

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-32**

**DATE:** June 3, 2015  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the release for a public comment period.  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** The Metropolitan Council requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for release for a public comment period.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for release for a public comment period.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** Federal regulations require that a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be developed at least every four years. The Metropolitan Council revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete.

The TIP is a four-year list of transportation projects funded in whole or part with federal funding. The draft TIP includes \$3.2 Billion in projects, with the pending inclusion of Regional Solicitation and HSIP projects. The draft TIP contains congressional high priority projects, routine projects and projects selected through solicitations for the following funds:

- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its May 21, 2015, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended forwarding the TIP to TAB for release for a public comment period. At its June 3, 2015, meeting, TAC

unanimously recommended forwarding the TIP, including projects funded as a result of the 2016 CMAQ funding re-allocation.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	5/21/2015
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	6/3/2015
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Information	
Metropolitan Council	Information	