

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2015-22**

**DATE:** May 1, 2015  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** TAC Funding and Programming Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** 2014 Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** MTS staff requests that TAC forward the attached funding scenarios to TAB for consideration.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Funding & Programming Committee recommends forwarding the attached funding scenarios to TAB to adopt one of the scenarios as presented, adopt a modified version of one of the attached scenarios, or return alternative potential scenarios for TAC to analyze and forward to TAB for consideration.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** TAB directed the technical committees to forward preliminary funding scenarios for the 2017-2019 Regional Solicitation. After considering summaries of eight funding scenarios at its April 15, 2015 meeting, TAB expressed interest in further considering three, as follows:

- A. Mid-Level Base Scenario. This reflects the middle of all three modal ranges—roadways, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian—established by TAB.
- B. Mid-Level Scenario - Roadway Expansion-Heavy. Takes the “Base” scenario and adds three roadway expansion projects, adds one bridge project, and removes five roadway reconstruction/modernization projects.
- C. Mid-Level Scenario - Roadway Modernization/Reconstruction-Heavy. Takes the “Base” scenario and adds four bridge projects, adds one roadway reconstruction/modernization project, and removes three roadway expansion projects.

In preparing the three scenarios for TAB’s consideration, TAC Funding and Programming considered the above three scenarios and also considered the following remaining 2017 federal allocation funds:

- \$18,270,000 in STP funds.
- \$7,560,000 in CMAQ funds.

The following attachments provide background and detail on the three scenarios forwarded by TAC:

- Regional Solicitation Scenario Development Process, 4/28/15 (pg 3-6)
- Scenario A: Mid-Level Base Scenario project categories, projects lists and map (pg 8-13)
- Scenario B: Mid-Level Scenario – Roadway Expansion-Heavy project categories, project lists and map (pg 14-19)

- Scenario C: Mid-Level Scenario – Roadway Modernization/Reconstruction-Heavy project categories, project lists and map (pg 20-25)

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** The regional solicitation is a key responsibility of the TAB. Through this process, federal funds can be directed to a variety of locally-initiated projects that address transportation problems and help implement regional transportation and development policies. The regional solicitation is part of the Metropolitan Council’s federally required continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its April 16, 2015, meeting, the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended forwarding the three attached funding scenarios to TAB.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	4/16/2015
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	
Transportation Committee	Information	
Metropolitan Council	Information	