

Resolution approving TIP Amendment 8 to the FY 2026-2029 TIP –
STAFF REPORT

LAKE ERIE WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

This resolution is proposed Amendment #8 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. It is now presented to the MPO Policy Board for consideration.

1. Modify one transit project (with three subawards) in the FY 2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsor. The project is:
 - TARTA – TARTA 2027 Bus, Facility, and Equipment
PID 118584 \$19,089,559 – 5307/Local – FY2027 – OTH
2. Add one transit project to the FY 2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsor. The project is:
 - TARTA – 26-29 TARTA ODOT FFT CAP ONLY
PID 126712 \$298,000 – Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership/Local –
FY2026 – OTH

This amendment will modify one project and add one project in the FY2026-2029 TIP. PID 118584 addresses three transit subawards for FY 2027. TARTA is adjusting its federal funding approach to utilize broader eligibility categories, improving flexibility, and simplifying grant management for ongoing work. The project was previously included in TIP Modification #4 (presented and approved at the May 6, 2026 TAC meeting) but the project estimate has increased by 65%, so it must be processed via amendment instead of a modification. PID 126712 will add a transit project to the TIP for ODOT administered federal flex funds for capital projects within the current STIP period (FY 2026-2029). Neither project utilizes Lake Erie West-managed funds.

**A RESOLUTION
MAKING AMENDMENT NUMBER EIGHT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2029
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (now known as Lake Erie West Regional Council) is a voluntary association of local governments in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie West Regional Council is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Lake Erie West MPO Policy Board by Resolution Number 2025-06 on April 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project addition was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee on August 5, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake Erie West Regional Council MPO Policy Board that:

Section 1

THAT the following project (three subawards) be modified in the FY2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsor. The project is:

PID	Project Name: Description	Total Project Cost (\$000)	Fiscal Year (\$000)				Project Sponsor
			2026	2027	2028	2029	
118584 (11.44.03)	TARTA 2027 Bus, Facility, Equipment: Bus replacements, facility rehabilitation/renovation, and bus equipment in SFY 2027. (General rehab/renovation including maintenance enhancements and parking lot)	\$19,090		\$712 (5339) \$178 (Local)			TARTA
118584 (11.7A.00)	TARTA 2027 Bus, Facility, Equipment: Bus replacements, facility rehabilitation/renovation, and bus equipment in SFY 2027. (Preventative Maintenance)	\$19,090		\$5,600 (5307A) \$1,400 (Local)			TARTA
118584 (30.09.03)	TARTA 2027 Bus, Facility, Equipment: Bus replacements, facility rehabilitation/renovation, and bus equipment in SFY 2027. (Operating Assistance/1-75 buses)	\$19,090		\$2,000 (5307A) \$2,000 (Local)			TARTA

Section 2

THAT the following project be added to the FY2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsor. The project is:

PID	Project Name: Description	Total Project Cost (\$000)	Fiscal Year (\$000)				Project Sponsor
			2026	2027	2028	2029	
126712 (11.42.20)	26-29 TARTA ODOT FFT CAP ONLY: 2026-2029 ODOT Administered Flex Fund for various programs (OTP2, OWMP). Only capital projects. No GRF.	\$298		\$238 (Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership – FHWA) \$60 (Local)			TARTA

THAT the above project addition and modification are hereby certified as compatible with the adopted Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan; and

Section 3

THAT it affirms the consistency between the Fiscal Year 2026 through 2029 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, and the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

Section 4

THAT the above projects are air quality exempt (or have been analyzed) and have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval. As such the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, is determined to be consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

Section 5

THAT the above project addition will have a positive impact in achieving the targets for the five safety performance measures set by ODOT and supported by Lake Erie West.

Yeas _____, Nays _____, Abstain _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Mike Pniewski, Chair
MPO Policy Board, Lake Erie West Regional Council

Attest:

I, **Jennifer Allen**, Lake Erie West Regional Council Executive Assistant, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 2026-23, adopted on

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Jennifer Allen, Executive Assistant