

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2021-34

DATE: August 27, 2021

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2022 Regional Solicitation: Policies, Qualifying Criteria and Eligibility

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2022 Regional Solicitation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAC recommended that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the attached policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: TAB must approve qualifying requirements, project eligibility, and other policy concerns as part of the overall application.

Attached are three sections of the Regional Solicitation: Introduction, Qualifying Requirements, and Forms. Few changes are being suggested for the 2022 cycle. Several changes to the qualifying recommendations are shown to exempt the new Unique Projects category. Changes include:

1. In Transit Expansion, applications cannot include the reinstatement of service to routes that were reduced or suspended as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications must be proposing expanded service beyond what existed prior to March 2020 service changes.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its August 19, 2021, meeting the TAC Funding and Programming Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the attached policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	8/19/2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	9/1/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	9/15/2021