

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2017-32

DATE: November 6, 2017
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)
SUBJECT: 2018 Regional Solicitation: Project inflation rate.
REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of funding ranges by mode for the 2018 Regional Solicitation.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAB adopt the historic funding ranges by mode for the 2018 Regional Solicitation.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Shown in the table below are funding ranges by mode, represented in both proportionate and total-dollar ranges. The proportionate range is identical to the ranges used in the previous two Regional Solicitations and is reflective of historic distribution since 2003. The total-dollar range reflects these proportions based on the assumed funds available for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

	Roadways Including Multimodal Elements	Transit and TDM Projects	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Total
Modal Funding Levels	Range of 48%-68% of Funds Range of \$96M-\$136M	Range of 22%-32% of Funds Range of \$44M-\$64M	Range of 10%-20% of Funds Range of \$20M-\$40M	100% \$200M

Note also that in 2016, Roadways Including Multimodal Elements included a TAB decision that \$10M to \$15M would be allocated to the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement category. TAB should consider whether to continue with that decision. This decision was added in response to only one bridge being funded through the 2014 Regional Solicitation. However, staff believes that a set-aside for bridges or any other application category is not needed as TAB always reserves the right to fund further down one application category or another.

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its October 19, 2017 meeting, the Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend the historic modal funding ranges and not to retain the mandated bridge funding range used in the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

At its November 1, 2017 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee discussed whether ranges should be used simply because of historic precedent and whether there is a better way to reflect the TPP. However, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the historic modal funding ranges. The bridge funding range was not discussed.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	COMPLETION DATE
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	10-19-2017
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	11-1-2017
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	-
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	-
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	-
