

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2014-34

DATE: May 7, 2014
TO: Technical Advisory Board
FROM: Transportation Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2017 STP and CMAQ System Management Schedule Recommendations
REQUESTED ACTION: Metropolitan Council requests a recommendation for TAB approval to include the 2017 funds for the STP program and the roadway system management portion of CMAQ in the next full solicitation, which is expected to be released in Fall 2014.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend approval of the inclusion of 2017 STP and roadway system management CMAQ funds in the next full Regional Solicitation, which is expected to be released in Fall 2014.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In September 2013, the Funding and Programming Committee was presented with information about 2017 funding allocation options. TAB proceeded with conducting two separate solicitations for 2017, one for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds and one for regionally-significant transit projects with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

At its February 20, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee discussed potential options for addressing the anticipated \$7 million of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding and the anticipated \$4 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funding for roadway system management for 2017. In that discussion, the committee concluded the amount of funding was not large enough to justify a special solicitation and that the best way to allocate the funding would be to include it in the next full solicitation. After the design of a new solicitation this summer, the next solicitation is expected to be released in late September or early October.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

STAFF ANALYSIS: By including these 2017 funds in the next Regional Solicitation, TAB should clarify how these funds should be handled in the context of setting modal funding ranges for the next Regional Solicitation when it makes that decision in Summer 2014.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its April 17, 2014, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended approval of the inclusion of 2017 STP and roadway system management CMAQ funds in the next full Regional Solicitation with the comment that projects that would be ready to go in 2017 should be identified as part of that solicitation. At its May 7, 2014 meeting, the Technical Advisory

Committee unanimously recommended approval of the inclusion of 2017 STP and roadway system management CMAQ funds in the next Regional Solicitation.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 17, 2014
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	May 7, 2014
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	