



August 27, 2019

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Item 6.a: Amendment to FFY 2018 - 2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Action Recommended: Conduct public hearing

Issue Statement

Point2point Solutions requests an amendment to the MTIP which would utilize unprogrammed Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban (STBG-U) funds to add a new project to the MTIP: Springfield School District Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Discussion

The MPO's discretionary funds are typically programmed on a regular schedule following a formal call for projects. The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) previously approved the use of 2019 – 2021 discretionary federal funds for several specific projects, which have since been programmed in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. A small portion of these funds has remained unprogrammed to allow for contingencies.

Point2point Solutions requests \$106,268 of STBG funds from the MPO's unprogrammed balance to support the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program in Springfield School District for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The two-year targeted program seeks to complete the startup phase of the SRTS program in the Springfield School District. The funding would cover half the cost of a SRTS Coordinator position, with Springfield Public Schools covering the other half. Similar programs in Bethel and 4J School Districts are supported by MPC in the current funding cycle, while the Springfield program has been funded through 2019 by a combination of School District, LTD, ODOT and FTA funding.

Public Involvement

At the August meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) reviewed Point2point's proposal and recommended a Public Hearing to be held at the September MPC meeting. A 30-day public comment period will be open through September 28th. Action will then be requested at the October MPC meeting.

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Attachments

1. Point2point Solution Funding Application for Springfield School District SRTS