

# 2020 Regional Solicitation Action Items

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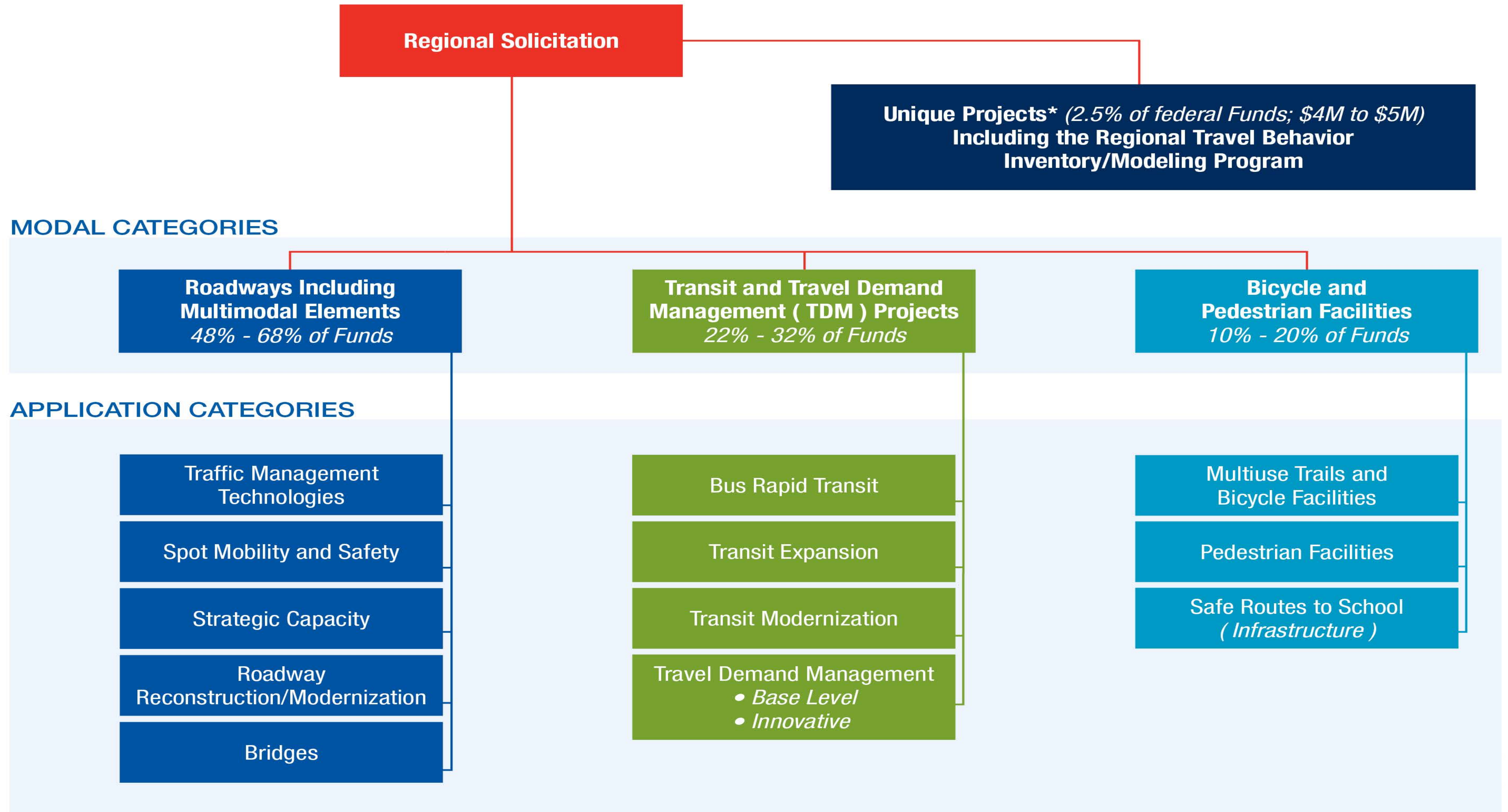


# 2019-47: Highway Safety Improvement Program Proposed Changes from MnDOT

- Increase the maximum award from \$1.8M to \$2M.
- Include a new pedestrian/bicycle safety measure similar to the Reg. Sol.
- Require that ADA Transition Plans must be completed similar to the Reg. Sol.
- Remove previous target of awarding 70% of the total funds to reactive safety projects and 30% of the funds to proactive safety projects to provide more flexibility in project selection.
- Application deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>, TAB approval in Nov/Dec.



# 2019-39: Funding Categories



# 2019-40: Modal Funding Ranges

	Roadways	Transit and TDM	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Unique	Total
Modal Funding Levels	48%-68% \$84M-\$119M	22%-32% \$39M-\$56M	10%-20% \$18M-\$35M	2.5% \$4M-\$5M	100% \$180M

# 2019-41: Minimum and Maximum Awards

Modal Categories	Application Categories	Minimum Federal Award	Maximum Federal Award
Roadways Including Multimodal Elements	Traffic Management Technologies	\$250,000	<del>\$7,000,000</del> \$3,500,000
	Spot Mobility and Safety	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
	Strategic Capacity	\$1,000,000	<del>7,000,000</del> \$10,000,000
	Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
	Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
Transit and TDM Projects	Bus Rapid Transit Program	N/A	TBD
	Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$7,000,000
	Transit Modernization	<del>\$100,000</del> \$500,000	\$7,000,000
	Travel Demand Management (TDM)	<del>\$75,000</del> \$100,000	\$500,000
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	\$250,000	<del>\$5,500,000</del> \$4,000,000
	Pedestrian Facilities	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
	Safe Routes to School	\$150,000	\$1,000,000



# Multiuse Trail Funding Options

TAB requested that options be brought back to them regarding about the possibility of funding a small number of large multiuse trail projects.

1. Allow for different maximums for projects with barriers and those without.
2. Create two different trail categories (big and small projects).
3. Allow for only one project to be awarded up to \$5.5M, the rest at the maximum of \$4M.
4. Use the \$4M maximum

# 2019-42: Regional Criteria Weighting Changes

- Minimal changes overall
- Minor edits due to introduction of new Spot Mobility and Safety category

Criteria	Traffic Mgmt. Tech.	<u>Spot Mobility &amp; Safety</u>	Strategic Capacity	Roadway Reconst/ Modern.	Roadway Bridges	Transit Exp.	Transit Modern.	TDM	Multi-Use Trails & Bike Facility	Ped. Facility	Safe Routes to School
Role in the Regional System	16%	<u>16%</u>	19%	<del>45</del> <u>10</u> %	18%	9%	9%	18%	18%	14%	--
Usage	11%	--	16%	16%	12%	32%	30%	9%	18%	14%	23%
Safety	18%	<u>25%</u>	14%	<del>44</del> <u>16</u> %	--	--	--	--	23%	27%	23%
Congestion /Air Quality	18%	<u>25%</u>	14%	<u>7</u> %	--	18%	5%	27%	--	--	--
Infrastructure Age	7%	--	4%	<del>44</del> <u>16</u> %	36%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Equity and Housing Performance	9%	<u>9%</u>	9%	9%	9%	18%	16%	14%	11%	11%	11%
Multimodal Facilities	5%	<u>9%</u>	9%	<u>9</u> <u>10</u> %	9%	9%	9%	--	9%	14%	--
Risk Assessment	7%	<u>7%</u>	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%	5%	12%	12%	12%
Relationship Between SRTS Elements	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23%
Transit Improvements	--	--	--	--	--	--	18%	--	--	--	--
TDM Innovation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18%	--	--	--
Cost Effectiveness (Points)	9%	<u>9%</u>	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	1,100	<u>1,100</u>	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100

# 2019-43: Scoring Measures (Equity and Housing, 1 of 2)

- Reduce Housing Performance total score from 70 points to 50 points across all application categories
- Include a new measure on Affordable Housing Access
  - Qualitative measure describing how the project improves access to affordable housing within 1/2 mile of the proposed project
  - 10 out of 50 points
- Increase Equity score by 20 points shifted from Housing Performance; total points varies across application categories
  - 50 points in Roadways; 70 points in Bike/Ped; 100-150 points in Transit; 50 points in TDM
  - 40% of Equity points for demonstrated engagement and outreach
  - 60% of Equity points for identified benefits and mitigation of negative impacts



# 2019-43: Scoring Measures (Equity and Housing, 2 of 2)

- Replace the multiplier for Areas of Concentrated Poverty with Bonus points
  - Bonus point only for projects scoring at least 80% on Equity measures
  - 25 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty with 50% people of color
  - 20 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty
  - 15 points for census tracts above regional average for poverty or people of color
  - 10 points for all other areas
- Provide applicant workshops and learning sessions on Equity, engagement and identifying project needs and solutions
- Convene a regional policy work group on Transportation and Equity
  - Council and Equity Advisory Committee, TAB, MnDOT, cities and counties
  - Investigate expanding beyond transportation issues

# 2019-43: Scoring Measures

- Inclusion of public involvement element in the Risk Assessment Form
- New pedestrian safety measure in the roadway applications (Spot Mobility & Safety, Strategic Capacity, and Reconstruction/ Modernization)
- Inclusion of the Regional Bicycle Barriers Study and Major River Barrier Crossings in the scoring based on TAC feedback in August
- Ability to reduce outside competitive funding secured from the total project cost when determining the cost effectiveness score (Roadways only)
- TAC F&P added a new line to allow for other studies to earn points under a Safe Routes to School Plan scoring measure

# 2019-44: Policies, Qualifying, And Eligibility

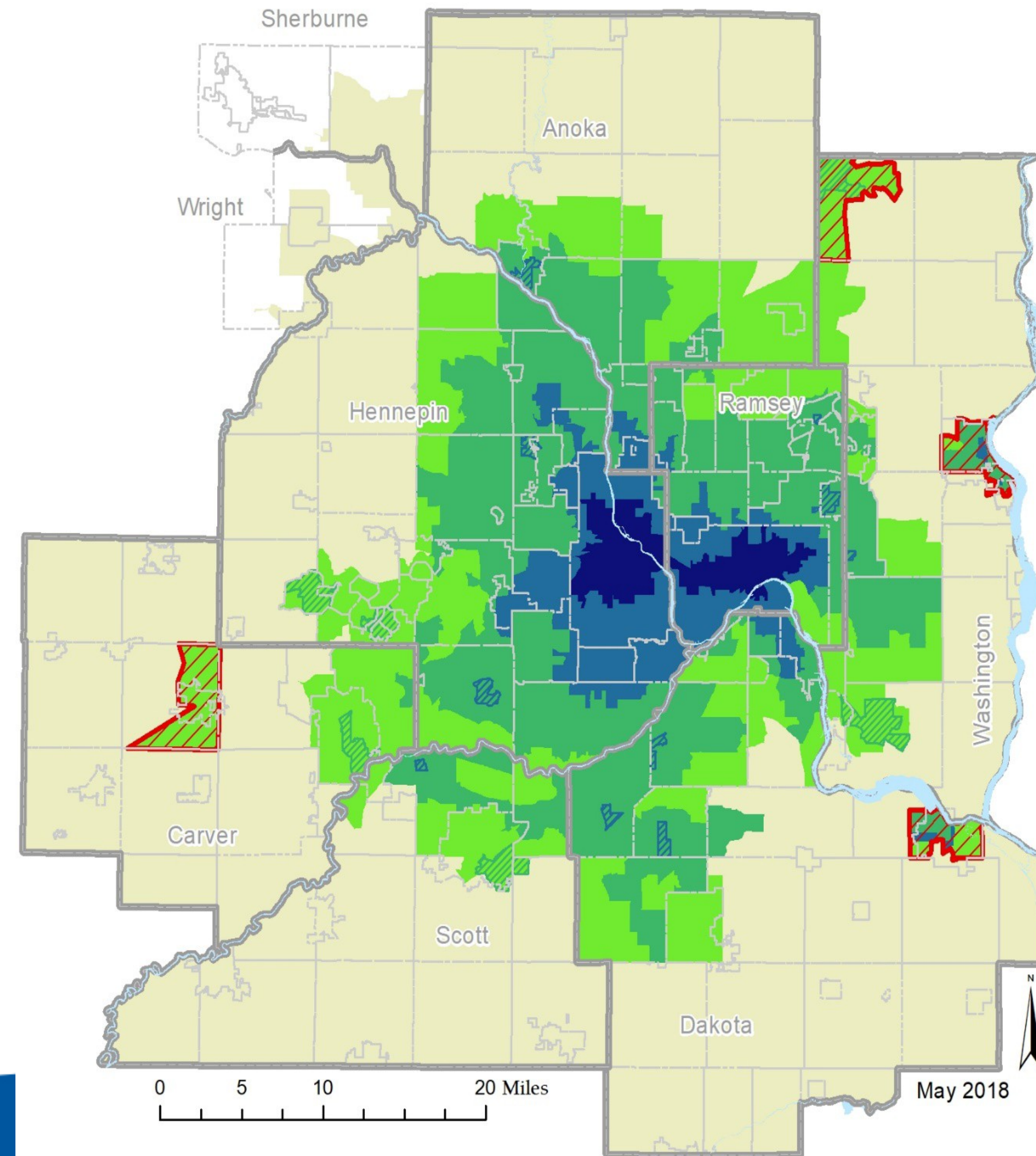
- Changes
  - Eliminate the \$10M minimum set-aside for Bridges
  - Applicant must have a completed ADA Transition Plan
  - Letter committing to snow and ice control on Multiuse Trail and Bicycle Facility projects
- TAC F&P recommended removal of:
  - “The construction cost of projects listed in the region’s draft or adopted TIP is assumed to be fully funded. TAB will not consider projects already listed in the draft or adopted TIP, nor the reimbursement of advanced construction funds for those projects, for funding through the solicitation process.”



# 2019-45: Funding Guarantees

- Continue guarantee to fund at least one project from each of the five eligible roadway functional classifications
- Transit New Market guarantee

Transit Market Areas



# 2019-46: Release for Public Comment

- September 23-Nov 6, 2019: Application out for public review
- Nov 2019: Application packet finalized
- Feb 2020: Application released
- April 2020: Applications due
- Nov/Dec 2020: Projects approved