

**Transportation Advisory Board**  
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-64**

**DATE:** December 12, 2018  
**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board  
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**SUBJECT:** Direction to Funding & Programming Committee and TAC on TAC's proposed Roadway-Heavy Scenario  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Council staff requests that TAB determine whether to consider the TAC-created Roadway-Heavy Funding Scenario among the options under consideration.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** At its December 5, 2018, meeting, members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) expressed concern with the TAB-directed funding scenarios lack of geographic balance (particularly regarding minimal funding going toward Washington County) and modal distribution (in particular the roadway category, which was programmed with less than the midpoint of its TAB-established range of 58% of the total funding). TAC voted to create a scenario that would respond to these concerns. The resulting scenario removes two transit projects and places more funding, including partial funding, into roadways projects. This brings the roadway proportion to 62% of the funds available, versus about 57% in the base and expansion-heavy scenarios and reduces the transit share from approximately 27% to 23%.

The impact on geographic balance of the new scenario is similar to the expansion-heavy scenario. However, the new roadway-heavy scenario achieves its goal of providing additional funding for roadway projects.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** The Regional Solicitation is a key responsibility of the TAB. Through this process, federal funds can be directed to a variety of locally-initiated projects that address transportation problems and help implement regional transportation and development policies. The Regional Solicitation is part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** TAC provided the concept of this scenario for TAB's consideration. TAB should decide whether to include it within the scenarios to be considered at its January meeting, where the final program of projects will be approved.

This is a decision on whether to *consider* the scenario. If so, the vote will not be to fund it, but to keep it alive for future discussion in Action Transmittal 2018-65, where TAB will decide which scenarios to bring through the process.

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