

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-35**

**DATE:** June 6, 2016

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board

**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee

**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for release for a public comment period.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2017-2020 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 2017-2020 TIP for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area includes projects valued at approximately \$3.9 billion for highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian projects. Of this total, approximately \$983 million is federal highway funding. The region has assumed it will receive approximately \$1.15 billion in federal transit funds over the period. Inclusion in the TIP is a funding commitment that assumes the project's development process has addressed all local, state, and federal requirements. The final TIP will implement, and be consistent with, the region's long-range transportation plan, the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP), and with US DOT's air quality conformity determination.

The draft TIP shows federally-funded and state-funded projects for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, which includes the seven metro counties, parts of Wright and Sherburne Counties, and Houlton, Wisconsin. Significant projects include:

- MN Highway 36 bridge to Wisconsin (\$623M project total)
- I-35W & Lake Street MnPASS lane, reconstruction, transit state, bridge (\$264M)
- I-35W North MnPASS Lane (\$129M)
- I-35W Bridge over the Minnesota River (\$140M)
- Southwest LRT extension (\$1.8B)
- Bottineau LRT extension (\$1.5B)
- Orange Line BRT (\$151M)

The draft TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from June 20 to August 3.

**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, 2016, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended forwarding the draft TIP to TAB for release for a public comment period. At its June 1, 2016, meeting, the TAC unanimously recommended forwarding the draft TIP to TAB for release for a public comment period.

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**ROUTING**

| <b>TO</b>                           | <b>ACTION REQUESTED</b> | <b>DATE COMPLETED</b> |
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| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend      | 5-19-2016             |
| Technical Advisory Committee        | Review & Recommend      | 6-1-2016              |
| Transportation Advisory Board       | Review & Adopt          |                       |
| Transportation Committee            | Information             |                       |
| Metropolitan Council                | Information             |                       |