

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2012-41

DATE: November 15, 2012
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
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Metropolitan Council
SUBJECT: Deferral of Regional TDM Funds for New Projects

MOTION: That the TAB accept the Metropolitan Council's TDM funding recommendation to defer \$1.2 million from the \$7.0 M biennial regional CMAQ allocation previously designated by the TAB for new and innovative TDM projects and that the TAB reconsider solicitation for new projects in 2014.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:

In the 2007 Regional Solicitation, \$7 million in CMAQ funds were set aside for 2011-2012 regional TDM programs. However, due to new regulations from the MAP-21 federal transportation law and discussions with MnDOT, Met Council's Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) staff now requests that CMAQ funds under projects TDM-2013 and TDM-2014 be distributed as shown below.

Project	2013 CMAQ Funds	2014 CMAQ Funds	Local Match	Total Funds
Ongoing TDM Activities	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$1,450,000	\$7,250,000
New TDM Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

This issue was discussed at the October 18, 2012, TAC Funding and Programming Committee meeting, at which the consensus was to proceed with this approach. MTS requests this action based on that earlier discussion.

The proposed action will retain base regional TDM program funding at \$5.8 million per biennium. \$1.2 million had been designated by the TAB for creative and innovative programs through a solicitation this year, which would now be deferred through this action. The savings gained from this deferral would be used to offset other regional projects that could be deferred or cancelled due to over-programmed funds for the FY 2013 – 2014 cycle. The proposed action would allow the TAB to reconsider a solicitation for new TDM projects via CMAQ or other funding sources subject to future federal transportation legislation. A regional solicitation would be possible in 2014 for implementation in CY 2016-2017.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:

Retaining baseline funding for regional TDM programs is consistent with our Transportation Policy Plan. Specifically, TPP strategies to “promote a wide range of TDM initiatives that help to avoid and manage congestion” and to “promote and market transportation choices that allow travelers to avoid and help manage congestion by riding transit, bicycling, walking, or vanpooling and carpooling,” would be supported through this action.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and Recommend	November 15, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and Approve	
Metropolitan Council	Information	