

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Date: May 28, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2025-19

Adoption of the Draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending public comment

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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Requested Action

The Metropolitan Council staff requests adoption of the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Recommended Motion

That the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that TAB recommend adoption of the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Summary

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects required for all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The TIP must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds along with all regionally significant projects. Federal regulations require that a TIP be developed at least every four years. The Metropolitan Council revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft 2026-2029 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from May 24 to July 7.

The 2026-2029 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- May 21, 2025 – TAB releases draft TIP for public review
- June 17, 2025 – Virtual public meeting
- July 7, 2025 – Public review/comment period ends
- August 20, 2025 – TAB considers public comments, recommends potential changes in response to the comments and recommends approval of the final TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- August 25, 2025 – Transportation Committee recommends approval of the TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 10, 2025 – Metropolitan Council approves the TIP
- September/October 2025 – MnDOT inclusion of metro area TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- November 2025 – USDOT approves Minnesota STIP

The 2026-2029 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$6.4 billion for highway, freight transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Roughly 18% of federal funding is from the Regional Solicitation (including HSIP Solicitation). The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$6.4 Billion
 - Federal Highway – \$1.8 Billion
 - Federal Transit – \$1.2 Billion
 - Property Tax and State Taxes – \$2.5 Billion
 - Trunk Highway Funds – \$884 Million

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially- or fully funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the Metropolitan Council's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

Committee Comments and Action

At its May 15, 2025, meeting the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommended that Technical Advisory Committee recommend that TAB recommend adoption of the draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date <i>Scheduled / Completed</i>
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	5/15/2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	6/4/2025
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	8/20/2025
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	8/25/2025
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	9/10/2025

