

Public comment report

# Transportation Improvement Program

Transportation Advisory Board



# TIP public comment summary

<b>People engaged</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web pages – 854 unique visitors</li><li>• Facebook reach – 1,805 users</li><li>• Facebook engagement – 57 users</li><li>• Twitter engagement – 35 users</li></ul>
<b>Stakeholders involved</b>	More than 200 over 400 comments
<b>Meetings/interactions</b>	Transportation committee public meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21 attendees, 3 speakers</li></ul>
<b>Interest groups and agencies engaged</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BikeMN</li><li>• Fresh Energy</li><li>• Metro Transit</li><li>• Minnesota Department of Transportation</li><li>• Move Minnesota</li><li>• Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition</li><li>• Sierra Club</li><li>• Washington County</li></ul>
<b>Methods used</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web announcement and web page notice</li><li>• GovDelivery email announcement</li><li>• Facebook</li><li>• Twitter</li><li>• Star Tribune classified advertising</li><li>• Public meeting</li></ul>
<b>Comments received through</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email</li><li>• Mail</li><li>• Public meeting</li></ul>

# Key engagement themes

- Racial equity and climate justice impacts should be included in project decisions that appear in the Transportation Improvement Program.
- Expanding roadways and highways (including HOV lanes) contributes to climate change. Focus investments instead on reducing emissions and vehicle miles traveled.
- Prioritize investments in clean transportation solutions including electric vehicles, transit and active transportation.
- Parking has many negative effects including reduced housing affordability, flooding, air pollution, and urban heat island effect.
- Some residents in the Northeast suburbs are opposed to both the Rush Line itself or the current alignment.

# Comment Responses

- Responses to comments are shown in the TIP Public Comment Report – changes to the TIP are incorporated in response to technical comments received from MnDOT and FHWA
- Most comments are general policy and funding related comments, not necessarily addressed at specific projects
- Difficult to change projects in the TIP in response to general comments
- Many similar policy comments also submitted for the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) 2020 Update
- TPP Update comment response will include some recommended changes in response to comments received
- Comments can also be addressed through future policy documents and project selection processes, such as the Regional Solicitation and MnDOT project selection processes