



# PROTECT Funding

Information Item



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# Approach to PROTECT Funds

- 2024 – 2027 projects
  - Options Discussed Today
- Incorporate language into the 2024 solicitation application to identify new projects for 2028 and 2029
- Explore additional opportunities during the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study for the 2026 solicitation cycle and beyond



# Eligible Elements



## Elements Identified in Current Regional Solicitation Projects

- Storm sewer
- Ponding
- Erosion and landscaping
- Retaining walls

# PROTECT Funding by Year

|                 | 2024        | 2025        | 2026        | 2027        | 2028                             | 2029 | 2030                             | 2031 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
| PROTECT Funding | \$6,278,400 | \$6,278,400 | \$4,708,800 | \$3,531,600 | 2024 Regional Solicitation Cycle |      | 2026 Regional Solicitation Cycle |      |

- TAC F&P requested options that could utilize the 2025-2027 PROTECT funds from unfunded projects in the last Regional Solicitation
- TAB's Federal Funding Reallocation Policy suggests bringing options to TAB

# 2024 PROTECT Funding

- PROTECT funds in 2024 are being put into the draft TIP this spring and will be used on existing Regional Solicitation projects given the TIP timelines/rules.
- No action is needed for 2024 funds.

# 2025-2027 PROTECT Funding: Input Needed

Federal Funds Reallocation Policy: The first priority for use of future-year funds will be to include the funds in a future TAB solicitation process if at all possible. When not possible, TAB should first consider items 1-3 and 5 from the above list (i.e., advanced construction/payback). It can also consider other options such as selecting an unfunded project from the most recent solicitation that could be delivered within the required timeframe. Other options could include setting up a special solicitation, depending on the amount of funds and time available, or other measures as TAB deems appropriate to address unique opportunities.

[Transportation Advisory Board Federal Reallocation Policy \(metro council.org\)](https://metro council.org)

# 2025-2027: Option 1

## Use on Projects/Reduce Overprogramming

Similar to the approach for 2024 funds, use the PROTECT funding on eligible project elements within recently selected Regional Solicitation projects.

|   | 2025           | 2026           | 2027           |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Starting Balance by Year  | \$(17,077,234) | \$(15,233,627) | \$(19,442,095) |
| PROTECT Funding by Year   | \$6,278,400    | \$4,708,800    | \$3,531,600    |
| Use PROTECT on Eligible 2022 Projects Elements Results in Reduced Overprogramming | \$(10,798,834) | \$(10,524,827) | \$(15,910,495) |
| Yet to Program Carbon Reduction Funds   |                | \$7,980,000    | \$6,480,000    |

# 2025-2027: Option 2

## Use on a Mix of Existing Projects/Reduce Overprogramming and New Projects

The next unfunded project from 3 of the 12 application categories in the 2022 Regional Solicitation had eligible PROTECT elements as follows:

| Application Category     | Project  | Eligible Elements   | Eligible Costs | Total Project Request |
|--------------------------|--|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| Spot Mobility and Safety | Hennepin Co Rockford Rd Project  | Storm sewer   | \$177,000      | \$1,624,000           |
| Strategic Capacity       | Carver Co Highway 5 Lake Minnewashta and Arboretum Access and Mobility Project | Raising roadway out of the floodplain & reconnecting aquatic habitats | \$10,000,000   | \$10,000,000          |
| Roadway Reconstruction   | Washington Co CR 19A/100 <sup>th</sup> St Realignment                          | Storm sewer   | \$825,000      | \$7,000,000           |

Since there are not other federal funds to combine with the PROTECT funds in 2025-2027, the only viable option is the Highway 5 project as Carver Co's entire project request can be funded with PROTECT.



# 2025-2027: Option 2 (Continued)

## Use on a Mix of Existing Projects/Reduce Overprogramming and New Projects

- 2024: Use on existing projects
- 2025: Use \$5.1M on existing projects; \$1.2M on Highway 5 Lake Minnewashta and Arboretum Project
- 2026 & 2027: Use funds on the Highway 5 Lake Minnewashta and Arboretum Project
- The addition of a new roadway project slightly shifts the modal balance of the 2022 funding cycle for roadways by about 1% from 53% to 54% with a similar percentage decrease for the other modes.

|                 | 2024              | 2025   | 2026          | 2027          | 2028                         | 2029                         | 2030 | 2031 |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|
| PROTECT Funding | \$6,278,400       | \$6,278,400  | \$4,708,800   | \$3,531,600   | Select in 2024 Reg Sol Cycle | Select in 2026 Reg Sol Cycle |      |      |
| Option 2        | Existing Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5.1M on Existing Projects</li> <li>• \$1.2M on Hwy 5</li> </ul> | Hwy 5 Project | Hwy 5 Project | New Projects                 | New Projects                 |      |      |

# 2025-2027: Option 3

## Use funding in 2024 Regional Solicitation

- Staff does not believe that pushing the 2025-2027 funds to the 2024 Regional Solicitation cycle is a viable option. PROTECT can only be used on specific project elements within a larger project. Since the region does not have other federal funds in 2025-2027, we will not have a list of projects to mix and match PROTECT and STP/CMAQ funds. STP/CMAQ funding will be available in 2028 and 2029. PROTECT funds in these years can be used to mix and match funding sources.



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