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SEMCOG invites public comment on an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, announces the public comment period for an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Vision 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a long-range vision and strategy that directs investment in the regional transportation system. The TIP is a list of specific projects which implement the RTP policies. TIP projects are recommended by cities, villages, county road agencies, transit providers, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) over a four-year period. SEMCOG's Executive Committee votes on the final approval of the TIP project list.

Background

Amendment 25-2 (Cost-Only/GPA) revises:

- 3 General Program Accounts (GPA)
- No line-item cost changes

SEMCOG has previously conducted three "full" amendments of the TIP and RTP each year in which both line-item projects and General Program Accounts (GPA) may be amended. In 2023, SEMCOG's Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) and Executive Committee approved two additional amendment periods exclusively for cost-only line-item projects and GPAs. These additional amendment periods allow for more flexibility in the programming of projects. This notice is for FY 23/26 Amendment 25-2 (Cost/GPA).

The cost-only line-item amendment periods are for cost increases of 25% or more only. No major changes to the project description, location, or length will be allowed—these changes must be submitted for approval in the three annual "full" amendments.

GPAs are groupings of similar routine transportation projects. Projects not required to be programmed as line-item projects are programmed under an appropriate GPA by jurisdiction and type, such as Local Road, Trunkline Road, or Transit Capital. When the total cost of all the projects within a GPA equals or exceeds 125% of the GPA's currently approved limit, it must be amended to reflect this change in size. The GPAs in this notice are programmed to at least 115% of the approved baseline.

Amendment details are available on <u>SEMCOG's Transportation Improvement Program webpage</u> or by contacting SEMCOG's Information Center at (313) 961-4266.

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Comments can also be made during the following in-person meetings, in which the amendment will be considered:

- <u>Transportation Coordinating Council</u>, Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226;
- Executive Committee, Friday, April 25, 2025, 1 p.m., 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226.

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DATE: April 25, 2025

TO: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25:2 (Cost/GPA)

Summary of Action Requested

The Transportation Coordinating Council recommends Executive Committee approval of FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25:2 (Cost/GPA).

Background

Vision 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range vision and strategy document that directs investment in the regional transportation system. The TIP is one of the primary tools used to implement the RTP. The TIP is a schedule of specific projects derived from the RTP's policies and project priorities. TIP projects are recommended by cities, villages, county road agencies, transit providers, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) over a four-year period. The TIP cycle features one year of overlap to ensure projects will be funded without interruption. SEMCOG's Executive Committee makes the final approval of the TIP project list for submittal to MDOT, FHWA and FTA.

General Program Accounts (GPAs) are groupings of many similar routine transportation projects within the TIP as permitted in Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324 (f) under 23 CFR 771.117(c) and (d) and/or 40 CFR part 93. Projects of this nature are programmed under an appropriate GPA by jurisdiction and type, such as Local Road, Trunkline Road, or Transit Capital. When the total cost of all the projects within a GPA equals or exceeds 125% of the GPA's current federally approved limit, an amendment is required to reflect this change in size. The GPAs in this amendment are programmed to at least 115% of the approved baseline.

FY 23-26 TIP Amendment 25:2 (Cost/GPA)

This amendment is reserved for FY 2025 projects only due to the transition to the FY 2026-2029 TIP. Cost/GPA TIP amendments are intended to streamline cost changes to projects and increase flexibility in scheduling. Evaluations, such as air quality modeling, are not required for cost changes.

- No line-items required amendment
- <u>Three proposed General Program Accounts (GPAs)</u> are shown on the following page.

DRAFT FY 23-26 TIP Amendment 25:2 GPAs								
Туре	FY	GPA Name	Previously Approved	New Cost				
Multi- Modal	2025	Transit Capital	\$263,731,421	\$345,915,490				
Local	2025	Bridge	\$10,718,000	\$14,933,000				
Local	2025	Traffic Operations and Safety	\$39,761,412	\$49,288,786				

The public comment period for *FY 23-26 Amendment 25:2 (Cost/GPA)* was held from April 11, 2025 and will end with Executive Committee action on April 25, 2025.

Action requested

The Transportation Coordinating Council recommends Executive Committee approval of FY 23-26 Amendment 25:2 (Cost/GPA).

Executive Committee Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) supports this vision:

All the people of Southeast Michigan benefit from a connected, thriving region of small towns, dynamic urban centers, active waterfronts, diverse neighborhoods, premiere educational institutions, and abundant agricultural, recreational, and natural areas.

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is responsible for developing a long-range regional transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program that funds projects to implement the plan;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP was developed pursuant to the transportation planning provisions of Title 23 of United States Code (USC) Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the time the 2050 RTP was originally adopted, to take advantage of new funding and reflect changing priorities;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is required to develop amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) Section 134;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity and found not to exceed present and future emission budgets in all analysis years;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP are consistent with the 2050 RTP policies, were financially constrained to identified funding resources, and the amendment process actively encouraged public and agency review and comment;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG certifies that all projects funded in total or in part with State Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funds are eligible for funding under PA 231 of 1987, as amended, and meet the goals and objectives of the program;

WHEREAS, General Program Accounts (GPA) are used to group smaller, routine transportation projects together in the TIP;

WHEREAS, when the total cost of projects programmed in a GPA equals or exceeds 115% of the GPA's currently authorized amount, that GPA needs to be amended;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has determined that the amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality as required by provisions of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51 and Title 23 CFR 450;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 25th day of April, 2025 THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves the amendment of projects to the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG approves the amendment of the GPAs in the FY2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG submits this amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Michigan Department of Transportation, as designee for the Governor's Office of the State of Michigan, for review and transmittal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ATTEST:		DATE:	
	Committee Clerk		

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