



September 24, 2019

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

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution 2019-05

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

A public hearing was held at September 5 MPC, at which no comments were given. A 30-day public comment period closes September 28 and at the time of this memo, no comments have been received. The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) on September 18 formally recommended MPC approval of the requested amendment.

Attachments

1. Resolution 2019-05
2. Point2point Funding Application for Springfield School District SRTS

3. SRTS Program Updates
4. Action Plan Summary
5. Letters of Support