

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2014-15

DATE: February 11, 2014
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Regional Solicitation Evaluation Steering Committee
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SUBJECT: Revisions for the regional solicitation application subcategories for the Bicycle and Pedestrian and Transit/TDM modal categories
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the design of the next regional solicitation application be based upon revised modal subcategories for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Transit and TDM as shown in this transmittal and attachment.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Previous TAB actions established that solicitation projects will be evaluated by modal categories (roadways, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit and TDM) and established the types of projects that would be eligible for evaluation under each modal category. Subcategories assist with making comparisons of project costs and benefits where projects have similar characteristics and objectives. In November 2013, TAB approved the application subcategories for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and the Transit and TDM modal categories. In January 2014, TAB approved the Roadways including Multimodal Elements subcategories. Based on further discussion as the work progressed into draft criteria, minor revisions to some of the previously-approved subcategories are needed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee recommends the following revisions to application subcategories:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities: Eliminate the ADA Projects evaluation subcategory and revise the Pedestrian Facilities subcategory description to include Sidewalks, Streetscaping, and ADA

Discussion about this recommendation included the following points:

- The small size of ADA projects does not warrant federalizing these projects.
- ADA improvements will likely be made as part of projects in the other subcategories since all projects constructed with federal funding must be ADA-compliant.
- Prioritizing criteria will likely take into account improvements made and deficiencies addressed.

Transit and TDM Projects: Revise the description for the subcategory to Transit System Modernization (instead of Management)

This recommendation was made because “system management” is not a phrase commonly used in transit, and modernization more accurately reflects the type of work proposed for this subcategory.

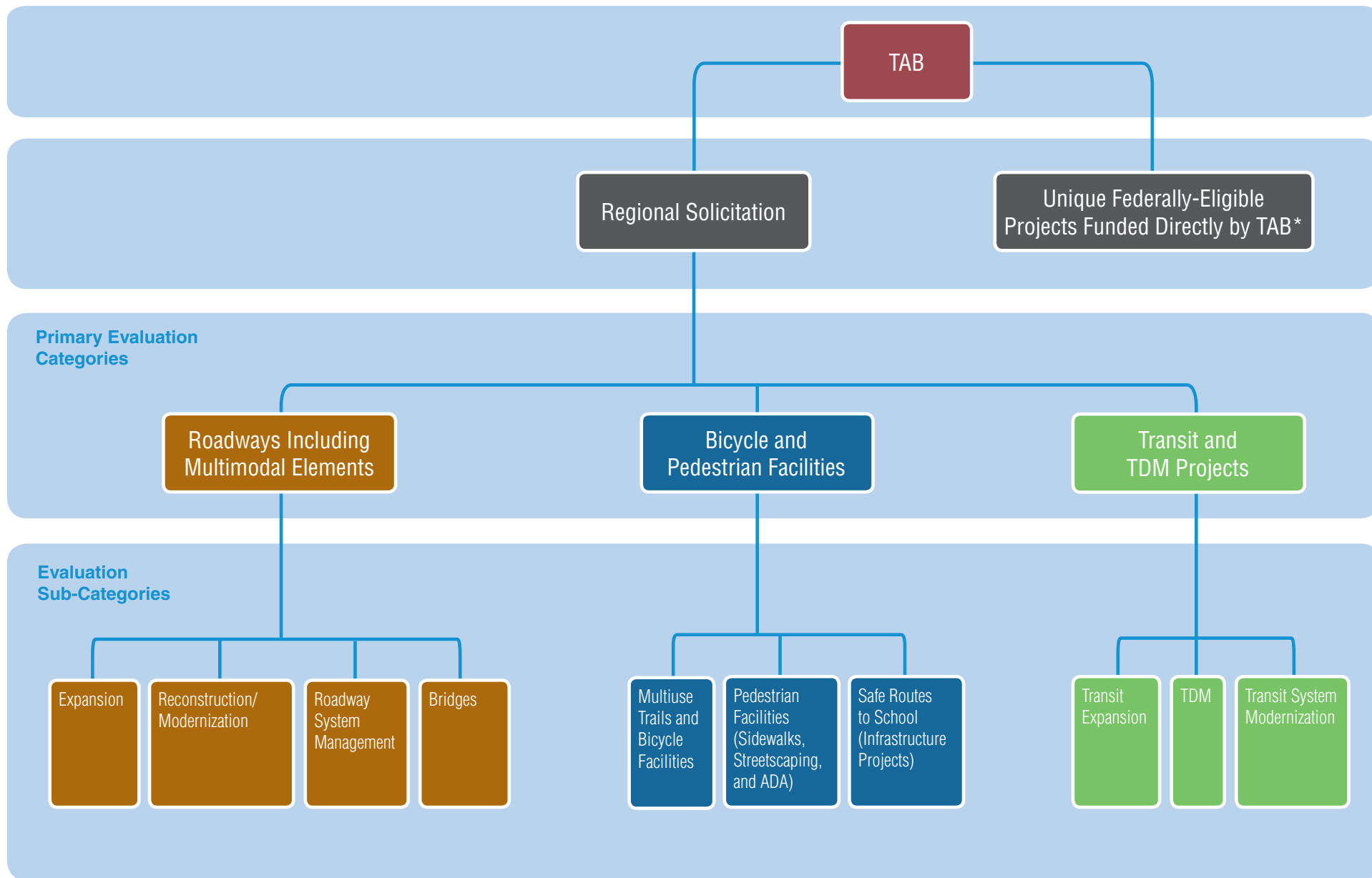
RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding. This recommended motion will provide policy direction on the expected funding levels by modal category and design of modal subcategories for the solicitation.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: The Regional Solicitation Steering Committee has met to discuss these issues and recommends the actions as described.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	

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**Note: In some cases, there are unique projects that are federally-eligible, but will not be included in the competitive process because they cannot be easily compared to other similar projects. These project types, including base-level TDM funding for the TMOs and Metro Transit, should request funding directly from the TAB.*