

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

DATE: April 11, 2014

TO: Funding & Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2017 CMAQ Transit Capital Project Selection

REQUESTED ACTION: Metropolitan Transportation Services requests a recommendation for TAB approval of projects from the Request For Projects for Regionally Significant Transit Capital Projects for \$20 million in 2017 CMAQ funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that TAB select projects for 2017 CMAQ transit capital funding.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: In March of 2014, TAB recommended the authorization of \$20 million of CMAQ funds for regionally significant transit capital projects. The Metropolitan Council released the request for projects on March 20, 2014. The project evaluation criteria are: (1) regional significance; (2) usage and impacts of the project; (3) equity; (4) project readiness; (5) project costs; and (6) emissions reduction.

The application deadline was April 11, 2014. MTS received six applications for a total request of \$35,960,000 for the \$20 million available.

A CMAQ Project Rating Committee was established upon recommendation by the Technical Advisory Committee with representatives from MnDOT Metro District; Metropolitan Transportation Services, Southwest Transit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Scott County (representing TAC).

The rating committee will review the six projects and will rate with the six criteria (high/medium/low). The various criteria have one to three individual measures that will be considered in developing one rating. Please see the attached spreadsheet that the Rating Committee will use. The ratings will be presented at the Funding & Programming Committee meeting.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: TAB develops the process for awarding regional federal transportation funds and approves projects for funding.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This one-time process is in response to the time sensitivity in allocating these 2017 CMAQ funds. A Project Rating Committee will review the projects and rate the individual criteria and present the ratings to the Funding & Programming Committee which in turn will recommend the projects to be funded.

ROUTING

| TO | ACTION REQUESTED | DATE COMPLETED |
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| TAC Funding & Programming Committee | Review & Recommend | |
| Technical Advisory Committee | Review & Recommend | |
| Transportation Advisory Board | Review & Approve | |
| Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee | Concurrence | |
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2017 CMAQ Transit Capital Criteria Rating

| | Regional Significance | Usage & Impacts | Equity | Project Readiness | Project Costs | Emissions Reductions | Composite Rating |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Lake Street Station at I-35W | | | | | | | |
| B Line Bus Rapid Transit | | | | | | | |
| Downtown Hopkins LRT Station Park-and-Ride Structure | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota River Valley 169 Connector | | | | | | | |
| MOA Transit Station | | | | | | | |
| TH 77 - Cedar Grove Transit Station | | | | | | | |
| Methodology | | | | | | | |