

## Transportation Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Karl Keel, Chair, TAC Funding & Programming Committee  
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**DATE:** September 26, 2012

**RE:** Local Program Delivery: Comments from the TAC Funding & Programming Committee on recommended changes to sunset date and scope change policies.

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On September 20, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee discussed the proposed changes to the region's sunset date policy and scope change policy as they apply to projects awarded funding through the regional solicitation process. Action on the proposed changes will begin with the TAC Funding & Programming Committee meeting on October 18. Comments made at the September 20 TAC Funding & Programming Committee meeting are summarized below for the TAC's benefit.

- The forms to request a program year extension should be provided in an electronic format.
- TAB should shorten the regional solicitation process so projects can be awarded funds sooner and included in the region's TIP sooner so project sponsors can begin project development sooner.
- A project can meet its program year requirements but still needs to be authorized by June 30. Additional language is needed to make that clear to project sponsors.
- For the projects awarded funds through the 2011 regional solicitation, the program year policy should apply only to those projects that will be programmed later than 2016.
- The projects kickoff meeting between project sponsors and MnDOT Metro State Aid should be mandatory.
- Project sponsors should be given a federal project delivery schedule so they understand the time and effort needed to develop their project.