

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: May 3, 2023

Date: April 26, 2023

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2024 Regional Solicitation: Measures and Scoring Guidance

To: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested Action

Approval of the attached measures and scoring guidance for each application category for the 2024 Regional Solicitation

Recommended Motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approval of the measures and scoring guidance for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Background and Purpose

The Regional Solicitation for Federal Transportation Project Funding is part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. TAB selects projects for funding from four federal programs: the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, Carbon Reduction program (pending further TAB and Council input), and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program. The attached materials include the application categories, criteria for each category, proposed measures within the criteria, and proposed scoring guidance for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

The measures and guidance are attached for all 12 funding categories with changes shown. Very few changes are proposed. They include:

- Transit ridership and route coverage: Shift from 2019 to 2022. In the 2022 Regional Solicitation, 2019 data was used because of uncertainty early in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Transit Technical Working Group recommends using 2022 data. This applies to the transit categories as well as person throughput measures in roadways categories.
- Clarification that a Safe Routes to School Plan does not have to be MnDOT sponsored.
- Allowing Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement projects on collectors (minor collector and above in the urban areas or a major collector and above in the rural areas) to apply for funding to ensure that the bridges with the worst condition on the transportation system are being funded regardless of functional classification.

Relationship to Regional Policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

Committee Comments and Actions

At its April 20, 2023, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended approval of the measures and scoring guidance for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Scheduled / Completed
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	April 20, 2023
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>May 3, 2023</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	<i>May 17, 2023</i>

