

**GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TIP AMENDMENT PROCESS
ADOPTED APRIL 28, 2014**

Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program are necessary in order to facilitate project implementation, identify changes in funding and scheduling, and add or delete projects. TIP amendments will be forwarded to CDOT upon approval at the appropriate organizational level, as described below. Amendments approved by the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) will be accompanied by a Resolution of Adoption. Any member may request GVRTC review of action(s) taken by the Grand Valley MPO staff or the Technical Advisory Committee.

The two types of amendments are described below:

GVRTC (Policy) Amendments (initial TAC processing required)

1. Any new project is a policy amendment. This applies to RPP and any other Federal fund source or FASTER funded projects.
2. Adding funds to an existing project that makes the total \$2.5M or more. This applies to RPP and any other Federal fund source or FASTER funded projects. The \$2.5M threshold would be the total of the project cost in the 6 TIP years; any amendment that will bring a project's total cost to \$2.5M or more will be considered a policy amendment at that time.
3. A modification in a project's activity, location or schedule that results in a formal re-evaluation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document.
4. Adding projects that require air quality conformity determination, if applicable.
5. Deleting Projects from the TIP.

Administrative (GVMPO Staff) Amendments

Any amendments that do not meet the criteria for a policy amendment, including, but not limited to:

1. A change in funding source.
2. A change in project cost that results in a project total of less than \$2.5M of RPP or any other federal fund source or FASTER funded projects, annually, whichever is larger.

Public Involvement for TIP Amendments

Policy Amendments

1. Upon completion of a DRAFT TIP or TIP Policy Amendment, a public notice (legal ad) will be published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel. The legal ad shall contain the same information shown in the TIP for each amendment item. The public notice will be published two weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing date or e-mail vote by the GVRTC.
2. On the 1st day the DRAFT TIP or TIP amendment is available for public review, the document will be available in hard copy in the RTPO office. In addition, on that same date, the DRAFT TIP or TIP amendment will be available on-line on the RTPO web site home page under the Transportation Improvement Program link. During the TIP amendment review period, the RTPO Office Administrator will e-mail or provide a hard-copy of the latest DRAFT TIP amendment to any requesting party.
3. Any comments received will be considered for inclusion in the DRAFT TIP or TIP Amendment.
4. Comments will also be taken during the public comment period at the GVRTC meeting.

Administrative Amendments

There will no public notice of administrative amendments. Administrative amendments will be posted on the Regional Transportation Planning Office website www.mesacounty.us/rtpo for public viewing.