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PUBLIC NOTICE: 2017-2021 TIP Amendment # 28

NFTA MEP and ATC Awards - Project Modification and New Project Additions

The Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie and Niagara Counties, is proposing to amend the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by modifying and re-adding two (2) previously obligated projects and adding 3 new projects to the TIP using newly awarded 2017 NYSDOT Modernization and Enhancement program (MEP) and Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) funding:

PIN 5822.27 – Railcar Rebuild (Add Previously Obligated Project Back to TIP and Modify)

This project is a mid-life rebuild of the NFTA's fleet of 27 light rail rapid transit vehicles that were placed into daily revenue service in 1984 and have exceeded their useful life. There is an approximate cost of \$1,800,000 associated with every railcar rebuilt, delivered and placed into service. This is an ongoing project. To date, the NFTA has 16 rebuilt cars in revenue service. Currently, there are 7 railcars in various stages of rebuild.

Total project cost is \$12.95M (\$1.13M federal + \$2.5M MEP + \$0.14M state match + \$0.14M NFTA Match + \$9.040M NFTA overmatch).

PIN 5824.68 – DL&W Terminal Station (New Project)

This project extends Metro Rail revenue service at-grade from Main Street into the DL&W Terminal and Yard & Shop facility utilizing the tracks closest to the Buffalo River. A new light rail station will be built on the ground level of the Terminal by providing a 300-foot station platform between tracks 9 and 10 on the Buffalo River side of the building. The station platform would consist of circulation to the 2nd floor of the Terminal, the adjacent Shoreline Trail, South Park Avenue, and the neighboring Key Bank Center arena and parking ramp.

Total project cost is \$43.31M (\$5M MEP + \$38.31M NFTA overmatch). The NFTA has applied for a USDOT TIGER grant to reduce the overmatch.

PIN 5824.63 – Fare Collection Project (Add Previously Obligated Project Back to TIP and Modify)

This project was obligated on a previous TIPS and needs to be added back to the TIP. The project replaces the bus fare collection system throughout the NFTA. It includes replacement of fare boxes on 307 Metro buses and 74 para-transit vehicles, replacement of the cash box vault system at the three bus garages, replacement of the fare collection computer workstations and associated IT infrastructure.

Total project cost is \$7.13M (\$0.477 NYSDOT ATC + \$6.09M NFTA overmatch).

PIN 5824.64 – Trapeze Operations Suite (New Project)

This is an operations and workforce management software module that allows options including OPS bidding, dispatching, web and notifications for the NFTA.

Total project cost is \$0.2M (\$0.2M ATC)

PIN 5824.62 Escalator Replacement and Rebuild (New Project)

This project is to replace LRRT Station Escalators with a new design. This project is in year 2 of construction and there is no original application attached since it is currently funded with 100% local funds. The project will also rebuild the Amherst, Utica & Summer Best Station Escalators.

Total project cost is \$16.5M (\$4.5M ATC + \$11.95M NFTA)

Full details for each project (including IPP) are attached.

Public comments will be received through January 19, 2018. If you have additional questions please email us at staff@gbnrtc.org, or contact us at the address and telephone number above.

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