

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



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RBTN Adjustments for 2024 Regional Solicitation

To: Transportation Advisory Board
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Requested Action

Recommend approval of the updated Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) with administrative adjustments for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the updated RBTN with administrative adjustments for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Background and Purpose

The Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in 2015 as the region's official bicycle network plan for transportation, setting the region's vision for bicycle network planning and investment. The goal of the RBTN is to develop an integrated, seamless network of on-street bikeways and off-street trails to effectively improve conditions for daily bicycle transportation and to encourage planning and implementation of the RBTN by local and state agencies. A public notice was distributed in April of the opportunity for agencies to request RBTN administrative adjustments for consideration. Administrative adjustments were defined to include the following categories:

- Alignment designations within existing RBTN corridors;
- Minor extensions up to one-half mile long that provide missing connections to RBTN alignments, regional trails, or regional destinations;
- Minor alignment or corridor centerline shifts to within one-quarter mile of the initial alignment/centerline in core cities, or to within one-half mile of the initial alignment/centerline outside core cities, and that continue to serve regional destinations served by the initial alignment.

The purpose of this action is to accept the updated RBTN with the administrative adjustments (see map below or [RBTN Online Map](#)) for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Relationship to Regional Policy

The RBTN was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in January 2015. The RBTN

sets regional priorities for bicycle transportation planning and investment. RBTN prioritized Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridors and alignments are used in the Regional Solicitation project selection criteria.

Staff Analysis

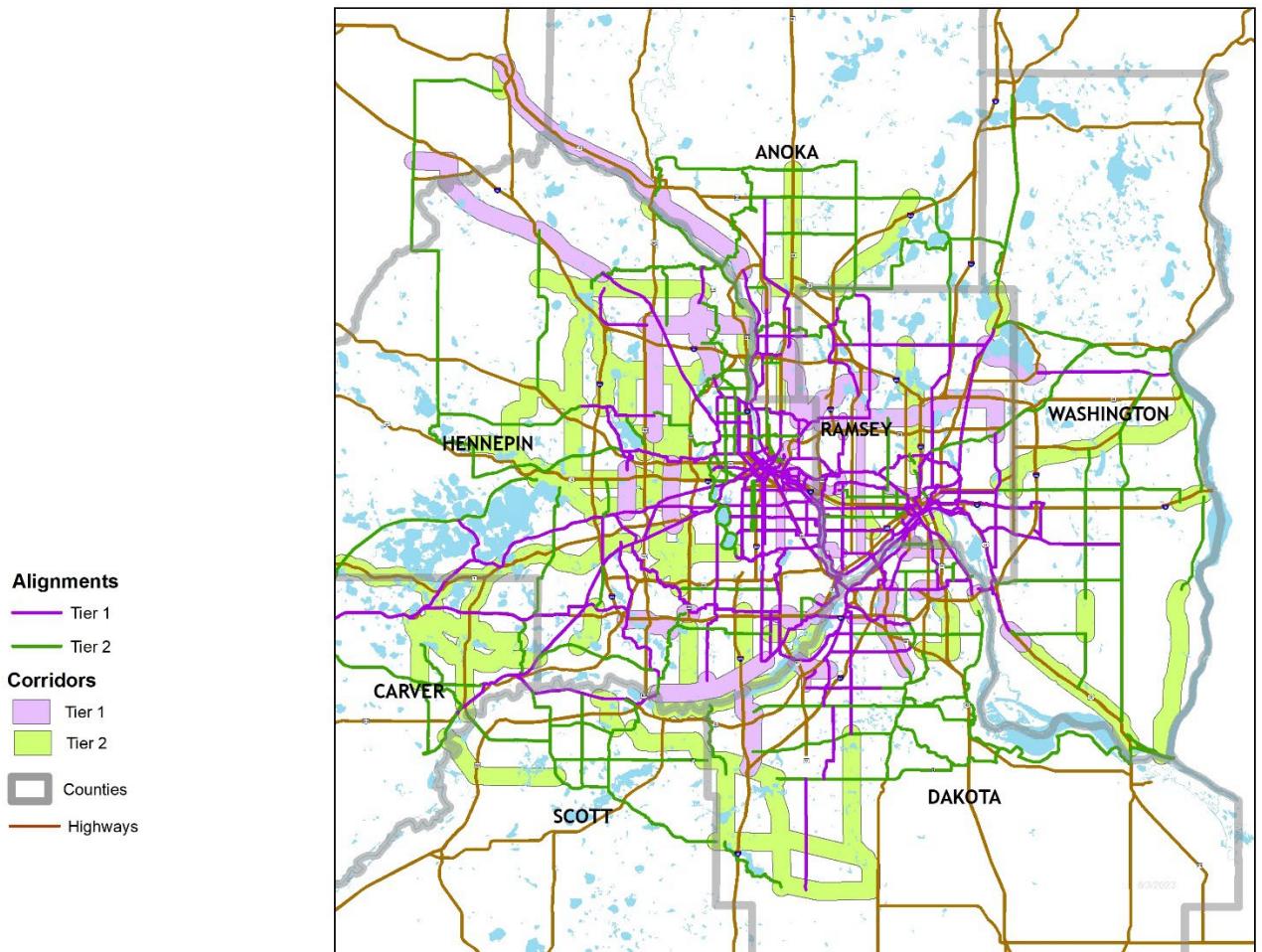
Staff received RBTN administrative adjustment requests or suggestions from three agencies. These potential changes were reviewed for consistency with the administrative adjustment categories that were announced for consideration. Most of the requests that fit the administrative adjustment categories were accepted and incorporated into the RBTN. There were two requests that were not accepted because the change would either reduce access to designated regional destinations or would require planning coordination and approval from other local agencies. These requested changes could be considered in a future update of the RBTN when more time allows for coordination with affected governments.

List of Adjustments

The RBTN Administrative Adjustments for 2023 are listed in the following table.

Agency	Location	Adjustment Type	Adjustment Made
Hennepin County	Maple Grove through Elm Creek Blvd/TH 169 interchange	Alignment extension	Extension of 0.3 mile to correct minor gap in data file.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Brooklyn Center near Shingle Creek Pkwy	Alignment extension	Extend less than 1/4-mile to correct minor gap in data file.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Brooklyn Center near TH 100/Brooklyn Blvd interchange	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with Three Rivers Park District planned trail alignment.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Bloomington adjacent to E Bush Lake Rd	Alignment shift	Minor shift from E Bush Lake Rd to existing regional trail route through Hyland-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Plymouth south of Medicine Lake & crossing TH 55	Alignment extension	Minor extension to correspond with planned regional trail alignment.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Richfield near E 66th St/Cedar Ave	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with existing regional trail alignment.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Maple Grove near Zachary Ln/101st Ave	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with existing regional trail alignment.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Richfield near MSP airport	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with existing regional trail alignment.
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Brooklyn Center near Hwy 100/France Ave	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with existing regional trail route.
Washington County	City of Hugo along US 61	Alignment shift	Minor shift to correspond with planned regional trail alignment.
Washington County	Oak Park Heights/Bayport near TH 36/TH 95 interchange	Corridor shift with minor extension	Minor shift with 1/2-mile corridor extension to accommodate planned trail improvements in multiple corridors.

The following map shows the final updated RBTN with 2023 administrative adjustments:



Committee Comments and Action

At its July 13, 2023, meeting, the TAC Planning Committee voted to recommend adoption of the updated RBTN with adjustments for the 2024 Solicitation. In response to one question from a committee member, staff indicated that alignment priority tiers could be reviewed in a future RBTN update.

At its August 2, 2023, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend adoption of the updated RBTN with adjustments for the 2024 Solicitation. Discussion included the suggestion that the adjustments be listed when the item is shared with TAB.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Planning Committee	Recommend	July 13, 2023
Technical Advisory Committee	Recommend	August 2, 2023
Transportation Advisory Board	Adopt for use in 2024 Regional Solicitation	August 16, 2023