

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-29

DATE: July 30, 2013
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
REQUESTED ACTION: The Metropolitan Council requests that the TAB adopt the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and forward to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The TIP for 2014-2017 is a multi-modal program of highway transit, bicycle, pedestrian and transportation enhancement projects proposed for federal funding in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The region revises its TIP every year. The TIP is consistent with the most recently updated Transportation Policy Plan adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with air quality conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The inclusion of a specific project in the TIP does not imply an endorsement of the specific design alternative or engineering details. Inclusion in the TIP is a funding commitment assuming the individual project development process has addressed all local, state or federal requirements. The 2014-2017 TIP is attached.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially funded with federal funds must be in an approved TIP 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 TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The TIP meets fiscal constraint because the federal, state and local funds are sufficient to fully fund the projects. The 2014-2017 TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on November 10, 2010, with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on February 23, 2011. The Minnesota Interagency Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee identified regionally-significant projects as part of its conformity analysis for the 2014-2017 TIP, which is included as Appendix B. The analysis in the attachment has resulted in a Conformity Determination that the projects included in the 2014-2017 TIP meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and budget tests. The 2014-2017 TIP conforms to

the relevant sections of the Federal Conformity Rule and to the applicable sections of Minnesota State Implementation Plan for air quality. Public input was provided during a 45-day public comment period. A separate public comment report details the comments received.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	July 18, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Concurrence	
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