

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

DATE: February 14, 2014
TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee
PREPARED BY: Heidi Schallberg, Senior Planner (651-602-1721)
SUBJECT: 2015-2018 TIP Development Schedule
REQUESTED ACTION: Metropolitan Council requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the development schedule for the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the proposed schedule for the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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 attached schedule includes the major dates in the development process for the 2015-2018 TIP. This schedule differs from previous years in that the draft TIP will be presented beginning at the Funding and Programming Committee in May instead of April. After the public comment period, the comments and final TIP will be taken back to TAB directly, consistent with other Council processes. This change in process allows additional time for the draft development in April and eliminates a conflict with MnDOT STIP development schedules and Council committee schedules in April. The public input process is under discussion and the format of it may change, but any changes to it would not affect the TIP development schedule.

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.

ROUTING

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

2015-2018 TIP/STIP ADOPTION *Draft* SCHEDULE
All dates are in 2014

DATE	ITEM	ORGANIZATION	ACTION/TOPIC
February 20	TIP Schedule/Public input process	TAC – F&PC	<input type="checkbox"/> Review and accept TIP adoption schedule
March 5	TIP Schedule/Public input process	TAC	<input type="checkbox"/> TAC reviews TIP schedule, recommends to TAB
March 19	TIP Schedule/Public input process	TAB	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews and adopts TIP schedule and public input process
May 8	Draft 2015-2018 TIP	MC Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Email to TAC F&PC
May 15	Draft 2015-2018 TIP	TAC – F&PC	<input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT summary of elements and changes <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend to TAC
June 4	Draft 2015-2018 TIP	TAC	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommends to TAB for purpose of public meeting and comment
June 18	Draft 2015-2018 TIP	TAB	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopts Draft TIP <input type="checkbox"/> MPCA letter of comment for air quality conformity included <input type="checkbox"/> Public comment period starts by 6/25 <input type="checkbox"/> Input process – notice in State Register if hearing is held
Aug 8	45 – day public comment period ends		
Aug 13	Prepare Public Comment Report Draft TIP revised to address public comment	MC and TAB staff prepares	<input type="checkbox"/> Email to TAB
August 20	Public Comment Report and Final TIP	TAB	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopts Public Hearing Report and Final TIP and forwards to MC.
September 8	Final TIP	MC Transportation Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Review and recommends to MC
September 24	Final TIP	Met Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopts, forwards to MnDOT w/ TIP checklist
September-October	Regional TIP is incorporated into State TIP	MnDOT Central Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Forwarded to federal agencies
September-November	Conformity Determination by Federal Agencies	FHWA/FTA/EPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews and Recommends Approval
November	STIP Approved	FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve STIP