

2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Summary



Schedule for 2025-2028 TIP

Past and Upcoming Milestones

- ~~• TAB released draft for public review – May 16, 2024~~
- ~~• Public review/comment period ended – July 1, 2024~~
- TAB considers comments, recommends approval – August 21, 2024
- Transportation Committee recommends approval – August 26, 2024
- Metropolitan Council approval – September 11, 2024
- MnDOT inclusion into STIP – September/October 2024
- Federal approvals – November/December 2024

45-Day Public Review Period

- GOAL: Gather feedback, information about impact, and other community knowledge related to regional transportation projects
- AUDIENCE: Residents, commuters, business owners, community organizations, advocacy organizations
- APPROACH:
 - Email, web posting, and social media to promote public comment period and public meeting
 - Coordinate communications and promotion of public comment period and public meeting with project sponsors, community organization, other connection points for stakeholder groups.
 - Host “virtual” public meeting.

Public Comments

The draft 2025-2028 TIP Public Comment Period was from May 17, 2024, to July 1, 2024. A public meeting was held on June 18, 2024.

- 430 unique visitors to the web page.
- 125 Facebook engagements (1,852 people reached)
- 3 X / Twitter engagements (329 impressions)
- 5,832 GovDelivery emails opened
- 98 comments received from 94 different commenters
 - 95 comments written
 - 3 comments from virtual public meeting

Public Comments (2)

Engagement Themes

- **Rethinking I-94** – 71 comments were related to the bridge repair and replacement projects within the Rethinking I-94 study area. 68 of those comments opposed these actions based on the improvements being completed before resolution of the Rethinking I-94 study and the prospect of the investments influencing the outcome. Three were in support of the projects due to bridge safety and preference that I-94 remain a freeway.
- Four comments expressed opposition to changing I-94 away from its freeway status, while two expressed a preference for that change.
- **Highway 280 and Broadway** – Four comments expressed opposition to removing the left turn lane to Broadway from northbound MN 280.
- **Highway 252** – Four commenters requested removal of the MnDOT Highway 252 projects, citing community opposition and shortfalls related to meeting TPP and Hennepin County goals.
- Many non-project-specific comments, including:
 - Ten comments were related to modal preferences.
 - Two comments suggested the region needs a stronger focus on investments in GHG reduction and improving the environment.



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