

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2016-05**

**DATE:** December 15, 2015

**TO:** TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2016 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and Maximum Funding Amounts.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Recommend approval of minimum and maximum funding amounts for the 2016 regional solicitation.

**RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:** TAC Funding & Programming recommends to TAC approval of the minimum and maximum funding amounts for the 2016 regional solicitation..

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The Regional Solicitation for federal transportation projects is part of the Metropolitan Council’s federally-required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Metropolitan Council staff discussed the minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2016 Regional Solicitation, by application category, with the Funding & Programming Committee at its October meeting. The proposed amounts are shown in the below table, with changes from the 2014 Regional Solicitation indicated via strikethroughs and underlines.

Modal Categories	Modal Application Categories	Minimum Federal Award	Maximum Federal Award
<b>Roadways Including Multimodal Elements</b>	Roadway Expansion	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
	Roadway Reconstruction/ Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
	Roadway System Management	\$250,000	\$7,000,000
	Bridge Rehabilitation/ Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities</b>	Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	<del>\$1,250,000</del> <u>\$250,000</u>	<del>\$5,500,000</del> <u>\$3,500,000</u>
	Pedestrian Facilities	<del>\$1,250,000</del> <u>\$250,000</u>	\$1,000,000
	Safe Routes to School	<del>\$1,250,000</del> <u>\$150,000</u>	\$1,000,000
<b>Transit and TDM Projects</b>	Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$7,000,000
	Travel Demand Management (TDM)	\$75,000	\$300,000
	Transit System Modernization	\$100,000	\$7,000,000

Committee members felt that the maximum federal amount for Multiuse Trails and Bicycle facilities should be reduced from \$5.5 million to \$3.5 million in order to facilitate the funding of more projects. Previous Regional Solicitations had a \$1 million maximum for

Transportation Enhancements, though STP funds could be used in larger amounts. The \$5.5 million maximum was based on the previous maximum for STP.

Staff suggested the increased minimum amounts for the three Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities applications in order to avoid funding projects that are too costly from a federal compliance perspective.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Funding & Programming	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	