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- To address the two issue areas from the 2017/2018 scoring and selection process, MnDOT is proposing some changes to the COC law.
- These changes are intended to make the COC selection process;
 - Operate better
 - Limit amount of wasted effort
 - Clarify intent
 - Increase opportunities for other projects across the state.

First Proposed Change

Local Stakeholder Screening Process



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MnDOT is proposing:

- The COC law be changed to include a new step in the project evaluation process, called the “Local Stakeholder Screening Process”.
- After the close of the Project Recommendation process, all the projects received will be grouped together according to their respective Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) geographic boundaries.

Local Stakeholder Screening Process

For Project Recommendations in Greater Minnesota ATPs:

- The local ATP shall review all of the project recommendations received for their area.
- Each ATP will select up to three projects to recommend be advanced to the scoring phase of the selection process (How they determine that is up to each ATP).
- Only the three recommended projects will be developed for scoring and selection, with the remaining project recommendations dropped from further consideration.

Local Stakeholder Screening Process

Project Recommendations in the Metro ATP:

- Project Recommendations from the seven counties in the Metropolitan Council area will be reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).
- TAB will recommend up to 10 projects to be advanced to the scoring phase of the selection process (How they determine that is up to TAB).
- Only the 10 recommended projects will be developed for scoring and selection, with the remaining project recommendations dropped from further consideration.

Local Stakeholder Screening Process

For Project Recommendations in the Metro ATP:

- Project recommendations within Chisago County, will be reviewed by the Chisago County Board.
- The County Board may recommend one project from their area to be advanced to the scoring phase of the selection process, using their own criteria.
- Only the one recommended project will be developed for scoring and selection, with the remaining project recommendations dropped from further consideration.

Local Stakeholder Screening Process

- A maximum number of 32 projects would be fully developed and scored.
- 21 from Greater Minnesota and 11 from the Metro.
- The Greater Minnesota projects would compete against each other and the Metro projects would compete against each other in the scoring phase.
- That would be 32 projects needing development work versus the 173 from the last cycle.

Second Proposed Change

Definition of Regional Balance



Definition in Law

MnDOT is Proposing:

Under the “Definitions” section of the COC statute, the following be added;

“Reginal Balance - approximately 50 percent of the available funding be spent within eight counties which make up MnDOT’s Metro District and approximately 50 percent of the available funding is to be spent within counties that make-up the other districts in greater Minnesota.”

Definition in Law

- This was the definition MnDOT used for the scoring process in 2018.
- It is based upon county boundaries and is easily understood by everyone.

Third Proposed Change

Small Projects

Category



Creation of a Small Projects Category

- MnDOT took from the pushback during the 2017 Funding project announcement that the COC program needed to provide better geographic balance in Greater Minnesota.
- Because of higher traffic volumes, number of crashes, congestion delays, and other factors, projects that are closer to the Metro Area will naturally score better than those in the more rural areas.
- To help find a better balance, MnDOT is proposing to create a Small Projects Category in Greater Minnesota.

Creation of a Small Projects Category

MnDOT is Proposing:

- The Greater Minnesota share of the COC funding be further divided into two sub-categories, Small Projects and Large Projects.

Small Projects Category would be for those project recommendations that the total cost of the project is \$10 M or less.

Large Projects Category would be for all those project recommendations that the total cost of the project is more than \$10 M.

Creation of a Small Projects Category

MnDOT is Proposing:

- 25% of the Greater Minnesota area split of COC funding would go for towards the Small Projects Category.
- All of the Greater Minnesota projects would still be scored against each other, however only the highest scoring projects \$10 M or less in total cost would be selected for the Small Projects Category.

Time to Hear From You

- What do you think of MnDOT's proposed changes to the Corridors of Commerce program?
- Do the ATP's/TAB feel they can review and screen down the number of Project Recommendations for scoring?
- Do any legislators in attendance today have any concerns or additional recommendations that MnDOT might want to consider proposing?

MnDOT Proposed Changes - Summary

1. Addition of a local stakeholder screening step to the process.
2. Formally define Regional Balance as 50% of the funding for the Metro ATP and 50% of the funding for Greater MN ATP areas.
3. Create a new Small Projects program within the Greater Minnesota portion of the funding for projects under \$10 M total cost.

Thank You

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