

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Transportation Services Planning Analyst Joe Barbeau presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	23 CFR Sec. 450.326
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance and Planning (651-602-1508) Steve Peterson, Senior Manager of Highway Planning (651-602-1819) Joe Barbeau, Planning Analyst (651-602-1705)
Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services

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Background

In Fall of 2023, the Council released its biennial Regional Solicitation to award federal transportation funding to roadway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects throughout the metropolitan area. The Regional Solicitation process traditionally distributes federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Transportation Alternatives (TA), and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds received by the Council as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This action also includes distribution of the more recently established Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program.

A total of 127 applications were submitted, with most scored through an open and transparent process by over 50 technical expert volunteers representing regional transportation agencies and local governments. At its July 17, 2024, meeting, TAB selected and approved forwarding a program of projects totaling \$264 million in federal STBG, TA, CMAQ, CRP and PROTECT funds funding 59 projects for the Council's concurrence. The funding option selected by TAB, called the "Hybrid" option, was approved unanimously because it funded all projects included in safety- and bike/ped-themed options along with an additional transit project and two additional Safe Routes to School projects. The federal funds will leverage an additional \$262 million in local matching funds for a total regional investment of \$526 million.

During development of the 2024 Regional Solicitation, the state legislature approved Active Transportation regional sales tax funding that includes a portion to be distributed by the TAB. The TAB then established a working group to plan for distribution of the funding. The working group

recommended, and TAB approved, funding 17 projects to serve as a “pilot” for Council staff to manage the grants for the projects. These projects, because they are not funded with federal funds and are not regionally significant, will not be included in the TIP. However, they were selected through the scoring of the Regional Solicitation and therefore are reflective of that process. In terms of prioritization the 17 projects funded through the Active Transportation Projects are not distinguishable from those that will receive federal funding. Altogether the 76 funded projects will receive \$264 million in federal funding, \$19 million in Active Transportation funding, and \$276 million in local funding for a total investment of \$559 million. These projects include investments within the borders of all seven counties and 52 cities and townships.

Table 1: Key Outcomes Anticipated

Variables	Proposed Scenario
Equity Bonus Projects	34 out of 49
Safety High Score (Roadway Projects Only)	4 out of 4
Monetized Safety Benefit (Roadway Projects Only)	\$293 million
Intersections Impacted, Including ADA Improvements	509
Miles of Trails and Sidewalks	75
New Bike/Pedestrian Underpasses/Overpasses	5
Counties with Investment within Border (Project Location)	7
Cities/Townships with Investment Within Border (Project Location)	52
Different Applicants Funded	32

Note: This table includes the Active Transportation Projects.

Rationale

The Regional Solicitation is a key responsibility of the TAB. Through this process, federal funds are directed to a variety of locally initiated projects that meet regional transportation goals. 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. The agreed upon process for allocating the federal STBG, TA, and CMAQ funds through the Regional Solicitation is documented in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and MnDOT.

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 in all application categories and encouraging projects to be developed with an equity lens.

Funding

The federal STBG, TA, CMAQ, Carbon Reduction Program, and PROTECT funding for the recommended program of projects, including overprogramming, totals \$364 million. All projects must be matched with at least 20% local funds from non-federal funding sources. The project applicants commit to providing the necessary match and many applicants provide funding beyond the required 20% to fully fund the projects.

Small Business Inclusion

The Minnesota Department of Transportation’s State Aid office, MTS Grants Management, and Metro Transit Grants Management will oversee the federal requirements for the federally funded projects, including the DBE requirement.



2024 Regional Solicitation - Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Selected Projects for 2025-2029

Traffic Management Technologies

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
1	20334	Anoka Co	Anoka	Anoka, Coon Rapids, Fridley	Anoka	\$3,500,000	\$2,760,000	\$6,260,000	2029
2	20488	Washington Co	Washington	Woodbury, Oakdale, Lake Elmo	Washington	\$532,000	\$133,000	\$665,000	2029

Spot Mobility and Safety

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local Match	Total	Year
3	20412	Savage	TH 13 and Quentin Ave Innovative Intersection	Savage	Scott	\$3,500,000	\$26,329,000	\$29,829,000	2028
4	20217	Little Canada	Little Canada Road and Country Drive Intersection	Little Canada	Ramsey	\$3,500,000	\$5,414,000	\$8,914,000	2029
5	20494	Washington Co	Highway 61 and County Road 50 Intersection	Forest Lake	Washington	\$1,674,880	\$418,720	\$2,093,600	2029
6	20374	Bloomington	CSAH 1 and Old Cedar Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements	Bloomington	Hennepin	\$2,747,824	\$686,956	\$3,434,780	2029
7	20331	Anoka Co	CSAH 14 and CSAH 23 Intersection Project	Lino Lakes	Anoka	\$2,137,360	\$534,340	\$2,671,700	2029
8	20181	Dakota Co	Roundabout at CSAH 32 (Cliff Road) and I-35W East Frontage Road	Burnsville	Dakota	\$1,901,760	\$475,440	\$2,377,200	2028
9	20081	Richfield	Richfield 76th Street and Knox Avenue Intersection Improvements	Richfield	Hennepin	\$2,687,040	\$671,760	\$3,358,800	2029
10	20492	Washington Co	CSAH 16 and Settlers Ridge Parkway Intersection in the City of Woodbury	Woodbury	Washington	\$2,384,160	\$596,040	\$2,980,200	2029

Roadway Strategic Capacity

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
11	20480	Burnsville	Highway 13 Lynn to Washburn Safety & Mobility Project	Burnsville, Savage	Dakota, Scott	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$84,664,100	2028
12	20330	Anoka Co	TH 65/Bunker Lake Boulevard Interchange	Ham Lake, Blaine	Anoka	\$10,000,000	\$27,125,000	\$37,125,000	2028
13	20139	Coon Rapids	TH 610 and East River Road Interchange Reconstruction	Coon Rapids	Anoka	\$10,000,000	\$25,687,000	\$35,687,000	2028
14	20186	Dakota Co	CSAH 46 Expansion Safety and Mobility Project	Coates, Rosemount, Empire	Dakota	\$10,000,000	\$31,600,000	\$41,600,000	2029

Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
15	20240	Saint Paul	Robert Street Reconstruction	Saint Paul	Ramsey	\$7,000,000	\$14,825,000	\$21,825,000	2028
16	20253	Bloomington	Bloomington W 98th Street at I-35W Modernization Project	Bloomington	Hennepin	\$3,455,040	\$863,760	\$4,318,800	2029
17	20434	Hastings	Hastings Highway 61 Modernization	Hastings	Dakota	\$7,000,000	\$14,408,861	\$21,408,861	2028
18	20242	Anoka (City)	TH 47 at BNSF Railroad Crossing	Anoka	Anoka	\$7,000,000	\$12,848,000	\$19,848,000	2028
19	20032	Hennepin Co	CSAH 5 (Minnetonka Blvd) Phase 2 Reconstruction Project	St. Louis Park	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$13,800,000	\$20,800,000	2029
20	20486	Saint Francis	TH 47/St. Francis Blvd Modernization	St. Francis	Anoka	\$7,000,000	\$10,988,868	\$17,988,868	2029
21	20236	Minneapolis	University Avenue NE (TH 47) Complete Streets Project (Central Avenue NE to 9th Avenue NE)	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$2,232,520	\$9,232,520	2028
22	20245	Minneapolis	7th St S Reconstruction and Modernization	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$4,764,500	\$11,764,500	2029
23	20035	Hennepin Co	CSAH 152 (Cedar Ave) Phase 2 Reconstruction Project	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$8,140,000	\$15,140,000	2029
24	20194	Carver Co	TH 5 and TH 41 Intersection Modernization	Chaska, Chanhassen	Carver	\$7,000,000	\$6,526,900	\$13,526,900	2026
25	20033	Hennepin Co	CSAH 23 (Marshall St NE) Phase 2 Reconstruction Project	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$4,280,000	\$11,280,000	2029

Bridges

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
26	20043	Ramsey Co	Replacement of Bridge 62519, CR C (CSAH 23) over the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad	Roseville	Ramsey	\$7,000,000	\$1,848,926	\$8,848,926	2028
27	20297	Minneapolis	Cedar Lake Road Bridge Replacement Over BNSF Railway	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$4,854,400	\$1,213,600	\$6,068,000	2028

Transit Expansion

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
28	20313	MVTA	MOA to MN Zoo Service	Bloomington, Apple Valley, Eagan	Dakota, Hennepin	\$4,546,614	\$1,136,654	\$5,683,268	2027, 2029
29	20315	MVTA	4FUN Service Expansion	Apple Valley, Rosemount	Dakota	\$2,957,100	\$739,275	\$3,696,375	2029
30	20306	Metro Transit	Metro Transit micro - Minnetonka Expansion	Minnetonka	Hennepin	\$4,253,600	\$1,063,400	\$5,317,000	2026, 2028
31	20237	Metro Transit	Metro transit micro - G Line Expansion	Mendota Hts, Mendota, Lilydale, W St. Paul, Inver Grove Hts	Dakota	\$3,986,533	\$996,633	\$4,983,166	2027, 2029

Transit Modernization

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
32	20075	Metro Transit	Blue Line Franklin Ave Station Renovation	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$7,000,000	\$5,750,000	\$12,750,000	2026
33	20308	MVTA	Burnsville Transit Station Mobility Hub	Burnsville	Dakota	\$5,600,000	\$1,400,000	\$7,000,000	2029
34	20310	MVTA	Eagan Transit Station Modernization	Eagan	Dakota	\$1,709,062	\$427,265	\$2,136,327	2027
35	20309	MVTA	Eagan Bus Garage Modernization	Eagan	Dakota	\$2,142,482	\$535,620	\$2,678,102	

Transit - ABRT

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
36		Metro Transit	H Line ABRT	St. Paul, Minneapolis		\$25,000,000	\$6,250,000	\$31,250,000	2028

TMO/TDM

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
			Transportation Management Organizations Funding		Region	\$3,000,000	\$750,000	\$3,750,000	2028, 2029
			TDM Program for 2028/2029		Region	\$499,244	\$124,811	\$624,055	2028, 2029

TDM Projects Selected from 2026-2027 Setaside

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
37	20462	HourCar	Expanding Access to the Benefits of Electrified Transportation	Mpls, St. Paul, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Richfield, Bloomington, Little Canada	Hennepin, Ramsey	\$500,000	\$125,000	\$625,000	2026, 2027
38	20311	MVTA	Travel Training Program	Shakopee, Prior Lake, Savage, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Eagan, Rosemount	Dakota, Scott	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000	2026, 2027
39	20489	Move Minnesota	Embracing East Metro Transit Expansions Through Events	Saint Paul, Roseville, Woodbury, Maplewood, Oakdale	Ramsey, Washington	\$492,349	\$123,088	\$615,437	2026, 2027

Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities

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#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
40	20260	Hennepin Co	CSAH 152 (Washington Ave) Bikeway Project	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$5,500,000	\$4,070,000	\$9,570,000	2028
41	20235	Minneapolis	Northside Greenway Phase 2	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$2,865,490	\$716,373	\$3,581,863	2028
42	20243	Minneapolis	University Avenue and 4th Street Separated Bicycle Facilities	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$5,500,000	\$2,860,130	\$8,360,130	2028
43	20222	Minneapolis	E/W 34th St Neighborhood Greenway	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$3,024,000	\$756,000	\$3,780,000	2029
44	20170	Three Rivers PD	CP Rail Regional Trail: North Segment (New Construction)	New Hope, Crystal, Golden Valley	Hennepin	\$5,500,000	\$1,575,384	\$7,075,384	2029
45	20196	Dakota Co	CSAH 42 Trail Gap Project	Burnsville	Dakota	\$1,444,000*	\$361,000	\$1,805,000	2026
46	20254	Hennepin Co	CSAHs 33 and 35 (Park Ave and Portland Ave) Bikeway Project	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$5,500,000	\$3,560,000	\$9,060,000	2028, 2029
47	20247	Farmington	North Creek Greenway - Farmington	Farmington	Dakota	1,579,776*	\$394,944	\$1,974,720	2026
48	20173	Three Rivers PD	North Cedar Lake Regional Trail - Reconstruction	St. Louis Park, Hopkins	Hennepin	\$4,104,674	\$1,026,168	\$5,130,842	2029
49	20166	Three Rivers PD	Shingle Creek Regional Trail - Reconstruction	Brooklyn Park	Hennepin	966,963*	\$241,741	\$1,208,704	2026
50	20174	Three Rivers PD	CP Rail Regional Trail - South Segment (New Construction/Reconstruction)	Edina, Bloomington	Hennepin	\$5,500,000	\$1,723,698	\$7,223,698	2029
51	20226	Dakota Co	River to River Greenway Valley Park Trail & TH 149 Underpass	Mendota Heights	Dakota	\$2,080,000	\$520,000	\$2,600,000	2029

Pedestrian Facilities

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#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
52	20210	Minneapolis	Nicollet Avenue pedestrian improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,983,200	\$495,800	\$2,479,000	2029
53	20409	Minneapolis	Marcy-Holmes Dinkytown Pedestrian Improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,508,000*	\$377,000	\$1,885,000	2026
54	20402	Minneapolis	26th St, 27th St, and 28th St pedestrian improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	1,620,000*	\$405,000	\$2,025,000	2026
55	20147	Brooklyn Center	Brooklyn Center High School Pedestrian Improvements	Brooklyn Center	Hennepin	2,000,000*	\$878,000	\$2,878,000	2026
56	20063	Brooklyn Park	Blue Line Extension LRT Sidewalk Connections	Brooklyn Park	Hennepin	\$1,480,800	\$370,200	\$1,851,000	2028
57	20303	Saint Paul	Saint Paul Gold Line Pedestrian Enhancement	Saint Paul	Ramsey	\$2,000,000	\$592,825	\$2,592,825	2028
58	20077	Richfield	Richfield 73rd Street Sidewalk	Richfield	Hennepin	\$1,046,040*	\$261,510	\$1,307,550	2026
59	20487	Burnsville	Greenwood Drive Sidewalk	Burnsville	Dakota	\$269,150*	\$67,288	\$336,438	2026
60	20201	Woodbury	Valley Creek Road Trail Gap	Woodbury	Washington	\$963,200*	\$240,800	\$1,204,000	2026
61	20079	Richfield	Richfield 64th Street Sidewalk	Richfield	Hennepin	\$853,660*	\$213,415	\$1,067,075	2026
62	20248	West Saint Paul	Lothenbach Avenue Sidewalk	West St. Paul	Dakota	\$756,800	\$189,200	\$946,000	2028
63	20373	Bloomington	Normandale Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements	Bloomington	Hennepin	\$2,000,000	\$704,628	\$2,704,628	2026, 2027

Safe Routes to School

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#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
64	20410	Fridley	Fridley SRTS Improvements Project	Fridley	Anoka	\$1,000,000*	\$253,000	\$1,253,000	2026
65	20414	South Saint Paul	Marie Avenue SRTS	South St. Paul	Dakota	\$1,000,000*	\$4,370,000	\$5,370,000	2026
66	20263	Minneapolis	Pleasant Ave Safe Routes to School Improvements	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,000,000	\$269,100	\$1,269,100	2029
67	20495	Dakota Co	Butler Avenue (CR 4) School Safety Improvements	West St. Paul	Dakota	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000	2027
68	20251	Saint Paul	West Side SRTS Pedestrian Improvements	Saint Paul	Ramsey	\$777,400*	\$194,350	\$971,750	2026
69	20262	Minneapolis	Hayes St & Ulysses St Safe Routes to School	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$953,320	\$238,330	\$1,191,650	2028
70	20128	Jordan	Sunset Drive Improvements	Jordan	Scott	\$1,000,000*	\$679,000	\$1,679,000	2026
71	20449	Lakeville	185th Street Trail Project (SRTS)	Lakeville	Dakota	\$704,500*	\$176,240	\$880,740	2026
72	20258	Hennepin Co	CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project	Excelsior, Shorewood	Hennepin	\$1,000,000*	\$2,170,000	\$3,170,000	2026
73	20408	Arden Hills	Old Highway 10 Trail SRTS Improvements	Arden Hills	Ramsey	\$1,000,000*	\$2,679,000	\$3,679,000	2026

Unique

#	ID	Applicant	Project Name	City/Twp	County	Award	Local	Total	Year
		Met Council	Travel Behavior Inventory	All	All	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,750,000	2026
74	20426	St Paul	St Paul EV Carshare Vehicles for Evie and EV Spot Network	Saint Paul, Minneapolis	Hennepin, Ramsey	\$1,400,000	\$375,000	\$1,775,000	2026
75	20478	Washington Co	WashCo EV Carshare Gold Line BRT	Oakdale, Woodbury	Washington	\$639,936	\$159,984	\$799,920	2027
76	20257	Minneapolis	Minneapolis Ramp A Mobility Hub	Minneapolis	Hennepin	\$1,218,064	\$304,516	\$1,522,580	2027