

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-28

DATE: September 8, 2021

TO: Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Technical Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: 2022 Regional Solicitation: Modal Funding Ranges

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the funding ranges by mode for the 2022 Regional Solicitation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAB adopt the funding ranges by mode used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Shown in the table below are funding ranges by mode. In 2020, the proportionate range was altered from the 2003-2018 to accommodate an additional \$5M of transit funds after establishing the Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) category and Transit New Market Guarantee.

	Roadways Including Multimodal Elements	Transit and TDM	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Total
2003-2018	Range of 48%-68% Midpoint: 58%	Range of 22%-32% Midpoint: 27%	Range of 10%-20% Midpoint: 15%	100%
2020	Range of 46%-65% Midpoint: 55.5%	Range of 25%-35% Midpoint: 30%	Range of 9%-20% Midpoint: 14.5%	100%

Note: Unique projects, used intermittently in 2003-2018 and accommodated via set-aside in 2020, are omitted from ranges.

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its August 19, 2021, meeting the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommended adoption of the funding ranges by mode used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation.

At its September 1, 2021, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the funding ranges by mode used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation. The TAC acknowledged that the funding ranges are primarily a policy decision for TAB but offered the following technical comments for consideration:

- The modal funding ranges allow for adequate flexibility in developing funding scenarios that accommodate different policy scenarios after project applications are received.

- Alternatively, since TAB views most projects as positive, setting a policy expectation for funding scenarios by shifting funding ranges ahead of receiving project applications makes sense.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	8/19/2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	9/1/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	9/15/2021