

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

Subject: 2020 Regional Solicitation Funding Decision

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Process Manager Steve Peterson presented this item. Chamblis and Chair Barber expressed thanks for the work put into the Regional Solicitation.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Gonzalez. Motion carried.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Action

Staff Prepared/Presented: Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning (651-602-1508)
Steve Peterson, Manager of Highway Planning and TAB/TAC Process (651-602-1819)

Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services

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Background

Early in 2020, the Council released its semi-annual Regional Solicitation to award federal transportation funding to roadway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects. Through this process, 131 applications were submitted. The projects were scored in an open and transparent process by over 60 technical expert volunteers representing agencies through the metropolitan area. At its December 16, 2020, meeting, TAB approved \$214 million in federal funds for 56 projects (see Table 1 and the attachments for project details and locations). The federal funds will leverage an additional \$235 million in local matching funds for a total investment of \$449 million.

The 56 projects selected for funding include locally led projects in all seven counties throughout the region, including projects that will make improvements within 36 different cities and townships. The list also includes the highest amount of funding ever allocated to bicycle and pedestrian investments in the Regional Solicitation.

Rationale

The Regional Solicitation is a key responsibility of the TAB. Through this process, federal funds can be directed to a variety of locally initiated projects that meet regional transportation needs. The Regional Solicitation is part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes:

- stewardship by leveraging federal dollars to support local investment
- prosperity by funding key access projects that will move people and goods through the region more efficiently
- equity by incorporating an equity scoring measure that encourages projects to be developed with an equity lens (note: 9 of the 10 highest-scoring projects in equity were funded)

- livability by enhancing travel choices and improving access and travel times
- sustainability by funding key transit corridors and non-motorized transportation options

Funding

These projects are funded with a combination of federal, state, and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

2020 Regional Solicitation – Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Approved Projects for 2024 and 2025

Traffic Management Technologies

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
1	14361	Minneapolis	Minneapolis City-Wide Signal Retiming	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$2,500,000	\$3,125,000
2	14083	St. Paul	Dale St Traffic Signal Modernization	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$2,000,800	\$2,501,000

Spot Mobility and Safety

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
3	14059	Minneapolis	Johnson St NE/I-35W S Ramps Intersection Improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,497,200	\$1,871,500
4	14067	Hennepin Co	Hi/Lake Safety	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$3,500,000	\$5,659,400
5	14050	Carver Co	US 212 and CSAH 51 Intersection Safety	Benton Township	Carver	\$3,500,000	\$8,263,000
6	14198	Dakota Co	Roundabout - CSAH 11 and Burnsville Parkway	Burnsville	Dakota	\$1,400,000	\$1,750,000

Roadway Strategic Capacity

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
7	14030	Brooklyn Park	TH 252/Brookdale Dr Intersection Improvements	Brooklyn Park	Hennepin	\$10,000,000	\$33,215,015
8	14165	Blaine	TH 65 at 99th Ave NE Intersection Improvements	Blaine	Anoka	\$10,000,000	\$29,800,000
9	14139	Anoka Co	Ramsey Blvd and Hwy 10 Intersection Improvements	Ramsey, Dayton	Anoka	\$10,000,000	\$29,300,000
10	14324	Washington Co	Lake Elmo Ave and TH 36 Intersection Improvements	Grant, Lake Elmo	Washington	\$10,000,000	\$34,733,130
11	14347	Carver Co	Hwy 5 Arboretum Area Mobility and Access Improvement	Chanhassen, Victoria	Carver	\$10,000,000	\$13,440,000
12	14345	Carver Co	Hwy 41 and CSAH 10 Mobility and Access Improvement	Chaska	Carver	\$7,000,000	\$11,312,000
13	14015	Scott Co	TH 169, TH 282, and CSAH 9 Intersection Improvements	Jordan	Scott	\$7,000,000	\$24,000,000

Roadway Modernization

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
14	13970	Hennepin Co	Franklin Ave Reconstruction	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$13,782,000
15	14012	Hennepin Co	Lowry Ave NE Reconstruction	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$9,022,600
16	14013	St. Paul	Robert St Reconstruction	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$7,000,000	\$18,000,000
17	14327	Hennepin Co	Minnnetonka Blvd Reconstruction	St. Louis Park	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$10,357,000

Bridges

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
18	14061	Hennepin Co	Rockford Rd Bridge Replacement	Plymouth, New Hope	Hennepin	\$6,888,000	\$8,610,000
19	14087	St. Paul	Kellogg-Third St Bridge 62080 and 62080A Replacement	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$7,000,000	\$63,903,000

Transit Expansion

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
20	14176	Metro Transit	Route 17 Service Improvement	Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins	Hennepin	\$2,511,123	\$3,138,904
21	14173	Metro Transit	Route 54 Service Improvement	Bloomington, St. Paul	Hennepin, Ramsey	\$1,762,070	\$2,202,588
22	14298	Metro Transit	New Route 757 Plymouth-Minneapolis Limited Stop	Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Plymouth	Hennepin	\$4,669,486	\$5,836,858

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23	14392	Metro Transit	Gold Line Ramsey Washington Saint Paul Downtown Modernization	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$7,000,000	\$10,500,000
24	14357	Metro Transit	Bus Farebox Upgrade	Regional	Regional	\$7,000,000	\$8,750,000
25	14171	MVTA	Burnsville Bus Garage Modernization	7 Cities	Dakota	\$2,800,000	\$3,500,000
26	14191	SouthWest Transit	Signal Prioritization at East Creek Park and Ride	Chaska	Carver	\$443,520	\$554,320

Travel Demand Management

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
27	14041	MOVE Minnesota	Changing the School Commute: Shifting Youth to Transit Use	Minneapolis, St. Paul	Hennepin, Ramsey	\$452,700	\$565,875
28	14372	Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota	Expanding Adult Learn to Ride Bicycle Classes	13 Cities	Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota	\$350,488	\$498,088
29	13996	Cycling Without Age Twin Cities	CWA TC Short Trip Program	Minneapolis, St. Paul	Hennepin, Ramsey	\$236,856	\$296,070
30	14400	Move Minneapolis	Comprehensive Mode Share Measurement	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$275,000	\$344,094

Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
31	14160	Minneapolis	Hennepin/Dunwoody Protected Bikeway and Multiuse Trail	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$3,760,000	\$4,700,000
32	14112	St Paul	Samuel Morgan Regional Trail Segments 1 and 4 Reconstruction	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$4,956,800	\$6,196,000
33	14335	St Paul	Kellogg Blvd Capital City Bikeway - St Peter to 7th St	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$5,500,000	\$6,944,759
34	14115	Burnsville	I-35W Frontage Trail/I-35W Minnesota River Crossing	Burnsville	Dakota	\$388,000	\$485,000
35	13983	Three Rivers Park Dist.	Bassett Creek Regional Trail Gap / Duluth St Extension	Golden Valley	Hennepin	\$2,561,876	\$3,202,345
36	14302	Brooklyn Park	63rd Ave Multiuse Trail	Brooklyn Park	Hennepin	\$744,000	\$930,000
37	14350	Washington Co	Century-Greenway Trail	Oakdale	Washington	\$825,865	\$1,032,331
38	14131	West St Paul	CSAH 73 Oakdale Multiuse Trail	West St Paul	Dakota	\$1,785,600	\$2,232,000
39	14026	Coon Rapids	Coon Creek Regional Trail and Ped. Bridge over Coon Rapids Blvd	Coon Rapids	Anoka	\$2,400,000	\$4,750,000
40	14287	Chaska	Circle the Brick Trail Connection	Chaska	Carver	\$1,245,632	\$1,561,040
41	14062	Minnetonka	Hopkins Crossroad Multi-Use Trail	Minnetonka	Hennepin	\$2,364,700	\$2,955,800

Pedestrian Facilities

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
42	14095	Minneapolis	Phillips Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,000,000	\$1,608,000
43	13987	Hennepin Co	Accessibility improvements to complement BRT/LRTs	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,000,000	\$1,265,000
44	14355	St. Paul	Burns Ave Sidewalk Infill - White Bear Ave to McKnight Rd	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
45	14288	Chaska	Hwy 41 Pedestrian Improvements in Historic Downtown Chaska	Chaska	Carver	\$1,000,000	\$1,754,000
46	14356	Inver Grove Heights	Inver Grove Heights ADA Ped Ramp Improvements	Inver Grove Heights	Dakota	\$250,240	\$312,800
47	14129	Ramsey Co	Maple St/I-94 Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$1,000,000	\$4,858,000
48	14091	Oakdale	Greenway Ave N Multiuse Sidewalk from Hudson Blvd to 7th St N	Oakdale	Washington	\$400,000	\$500,000
49	14363	Washington Co	CSAH 12 Pedestrian Facility	Grant Township	Washington	\$256,800	\$321,000

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

#	Application	Applicant	Project	City/Township	County	Fed Award	Total Cost
50	14393	Columbia Heights	49th Ave Area SRTS Improvements	Columbia Heights	Anoka	\$484,400	\$605,500
51	14133	West St. Paul	Bidwell St Sidewalk Improvements	West St. Paul	Dakota	\$640,000	\$800,000
52	14362	Chaska	MN 41 Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Underpass	Chaska	Carver	\$933,360	\$1,166,700
53	14045	Minneapolis	Green Central SRTS Improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,000,000	\$1,991,000
54	14358	St. Paul	Crossroads Elementary SRTS	St. Paul	Ramsey	\$720,000	\$900,000
55	13973	Mahtomedi	Warner Rd and 72nd St N SRTS Improvements	Mahtomedi	Washington	\$335,583	\$419,479

Notes: The F-Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit project was also approved for \$25M and represents the 56th project. Project details will be approved in 2021. The TAB also set-aside \$4.9M for unique projects with applications being considered and selected in 2022.