

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

No. 2012-28

**DATE:** August 2, 2012  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**MOTION:** That the TAB adopt the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and forward to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The TIP for 2013-2016 is a multi-modal program of highway transit, bicycle, pedestrian and transportation enhancement projects proposed for federal funding in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The region revises its TIP every year. The TIP is consistent with the most recently updated Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010 with air quality conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The inclusion of a specific project in the TIP does not imply an endorsement of the specific design alternative or engineering details. Inclusion in the TIP is a funding commitment assuming the individual project development process has addressed all local, state or federal requirements. The 2013-2016 TIP is attached.

The recent passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) consolidates many federal highway programs into just 6 core programs and provides federal funding through September 30, 2014. Preliminary analysis of MAP-21 suggests that all projects programmed in the 2013-2016 TIP are eligible for federal funds; however, it is still unclear under which of the new consolidated programs the projects will be funded.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Preparation, adoption and maintenance of the region's Transportation Improvement Program is one of the TAB's main responsibilities. The TAB has the lead role in this important effort because the Board membership includes local elected officials. Federal law requires that all federally-funded transportation projects be included in a federally-approved TIP covering at least four years that is consistent with the adopted long-range regional transportation plan and meets air quality conformity.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	July 16, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	August 1, 2012
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	