

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2017-38**

**DATE:** December 8, 2017  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Steven Elmer, Planning Analyst, (651) 602-1756  
**SUBJECT:** Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) Proposed Changes  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Met Council requests that the updated RBTN map with new alignment designations and new or changed alignments and corridors be recommended for use in 2018 Regional Solicitation project selection.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That TAB approve the RBTN Update Map for use in the 2018 Regional Solicitation.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

The RBTN was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in 2015 as the region's official bicycle network for transportation. The RBTN sets the region's priorities for bicycle planning and investment. The goal of the RBTN is to develop an integrated seamless network of on-street bikeways and off-road trails to effectively improve conditions for daily bicycle transportation and to encourage planning and implementation of future RBTN bikeways by local and state agencies.

The Met Council is the responsible government agency to designate the various corridors and alignments through the development and adoption of TPP updates. In 2017, Met Council staff initiated meetings with planning and engineering staff from all metro counties to review and discuss alignment designations and potential new alignment/corridor revisions or additions to the RBTN. Staff from key cities and/or MnDOT were also in attendance at several meetings. Follow-up meetings and communications by phone/e-mail were used to clarify issues or select between multiple options; additional cities were contacted during this phase to verify the proposed changes that had been agreed upon at county/city meetings.

The following specific types of administrative and substantive changes were considered through the RBTN review and TPP development process:

1. Designating alignments within existing corridors – Administrative change
2. Shifting existing corridors or alignments – Substantive change
3. Extending/truncating/removing an existing corridor/alignment – Substantive change
4. Adding new corridors or alignments – Substantive change

The purpose of this action is to approve the use of the revised RBTN Map in the 2018 Regional Solicitation project selection.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:**

The RBTN was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, adopted in January 2015. The RBTN sets the region’s priorities for bicycle planning and investment.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Staff assessed consistency with and support for the RBTN guiding principles (as established in the 2040 TPP, adopted in 2015) to ensure that proposed changes and additions met regional policy intent. All changes proposed herein met this general assessment.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The TAC-Planning committee adopted the recommended motion. The Technical Advisory Committee adopted the recommended motion.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend	11-9-2017
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	12-6-2017
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	



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## RBTN Proposed Changes for Regional Solicitation

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### Regional Bicycle Transportation Network Vision

#### RBTN Alignments

- Tier 1 Alignments
- Tier 2 Alignments

#### RBTN Corridors (Alignments Undefined)

- Tier 1 Priority Regional Bicycle Transportation Corridor
- Tier 2 Regional Bicycle Transportation Corridors

#### Other Trail Systems

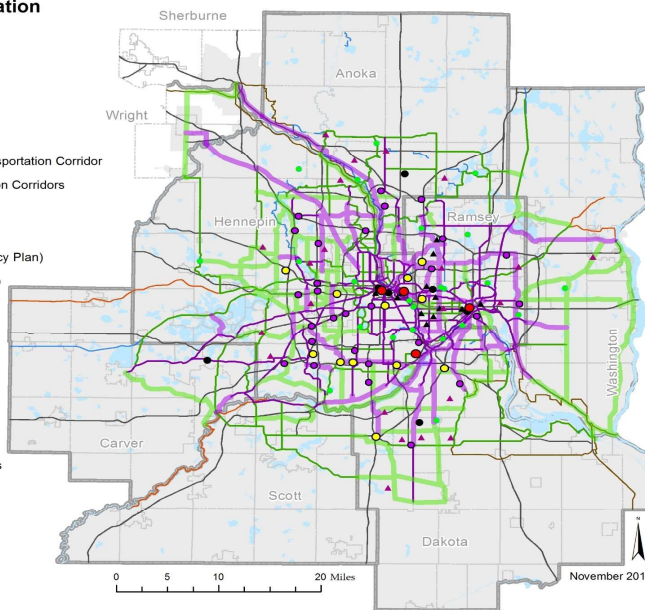
- Regional Trails (Regional Parks Policy Plan)
- Mississippi River Trail (US Route 45)
- State Trails (DNR)

#### Regional Destinations

- Metropolitan Job Centers
- Regional Job Centers
- Subregional Job Centers
- Large High Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Major Sport & Entertainment Centers
- Highly Visited Regional Parks

#### Reference Items

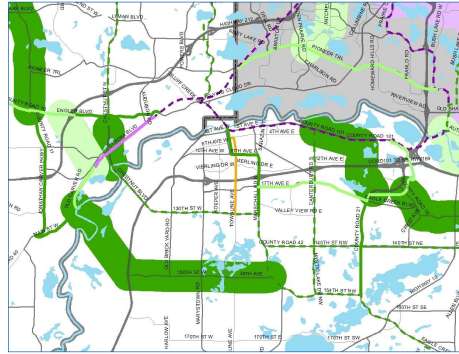
- Principal Arterial Roads
- Lakes and Rivers
- City Boundary
- County Boundary
- 2040 Municipal Urban Service Area
- MPO Area



# RBTN Changes

## Changes Considered

- Shifting corridors or alignments in response to implementation challenges
- Extending/truncating corridors or alignments to improve connectivity between networks
- Adding new corridors or alignments to better align with local bike plans



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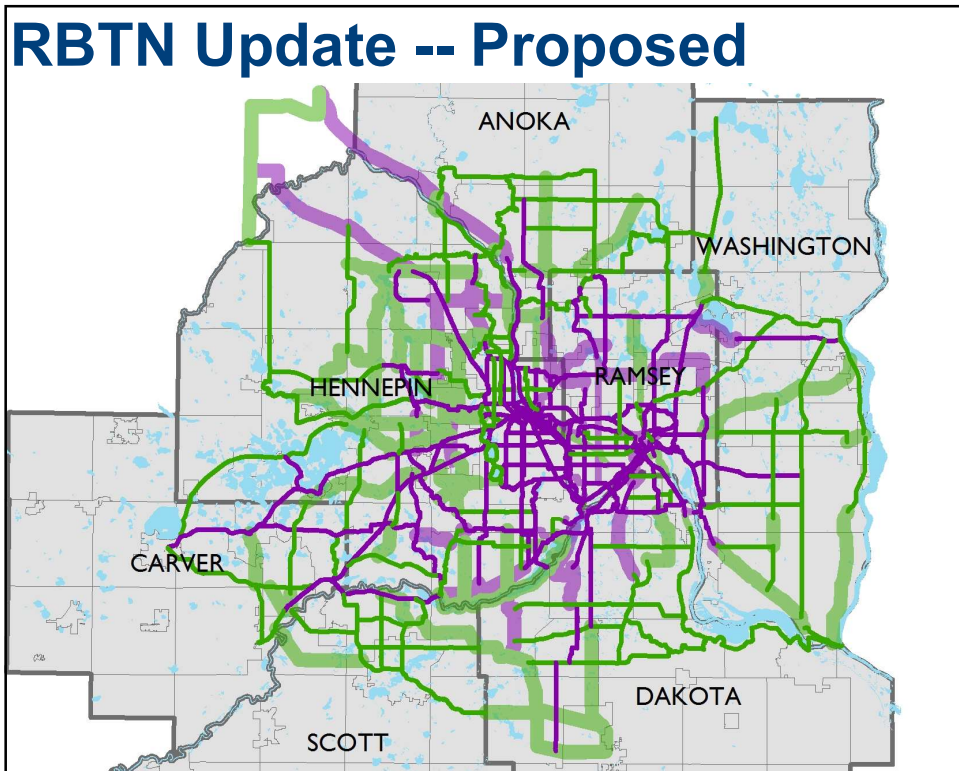
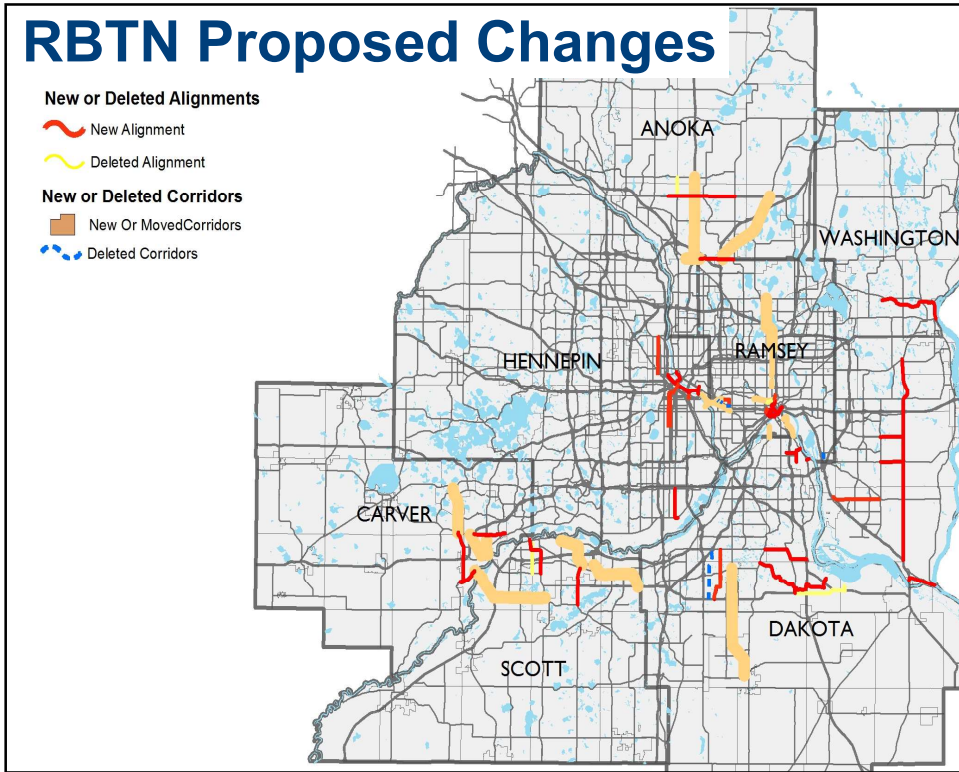
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## Proposed changes derived from:

- Review meetings with county and/or city planning & engineering staff
- Last Regional Solicitation process
- Reviewed & supported by ad hoc bike/ped peer group

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Thank you

## Questions or Comments?

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