

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2018-65

DATE: December 12, 2018
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
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SUBJECT: Direction to Funding & Programming Committee and TAC on Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios to Forward to TAB
REQUESTED ACTION: Staff requests that TAB provide direction to the technical committees which funding scenarios they should consider in providing feedback to TAB.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: At its October 17, 2018, meeting, TAB requested that staff create three scenarios: the base scenario, an expansion-heavy scenario, and bicycle/pedestrian-heavy scenario. An additional funding scenario, modernization-heavy, was requested by TAB at its November 21, 2018, meeting. At its December 5, 2018, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended the creation of a fifth scenario, a roadway-heavy scenario, to enhance geographic balance and roadway funding.

These five scenario themes, along with the uncertainties regarding the St. Paul / HOURCAR project and over-programming, lead to at least 20 potential funding scenarios. Action transmittals 2018-62, 2018-63, and 2018-64 requests TAB to make decisions that will inform the final list of projects. The results of these discussions should reduce the number of possible scenarios and inform the provision of a small list of three-to-four scenarios for the technical committees to comment on before TAB's January meeting.

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: A Regional Solicitation funding scenario needs to be selected at the January 16, 2019, TAB meeting to allow for the draft TIP to be prepared for action at the June 19, 2019, TAB meeting to meet federal deadlines.

The technical committees would like direction on which small list of scenarios TAB wants to have considered and direction on how TAB would like the scenarios to be analyzed.

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