



# Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Funding



Information Item

May 2023

# Approach to PROTECT Funds

- New Federal Program to Improve the Resiliency of the Transportation System
- MnDOT providing 30% of its statewide share to the Area Transportation Partnerships (ATPs) including the Met Council
- 2025 – 2027: Options Discussed Today and in June
- Incorporate language into the 2024 solicitation application to identify new projects for 2028 and 2029
- Explore additional opportunities during the Reg. Solicitation Evaluation for the 2026 solicitation cycle and beyond (2030+)



# PROTECT Funding by Year

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
PROTECT Funding	\$6,278,400	\$6,278,400	\$4,708,800	\$3,531,600	2024 Regional Solicitation Cycle		2026 Regional Solicitation Cycle	
Approach	Existing Projects	\$14,518,800 for Existing or New Projects			New Projects		New Projects	

- PROTECT funds in 2024 were inserted into the draft TIP and will be used on existing Regional Solicitation projects given the TIP timelines/rules.
- TAC F&P requested options that could utilize the 2025-2027 PROTECT funds from unfunded projects in the last Regional Solicitation.

# Eligible Elements



## Elements Identified in Current Regional Solicitation Projects

- Storm sewer
- Ponding
- Erosion and landscaping
- Retaining walls
- Bridges over floodplains or road realignments out of floodplains

# 2025-2027: Option 1

## Use on Projects/Reduce Overprogramming

Similar to the approach for 2024 funds, use the PROTECT funding on eligible project elements within recently selected Regional Solicitation projects.

	2025	2026	2027
Regional Solicitation Starting Balance by Year	\$(11,077,234)	\$(15,233,627)	\$(19,442,095)
PROTECT Funding by Year	\$6,278,400	\$4,708,800	\$3,531,600
Use PROTECT on Eligible 2022 Projects Elements Results in Reduced Overprogramming	\$(4,798,834)	\$(10,524,827)	\$(15,910,495)
Yet to Program Carbon Reduction Funds		\$7,980,000	\$6,480,000

# 2025-2027: Option 2

## Use on a Mix of Existing Projects/Reduce Overprogramming and New Projects

- The next unfunded project from 3 of the 12 application categories in the 2022 Regional Solicitation had eligible PROTECT elements.
- The exact amounts of eligible costs are currently being confirmed and will be provided as part of the action item next month.



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