

# **SEMCOG** Public Notice

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## **SEMCOG invites public comment on a special General Program Accounts Amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, announces the public comment period for a special General Program Accounts (GPA) amendment to the FY 2023-2026 [Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP). The TIP is a list of specific projects which implement the policies of the region's [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) and are recommended by cities, villages, county road agencies, transit providers, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) over a four-year period.

GPA's are groupings of like projects within the TIP. Each GPA has a federally-approved baseline amount, which must be amended when the total cost of projects programmed within the GPA reaches 125% of the currently-approved baseline amount. The GPA in the table below is programmed to at least 115% of the approved baseline.

### **Background**

The Special GPA Amendment will revise costs of [1 GPA](#) as shown in the table below:

<b>FY</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>GPA Name</b>	<b>Federal Approved Amount</b>	<b>New Proposed Budget</b>
2024	Trunkline	Road	\$45,317,054	\$56,646,318

SEMCOG conducts three amendments of the TIP and RTP each year, which include both projects and GPA's. This is classified as a special GPA amendment because it occurs between regularly scheduled amendments.

More information is available on SEMCOG's [TIP webpage](#).

### **How to comment**

Please address written comments to SEMCOG Information Center, 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226; send faxes to 313-961-4869; call 313-324-3330, or e-mail [InfoCenter@semcog.org](mailto:InfoCenter@semcog.org). Comments will be accepted for 15 days after this notice.

### **Coverage of this notice**

Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of, and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).



## Transportation Coordinating Council

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Lev Wood, Chairperson  
Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

DATE: September 29, 2023

TO: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: GPA Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan

### Summary of action requested

The Transportation Coordinating Council is requested to recommend Executive Committee approval of a GPA amendment to the FY 2023-2026 *Transportation Improvement Program* for Southeast Michigan (TIP) and the 2045 *Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP).

### Background

General Program Accounts (GPA) are used to group smaller, routine transportation projects together. SEMCOG conducts three amendments of the TIP and RTP each year, which include both projects and GPAs. This instance is classified as a GPA amendment because it is occurring between regularly scheduled amendments. 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 GPA in the table below requires approval in the September 2023 GPA Amendment.

FY	Type	GPA Name	Federal Approved Amount	New Proposed Budget
2024	Trunkline	Road	\$45,317,054	\$56,646,318

The five GPAs in the table below are provided for information purposes. These GPAs were approved in the August 2023 Special Amendment in effort to meet the project obligation schedule.

FY	Type	GPA Name	Federal Approved Amount	New Proposed Budget
2023	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	\$183,910,111	\$238,910,635
2023	Local	Traffic Operations & Safety	\$31,273,526	\$39,091,908
2025	Local	Road	\$57,135,192	\$75,923,850
2025	Local	Traffic Operations & Safety	\$22,079,704	\$27,599,630
2024	Trunkline	Bridge	\$20,942,496	\$26,178,120

### Action requested

The Executive Committee is requested to approve the GPA Amendment to the FY 2023-2026 *Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan (TIP)* and the 2045 *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*.

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GPA Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan

**Executive Committee Resolution  
to Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) support 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 2045 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 2045 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the time the 2045 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 2045 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 2045 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 125% of the GPA's currently authorized amount, that GPA needs to be amended;

WHEREAS, the 2045 RTP, as amended, remains consistent with regional goals and objectives and federal planning factors and were examined for potential impacts on environmentally sensitive resources;

GPA Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for  
Southeast Michigan and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan

WHEREAS, impacts resulting from the FY 2023-2026 TIP as amended, are balanced across the region, so that no one population bears a disproportionate negative impact, and the benefits are shared across the region;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has determined that the amendment to the 2045 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves the amendment of projects to the 2045 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP;

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG submits this amendment to the 2045 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Clerk

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_