

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2023

Date: July 27, 2023

Action Transmittal: 2023-39

RBTN Adjustments for 2024 Regional Solicitation

To: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested Action

Recommend approval of the updated Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) with administrative adjustments for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended Motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the updated RBTN with administrative adjustments for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation as shown on the attached map.

Background and Purpose

The Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in 2015 as the region's official bicycle network plan for transportation, setting the region's vision for bicycle network planning and investment. The goal of the RBTN is to develop an integrated, seamless network of on-street bikeways and off-street trails to effectively improve conditions for daily bicycle transportation and to encourage planning and implementation of the RBTN by local and state agencies. A public notice was distributed in April of the opportunity for agencies to request RBTN administrative adjustments for consideration. Administrative adjustments were defined to include the following categories:

- Alignment designations within existing RBTN corridors;
- Minor extensions up to one-half mile long that provide missing connections to RBTN alignments, regional trails, or regional destinations;
- Minor alignment or corridor centerline shifts to within one-quarter mile of the initial alignment/centerline in core cities, or to within one-half mile of the initial alignment/centerline outside core cities, and that continue to serve regional destinations served by the initial alignment.

The purpose of this action is to accept the updated RBTN with the administrative adjustments (see [RBTN Online Map](#)) for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Relationship to Regional Policy

The RBTN was established in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in January 2015. The RBTN sets regional priorities for bicycle transportation planning and investment. RBTN prioritized Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridors and alignments are used in the Regional Solicitation project selection criteria.

Staff Analysis

Staff received RBTN administrative adjustment requests or suggestions from three agencies. These potential changes were reviewed for consistency with the administrative adjustment categories that were announced for consideration. Most of the requests that fit the administrative adjustment categories were accepted and incorporated into the RBTN. There were two requests that were not accepted because the change would either reduce access to designated regional destinations or would require planning coordination and approval from other local agencies. These requested changes could be considered in a future update of the RBTN when more time allows for coordination with affected governments.

Committee Comments and Action

At its July 13, 2023 meeting, the TAC Planning Committee voted to accept and recommend approval of the updated RBTN with adjustments for the 2024 Solicitation. In response to one question from a committee member, staff indicated that alignment priority tiers could be reviewed in a future RBTN update.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Planning Committee	Accept & Recommend	July 13, 2023
Technical Advisory Committee	Accept & Recommend	<i>August 2, 2023</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Adopt for use in 2024 Regional Solicitation	<i>August 16, 2023</i>



Updated RBTN with Adjustments

Alignments

- Tier 1
- Tier 2

Corridor Centerlines

- Tier 1
- Tier 2

Corridors

- Tier 1
- Tier 2

Counties

Principal Arterials

