

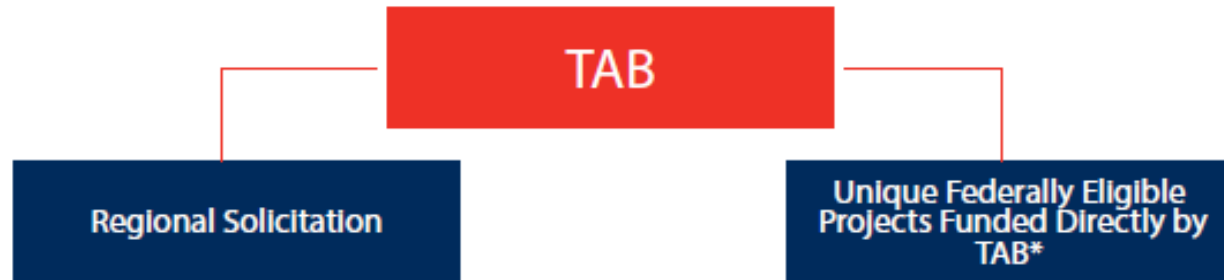
# Evaluation of Unique Projects

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

October 5, 2016



# Approved Application Categories



## MODAL CATEGORIES

Roadways Including Multimodal Elements  
\*\*48% - 68% of Funds

Transit and Travel Demand Management (TDM) Projects  
\*\*22% - 32% of Funds

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities  
\*\*10% - 20% of Funds

## APPLICATION CATEGORIES

Expansion

Reconstruction / Modernization

Roadway System Management

Bridges

Transit Expansion

Transit System Modernization

Travel Demand Management

- Base Level
- Innovative

Multise Trails and Bicycle Facilities

Pedestrian Facilities (Sidewalks, Streetscaping, and ADA)

Safe Routes to School (Infrastructure Projects)

# Unique Project Submissions

Project	Applicant	Federal Request	Comments
<b>1. Travel Behavior Inventory</b>	Metropolitan Council	\$1,000,000 in 2018 \$850,000 in 2019 \$850,000 in 2021	Being addressed separately
<b>2. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</b>	University of MN	\$250,000	Meets qualifying requirements
<b>3. Jackson Street Reconstruction</b>	Ramsey County	\$7,000,000	B-Minor Arterial
<b>4. Technician Training</b>	MPCA	\$40,000	Requested lower than min. fed. award for other app. categories
<b>5. Travel Behavior Inventory</b>	Metropolitan Council	\$1,000,000	Remove: New request submitted
<b>6. Diesel Retrofit</b>	MPCA	\$1,166,633	Some project elements are federally ineligible
<b>7. Bike Corridor Slope Restoration</b>	Hennepin County	\$1,420,800	Remove: Submitted this project in Multiuse Trail category

Projects #1-3 are newly submitted unique projects whereas #4-7 were submitted originally, but not funded with the excess 2017 funds.

# Unique Project Applicants Asked to:

1. Provide a description of the regional benefits of the project
2. Substantiate that the project is federally eligible
3. Describe why the project does not fit into one of the existing 10 application categories
4. Provide a preferred year of funding
5. Supply a federal funding request amount and budget

# How should Submitted Unique Projects be Evaluated?

- Base evaluation on materials already submitted, focus on regional benefits?
  - Number of people impacted? Geographic areas impacted?
- Form a special scoring committee?
- Ask applicants for additional information?
- Provide comments to TAB on each application, ranking?

# Regional Solicitation Criteria

- Role in the Regional Transportation System and Economy
- Usage
- Equity and Housing Performance
- Congestion and Emissions Reduction
- Infrastructure Condition
- Safety
- Multimodal Elements
- Risk Assessment
- Cost Effectiveness
- Innovation

# Approach for Unique Projects

## Moving Forward

- Should unique projects even be considered to receive Regional Solicitation funds?
- Should unique projects follow Regional Solicitation qualifying criteria and guidelines (e.g., federal minimums and maximum funding requests)?
- What evaluation criteria?
- Should unique projects be considered during the Regional Solicitation process, when money is available for reallocation, or another timeline?

# TAC Regional Solicitation Timeline

## Regional Solicitation and Submitted Unique Projects:

- November 2016-Info Item on Draft Scores & Draft Baseline Funding Scenarios; Action Item on Inflation
- December 2016-Info Item on Funding Scenarios
- January 2017-Action Item on Funding Scenarios

## Unique Projects Process Moving Forward:

- No Required Timeline



# Questions

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