893,000.00 | \$4,465,000.00 | 48 |
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | | 11.13.04 | BUY LESS THAN 30 FT. BUS FOR EXPANSION | \$706,400.00 | \$176,600.00 | \$883,000.00 | 10 |
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | 111-00 (111-A2) | | BUS - ROLLING STOCK | \$4,434,400.00 | \$1,189,600.00 | \$5,624,000.00 | 58 |
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | | 11.12.03 | Buy 30 Ft. or larger Body-on- Chassis (Class 500) Replacement Buses | \$254,400.00 | \$63,600.00 | \$318,000.00 | 2 |
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | | 11.12.04 | Buy Less than 30 Ft. Body-on- Chassis (Class 300 & 400) Replacement Buses | \$4,180,000.00 | \$1,126,000.00 | \$5,306,000.00 | 56 |
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | 111-00 (111-A3) | | BUS - ROLLING STOCK | \$4,851,060.00 | \$1,259,940.00 | \$6,111,000.00 | 42 |
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | | 11.12.03 | BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS | \$1,660,800.00 | \$415,200.00 | \$2,076,000.00 | 11 |
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | | 11.12.04 | BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS | \$3,190,260.00 | \$844,740.00 | \$4,035,000.00 | 31 |

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

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| Project Title: FY 2020 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funded - Section 5311 Vehicles (CY 2020) |
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| Project Number | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | 2039-2020-1-P1 | 4/14/2022 | 4/30/2020 | 12/31/2023 |

Project Description

This project will utilize \$4,278,400 of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funds for the purchase of 58 Body-On-Chassis Replacement and Expansion Vehicles for Rural Public Transportation, as follows:

\$3,572,000 of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 STBPG funds for the purchase of 48 Body-On-Chassis Replacement Vehicles and; \$706,400 for the purchase of ten (10) Body-On-Chassis Expansion vehicles for Rural Public Transit Service in Greater Minnesota.

State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local entity that receives the funds.

Project Benefits

These projects will maintain the safety and reliability of public transit services provided rural areas of Greater Minnesota by replacing vehicles that have met their useful life and allowing expansion of public transportation in areas where there is additional demand.

Additional Information

The 2020-2023 Minnesota Department of Transportation STIP Approval Letter, dated November 27, 2019, applicable STIP Project Pages, and STIP Amendment Approval Letter have been attached to Program Plan Information.

Location Description

Replacement and expansion buses will be awarded to transit systems that serve rural areas in and around the cities of Bemidji, Brainerd, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fairmount, Fergus Fall, Glencoe, Lowry, Marshall, Montevideo, New Ulm, Owatonna, Plainview, Rushford, St. Cloud, St. James, Virginia, Wadena, Willmar, and Worthington, MN.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

| UZA Code | Area Name |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 270000 | Minnesota |

Congressional District Information

| State | District | Representative |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Minnesota | 1 | Jim Hagedorn |
| Minnesota | 2 | Angie Craig |
| Minnesota | 6 | Tom Emmer |
| Minnesota | 7 | Collin Peterson |
| Minnesota | 8 | Pete Stauber |

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 3/31/2020

Description: 2020 Minnesota STIP Approval Letter and STIP Amendment Page

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$4,278,400 |
| Local | | | \$623,100 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$446,500 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$5,348,000 |

Project Budget

| Project Number | Budget Item | FTA Amount | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | 111-00 (111-A1) BUS - ROLLING STOCK | \$4,278,400.00 | \$1,069,600.00 | \$5,348,000.00 | 58 |
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | 11.12.04 BUY CY 2020 STBGP FUNDED REPLACEMENT Less Than 30 FT BUS (SECTION 5311) | \$3,572,000.00 | \$893,000.00 | \$4,465,000.00 | 48 |
| MN-2020-020-01-02 | 11.13.04 BUY LESS THAN 30 FT. BUS FOR EXPANSION | \$706,400.00 | \$176,600.00 | \$883,000.00 | 10 |

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - BUY CY 2020 STBGP FUNDED REPLACEMENT Less Than 30 FT BUS (SECTION 5311)

| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.12.04 | BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 48 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$3,572,000 of FFY 2020 STBPG funds for the purchase of 48 Body-On-Chassis Replacement Vehicles that have met their useful life for the following public transit agencies:.

- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
- Becker County Transit (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Brown County (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Cedar Valley Services, Inc. (6 Class 400 Buses);
- Central Community Transit Joint Powers Board (3 Class 400 Buses);
- City of Brainerd (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Faribault-Martin Counties Joint Powers Board (2 Class 400 Buses);
- Paul Bunyan Transit (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Prairie Five CAC, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
- Productive Alternatives, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
- Productive Alternatives, Inc. (1 Class 500 Bus);
- Rainbow Rider Transit Board (6 Class 400 Buses);
- Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. (4 Class 400 Buses);
- Trailblazer Joint Powers Board (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Tri-County Action Program Inc. (3 Class 400 Buses);
- Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (6 Class 400 Buses);
- United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (1 Class 300 Bus);
- United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
- Wadena County Highway Department (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Watonwan County (1 Class 400 Bus)

STIP Sequence TRS-9100-20T 20.00.30; approved 02/28/20

Local Matching funds will be provided by the Local Entity that will be receiving the funds. The useful life of the old and the new Class 300 bus is 4 years, 100,000 miles. The useful life of both the old and new Class 400 buses is 5 years/150,000 miles. The useful life of both the old and new Class 500 bus is 7 years/ 200,000 miles. All vehicles that are being replaced have met useful life thresholds.

A schedule of replaced vehicles is attached in Application Documents.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| N/A | Gasoline | New | Various sizes of Body-on-Chassis Vehicles. Most vehicles Less than 30 Ft. |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$3,572,000 |
| Local | | | \$446,500 |

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Local/In-Kind | | \$0 |
| State | | \$446,500 |
| State/In-Kind | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | \$4,465,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| RFP Issue Date | 4/30/2020 | Minnesota Department of Administration release of RFP documents for Statewide Bus Procurement. |
| Contract Award Date | 9/1/2020 | Award of Contracts to Bus Vendors Selected from the RFP. |
| Initial Delivery Date | 2/1/2021 | First CY 2020 STP funded Rural replacement less than 30 Ft. body-on-chassis vehicle delivered to sub-recipient. |
| Final Delivery Date | 6/30/2022 | All STP funded less than 30 ft. body-on-chassis rural replacement vehicles delivered |
| Contracts Complete | 12/31/2023 | All CY 2020 STP Rural replacement vehicle sub-recipient agreements completed and audited. |

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.13.04 - BUY LESS THAN 30 FT. BUS FOR EXPANSION

| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.13.04 | BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION | BUY EXPANSION - CAPITAL BUS | 10 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$706,400 of FFY 2020 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds for the purchase of the following expansion vehicles to be used in rural public transit:

- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
 - Central Community Transit Joint Powers Board (1 Class 400 Bus);
 - Faribault-Martin Counties Joint Powers Board (1 Class 200 Bus);
 - Prairie Five CAC, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
 - Semcac(2 Class 400 Buses);
 - Semcac (1Class 400 Bus);
 - Tri-County Action Program Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
 - United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus)
- STIP Sequence TRS-9100-20T 20.00.30; approved 02/28/20

Local Match will be paid by the transit agency that receives the funding for the bus.

The new Class 400 buses will have a useful life of 5 years and 150,000 miles. The new Class 200 Vehicle will have a useful life of 4 years/100,000 miles.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| N/A | Gasoline | New | Various Sized Body-on Chassis Vehicles. Most less than 30 Ft. |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$706,400 |
| Local | | | \$176,600 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$0 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$883,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| RFP Issue Date | 4/30/2020 | Minnesota Department of Administration release of RFP documents for Statewide Bus Procurement. |
| Contract Award Date | 9/1/2020 | Award of Contracts to Bus Vendors Selected from the RFP. |
| Initial Delivery Date | 2/1/2021 | First CY 2020 STP funded Rural Expansion less than 30 Ft. body-on-chassis vehicle delivered to sub-recipient. |
| Final Delivery Date | 6/30/2022 | All STP funded less than 30 ft. body-on-chassis rural Expansion vehicles delivered |
| Contract Completion Date | 12/31/2023 | All CY 2020 STP Rural Expansion vehicle sub-recipient agreements completed and audited. |

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects called categorical exclusions (CEs) which are known not to have, either individually or cumulatively, a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. Class II(c) does not require documentation.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 07: Acquisition, installation, rehabilitation, replacement, and maintenance of vehicles or equipment, within or accommodated by existing facilities, that does not result in a change in functional use of the facilities, such as: equipment to be located within existing facilities and with no substantial off-site impacts; and vehicles, including buses, rail cars, trolley cars, ferry boats and people movers that

can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities that qualify for a categorical exclusion.

| Date | Description | Date |
|------|-----------------------|------|
| | Class IIc CE Approved | |

Project Title: Calendar Year 2021 Section 5311 Vehicles (STBGP Funded)

| Project Number | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | MN-2020-020-01-P2 | 4/14/2022 | 11/9/2020 | 12/31/2023 |

Project Description

Amendment #1: This project will utilize \$4,434,400 of Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funds for the purchase of 58 Body-On-Chassis Replacement Vehicles for Rural Public Transportation, as follows:

\$4,180,000 of Federal Fiscal Year 2021 STBPG funds for the purchase of 56 < 30 Ft. Body-On-Chassis Replacement Vehicles and; \$254,400 for the purchase of two (2) 30 Ft. or Greater Body-On-Chassis Replacement vehicles for Rural Public Transit Service in Greater Minnesota. State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local entity that receives the funds.

The 2021-2024 Minnesota Department of Transportation STIP Approval Letter, dated November 23, 2020 and the applicable STIP Project Page have been attached to Program Plan Information.

Project Benefits

These projects will maintain the safety and reliability of public transit services provided rural areas of Greater Minnesota by replacing vehicles that have met their useful life,

Additional Information

Amendment #1: MnDOT requested the transfer of \$4,434,400 of STPBG funds from FHWA on March 16, 2021.

Location Description

Replacement and expansion buses will be awarded to transit systems that serve rural areas in and around the cities of Bemidji, Brainerd, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fairmont, Fergus Falls, Glencoe, Lowry, Marshall, Montevideo, Mora, Morris, New Ulm, Owatonna, Plainview, Virginia, Wadena, Willmar, and Worthington, MN.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

| UZA Code | Area Name |
|----------|-----------|
| 270000 | Minnesota |

Congressional District Information

| State | District | Representative |
|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Minnesota | 1 | Jim Hagedorn |

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| Minnesota | 2 | Angie Craig |
| Minnesota | 6 | Tom Emmer |
| Minnesota | 7 | Collin Peterson |
| Minnesota | 8 | Pete Stauber |

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 11/23/2020

Description: Uploaded PDF of 2021-2024 STIP Approval Letter, and applicable Project Report.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$4,434,400 |
| Local | | | \$562,400 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$627,200 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$5,624,000 |

Project Budget

| Project Number | Budget Item | FTA Amount | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | 111-00 BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-A2) | \$4,434,400.00 | \$1,189,600.00 | \$5,624,000.00 | 58 |
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | 11.12.03 Buy 30 Ft. or larger Body-on-Chassis (Class 500) | \$254,400.00 | \$63,600.00 | \$318,000.00 | 2 |

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|-------------------|----------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----|
| MN-2020-020-02-02 | 11.12.04 | Replacement Buses Buy Less than 30 Ft. Body-on-Chassis (Class 300 & 400) Replacement Buses | \$4,180,000.00 | \$1,126,000.00 | \$5,306,000.00 | 56 |
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Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.03 - Buy 30 Ft. or larger Body-on-Chassis (Class 500) Replacement Buses

| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.12.03 | BUY REPLACEMENT 30- FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 2 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$254,400 of FFY 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds for the purchase of two (2) large body-on-chassis replacement buses to be used by Productive Alternatives, Inc. for use in public transit service. STIP Sequence TRS-9100-21T; 21.00; approved 11/23/20. Local Match will be paid by Productive Alternatives, Inc. and the State of Minnesota.

The useful life of both the old and new Class 500 buses is 7 years or 200,000 miles. The vehicles that are being replaced have met useful life thresholds.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| N/A | Gasoline | N/A | 30 Ft. or larger Body-on-Chassis (Class 500) Replacement Buses |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$254,400 |
| Local | | | \$31,800 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$31,800 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$318,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| RFP/IFB Issue Date | 11/9/2020 | Minnesota Department of Administration release of RFP documents for Statewide Bus Procurement. |
| Contract Award Date | 3/31/2021 | Award of Contracts to Bus Vendors Selected from the RFP. |
| Initial Delivery Date | 2/28/2022 | First CY 2021 STP funded replacement Class 500 (30 Ft. or larger body-on-chassis) bus delivered to sub-recipient. |
| Final Delivery Date | 9/1/2022 | All CY 2021 STP funded replacement Class 500 (30 Ft. or larger body-on-chassis) buses delivered to sub-recipient. |
| Contract Completion Date | 9/1/2023 | All CY 2021 STP Rural replacement vehicle sub-recipient agreements completed and audited. |

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - Buy Less than 30 Ft. Body-on-Chassis (Class 300 & 400) Replacement Buses

| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.12.04 | BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 56 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$4,180,000 of FFY 2021 STBPG funds for the purchase of 56 Body-On-Chassis Replacement Vehicles that have met their useful life for the following public transit agencies:

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (6 Class 400 Buses);
 Becker County Transit (1 Class 400 Bus);
 Brown County (2 Class 400 Buses);
 Cedar Valley Services, (2 Class 400 Bus and 1 Class 300 Bus);
 Central Community Transit Joint Powers Board (3 Class 400 Buses);
 City of Brainerd (1 Class 400 Bus);
 City of Morris (1 Class 400 Bus)
 Faribault-Martin Counties Joint Powers Board (6 Class 400 Buses);
 Kanabec County (1 Class 400 Bus);
 Paul Bunyan Transit (2 Class 400 Buses);
 Prairie Five CAC, Inc. (1 Class 300 and 4 Class 400 Buses);
 Productive Alternatives, Inc. (5 Class 400 Buses);
 Rainbow Rider Transit Board (5 Class 400 Buses);
 Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
 Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
 Trailblazer Joint Powers Board (7 Class 400 Buses);
 Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses);
 United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (2 Class 400 Buses); and
 Wadena County Highway Department (1 Class 400 Bus)

STIP Sequence TRS-9100-21T; 21.00; approved 11/23/20

Local Matching funds will be provided by the Local Entity that will be receiving the funds. The useful life of the old and the new Class 300 bus is 4 years, 100,000 miles. The useful life of both the old and new Class

400 buses is 5 years/150,000 miles. All vehicles that are being replaced have met useful life thresholds.

A schedule of replaced vehicles is attached in Application Documents.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| N/A | Gasoline | N/A | Less than 30 Ft. Body-on-Chassis (Class 300 & 400) Replacement Buses |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$4,180,000 |
| Local | | | \$530,600 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$595,400 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$5,306,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| RFP/IFB Issue Date | 11/9/2020 | Minnesota Department of Administration release of RFP documents for Statewide Bus Procurement. |
| Contract Award Date | 3/31/2021 | Award of Contracts to Bus Vendors Selected from the RFP. |
| Initial Delivery Date | 7/1/2022 | First CY 2021 STP funded Rural replacement less than 30 Ft. body-on-chassis vehicle delivered to sub-recipient. |
| Final Delivery Date | 12/31/2022 | All STP funded less than 30 ft. body-on-chassis rural replacement vehicles delivered. |
| Contract Completion Date | 12/31/2023 | All CY 2021 STP Rural replacement vehicle sub-recipient agreements completed and audited. |

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 07: Acquisition, installation, rehabilitation, replacement, and maintenance of vehicles or equipment, within or accommodated by existing facilities, that does not result in a change in functional use of the facilities, such as: equipment to be located within existing facilities and with no substantial off-site impacts; and vehicles, including buses, rail cars, trolley cars, ferry boats and people movers that can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities that qualify for a categorical exclusion.

| Date | Description | Date |
|------|-----------------------|------|
| | Class IIc CE Approved | |

Project Title: FY 2022 (Calendar Year 2022) Section 5311 Vehicles (STPBG Funded)

| Project Number | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | MN-2020-020-02-P3 | 4/14/2022 | 1/29/2022 | 12/31/2025 |

Project Description

Amendment #2: Funding is to support the acquisition of 42 Calendar Year 2022 Bus Purchases for transit providers in rural Minnesota. State Match will be provided by the State of Minnesota utilizing Greater Minnesota Transit Funds. Local Match will be provided by the local entity that receives the funds.

The 2022-2025 Minnesota Department of Transportation STIP Approval Letter, dated October 29, 2022 and the applicable STIP Project Page have been attached to Program Plan Information.

Project Benefits

Funding will allow transit agencies to provide safe and more reliable transit service and allow the State of Minnesota to meet their State of Good Repair targets.

Additional Information

Amendment #2: MnDOT requested the transfer of \$4,851,060, from the State of Minnesota FHWA funds to FTA Region V.

Location Description

Replacement and expansion buses will be awarded to transit systems that serve rural areas in and around the cities of Brainerd, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Glencoe, Kasson, Lowry, Marshall, Montevideo, Owatonna, Plainview, St. James, and Virginia.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

| UZA Code | Area Name |
|----------|-----------|
| 270000 | Minnesota |

Congressional District Information

| State | District | Representative |
|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| Minnesota | 1 | Jim Hagedorn |
| Minnesota | 2 | Angie Craig |
| Minnesota | 7 | Michelle Fischbach |

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$4,851,060 |
| Local | | | \$648,840 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$611,100 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$6,111,000 |

Project Budget

| Project Number | Budget Item | FTA Amount | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | 111-00 (111-A3) BUS - ROLLING STOCK | \$4,851,060.00 | \$1,259,940.00 | \$6,111,000.00 | 42 |
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | BUY 11.12.03 REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS | \$1,660,800.00 | \$415,200.00 | \$2,076,000.00 | 11 |
| MN-2020-020-03-02 | BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS | \$3,190,260.00 | \$844,740.00 | \$4,035,000.00 | 31 |

Project Budget Activity Line Items

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| Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.03 - BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS |
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| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.12.03 | BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 11 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$1,660,800 of FFY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds for the purchase of 11-30 Ft. or greater body-on-chassis replacement buses that have met their useful life for the following public transit agencies for use in public transit service:

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (9 Class 500 Buses);
 Productive Alternatives, Inc. (1 Class 500 Bus); and
 Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. (1 Class 500 Bus)

STIP Sequence TRS-9100-22; 22-00.55; approved 05/26/2022. Local Match will be paid by the agencies that receive the federal funds and the State of Minnesota. The useful life of both the old and new Class 500 buses is 7 years or 200,000 miles. The vehicles that are being replaced have met useful life thresholds.

A list of vehicles to be replaced is attached in Application Documents.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| N/A | Gasoline | New | 30 Ft. or Greater |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$1,660,800 |
| Local | | | \$207,600 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$207,600 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| Other Federal | | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | | \$2,076,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| RFP/IFB Issue Date | 1/29/2022 | Minnesota Department of Administration release of RFP documents for Statewide Bus Procurement. |
| Contract Award Date | 4/1/2022 | Award of Contracts to Bus Vendors Selected from the RFP. |
| Initial Delivery Date | 7/31/2023 | First CY 2022 STP funded replacement Class 500 (30 Ft. or larger body-on-chassis) bus delivered to sub- |

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| | | recipient. |
| Final Delivery Date | 9/30/2024 | All CY 2022 STP funded replacement Class 500 (30 Ft. or larger body-on-chassis) buses delivered to sub-recipients. |
| Contract Completion Date | 12/31/2025 | All CY 2022 STP Rural replacement vehicle sub-recipient agreements completed and audited. |

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS

| Scope Name / Code | Line Item # | Line Item Name | Activity | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00) | 11.12.04 | BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 31 |

Extended Budget Description

This ALI will use \$3,190,260 of FFY 2022 STBPG funds for the purchase of 31 less than 30 Ft. Body-On-Chassis replacement vehicles that have met their useful life for the following public transit agencies:.

- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (6 Class 400 Buses);
- Becker County Transit (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Cedar Valley Services, (2 Class 400 Buses);
- City of Brainerd (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Prairie Five CAC, Inc. (3 Class 400 Buses);
- Productive Alternatives, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
- Rainbow Rider Transit Board (3 Class 400 Buses and 2 Class 300 Buses);
- SEMCAAC (3 Class 400 Buses);
- Trailblazer Joint Powers Board (4 Class 400 Buses);
- Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (1 Class 400 Bus);
- United Community Action Partnership, Inc. (3 Class 400 Buses); and
- Watsonwan County (1 Class 400 Bus)

STIP Sequence TRS-9100-22; 22-00.55; approved 05/26/2022.

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Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

| Propulsion | Fuel Type | Vehicle Condition | Vehicle Size (ft.) |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| N/A | Gasoline | New | |

| Funding Source | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula | 5311-2 | 20509 | \$3,190,260 |
| Local | | | \$441,240 |
| Local/In-Kind | | | \$0 |
| State | | | \$403,500 |
| State/In-Kind | | | \$0 |

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Other Federal | | \$0 |
| Transportation Development Credit | | \$0 |
| Adjustment | | \$0 |
| Total Eligible Cost | | \$4,035,000 |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
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Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

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| Date | Description | Date |
|------|-----------------------|------|
| | Class IIc CE Approved | |

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By **William Wheeler**

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 8/12/2022

Comment For Information.