

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2013-21

DATE: April 19, 2013

TO: Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: Adoption of the Draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of holding a public hearing

REQUESTED ACTION: Metropolitan Council requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of a public hearing and set the hearing date for June 19, 2013.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of a public hearing and set the hearing date for June 19, 2013.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Federal regulations require that a Transportation Improvement Program (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 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The draft 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 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 TAB's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its April 18, 2013, meeting, the Funding and Programming Committee unanimously adopted the motion to recommend the TAB adopt the draft 2014-2017 TIP for the purpose of a public hearing and set the hearing date for June 19, 2013, with one abstention. The committee discussed the possibility of forwarding it to TAC without action because of concerns about not having enough time to review the draft TIP to ensure consistency with the Transportation Policy Plan. Committee members can send comments to staff before April 24th for inclusion in a revised draft for the May 1, 2013, TAC meeting.

ROUTING

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