

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

Date: May 12, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-16

Release of the Draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a Public Comment Period

To: Transportation Advisory Board

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Requested Action

Council staff request that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) release the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment.

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

Background and Purpose

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects required for all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The TIP must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds along with all regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source. Federal regulations require that a TIP be developed at least every four years. The Metropolitan Council revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft 2026-2029 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from May 24 to July 7, 2025.

The 2026-2029 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- May 21, 2025 – TAB releases draft TIP for public review
- June 17, 2025 – Virtual public meeting
- July 7, 2025 – Public review/comment period ends
- August 20, 2025 – TAB considers public comments, recommends potential changes in response to the comments and recommends approval of the final TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- August 25, 2025 – Transportation Committee recommends approval of the TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 10, 2025 – Metropolitan Council approves the TIP
- September/October 2025 – MnDOT inclusion of metro area TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- November 2025 – USDOT approves Minnesota STIP

The draft 2026-2029 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$6.4 billion for highway, freight transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Roughly 18% of federal funding is from the Regional

Solicitation (including HSIP Solicitation). The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$6.4 Billion
 - Federal Highway – \$1.8 Billion
 - Federal Transit – \$1.2 Billion
 - Property Tax and State Taxes – \$2.5 Billion
 - Trunk Highway – \$884 Million

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially or fully funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; and opportunity for public input. It is the Metropolitan Council's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these requirements.

Routing

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Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Release for Public Comment	May 21, 2025

