Regional Solicitation
Overprogramming
Problem Being Addressed

• Returned or new federal funds must be used in a specific year or returned to FHWA
  – ($23.1M in 2016 program year, $17.5M in 2017 program year)

• Some of these returned funds used to select additional projects from the previous Regional Solicitation
  – Some high-scoring projects could not accept funds due to time constraints, so lesser scoring projects selected
  – Puts strain on cities and counties to deliver a federally funded project in a short amount of time

• Some funds given to already selected projects as a last resort (low priority in TAB’s Federal Funds Management Process)
Overprogramming Strategy

• **Already-used** strategy to get more projects ready to spend federal funds
• Select **high-scoring projects** vetted through the Regional Solicitation
• Select projects **early** in the process in anticipation that other projects will withdraw or return funds through scope changes in the 3 to 4 years from project selection to project delivery
Overprogramming Strategy Cont.

- The 2014 Regional Solicitation was overprogrammed by 5%
- The 2016 Regional Solicitation is overprogrammed by 1% for 2019-2021
- MnDOT has approved overprogramming up to 8% in the TIP
- With the 8% cap, overprogramming is the preferred approach compared to the “2022 strategy” described to TAB in late 2016
Focus 8% overprogramming on 2019-2021
  – Keep 2017 and 2018 balanced

Amount available for 2019-2021 is $265M

8% overprogramming would amount to an additional $21M and a programmed federal total for 2019-2021 of $286M ($265M+$21M)

Funds available to be used for Regional Solicitation projects increased approximately $7M since January due to:
  – Extra funds from other states not using all their own federal funds
  – TAB-approved program year extension
Feedback from Technical Committees

• Preferred approach and the specific projects recommended were vetted at 2 TAC meetings and 2 TAC F&P meetings

• TAC F&P recommended to use the overprogramming approach along with 4 projects instead of the original one project/mode option (3 projects)
  – TAC F&P wanted to fund both multiuse trail projects since they had the same total score

• TAC agreed with the overprogramming approach and recommended 5 projects to TAB
TAC Recommendation

• Overprogram up to 8%
• Fund the following five projects (8% Overprogramming):
  – Brooklyn Park roadway expansion project
  – Minnetonka roadway reconstruction project
  – Washington County roadway system management project
  – Minnesota DNR multiuse trail project
  – St. Paul multiuse trail project
• The five projects move closer to the midpoint of the ranges of the modal categories
## TAB-Approved Modal Splits

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Questions?

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