

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2020-24

DATE: May 22, 2020

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: Release of the Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a public comment period.

REQUESTED ACTION: The Metropolitan Council requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) release the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a public comment period.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB release the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Comment.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects required for all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The TIP must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds along with all regionally significant projects. Federal regulations require that a TIP be developed at least every four years. The Metropolitan Council revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft 2021-2024 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from June 22 to August 6.

The 2021-2024 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- June 17, 2020 – TAB approves draft TIP for public review
- August 6, 2020 – Public review/comment period ends
- August 19, 2020 – TAB considers public comments and approval of the final TIP
- September 14, 2020 – Transportation Committee recommends concurrence with the TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 23, 2020 – Metropolitan Council concurrence with TAB approval of TIP
- September/October 2020 – MnDOT inclusion of TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- November/December 2020 – USDOT approves Minnesota STIP

The 2021-2024 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$4.8 billion for highway, freight transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Roughly 15% is from the Regional Solicitation. The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$4.7 Billion
 - Federal Highway – \$1.3 Billion
 - Federal Transit – \$1.2 Billion
 - Property Tax and State Taxes – \$1.6 Billion
 - Trunk Highway – \$524 Million

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially- or fully-funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity and opportunity for public input. It is the Metropolitan Council's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its May 21, 2020, meeting the Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2021-20245 TIP for release for a public comment period.

NOTE: Following the May 21 meeting, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requested the addition of clarifying information related to transit asset management (TAM) targets. Two points of clarification have been added: a statement that the MPO will use continue to use the regional TAM targets adopted in 2018 for 2021 (page 25) and a narrative that in 2019, over \$35 million in federal funds was spent on the purchase of replacement vehicles, which supports efforts to achieve the rolling stock target goals (page 26).

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	COMPLETION DATE
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	5/21/2020
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Release for Public Comment	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	