

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-41

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TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2020 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and
Maximum Funding Amounts and Inflation Factor

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of minimum and maximum funding amounts for the 2020
Regional Solicitation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend to
TAC minimum and maximum funding amounts for the 2020
Regional Solicitation reflective of the 2018 Regional Solicitation
with six changes:

- a decrease in the Traffic Management Technologies maximum
from \$7M to \$3.5M
- a \$1M minimum and \$3.5M maximum for the new Spot Mobility
& Safety category
- an increase in the Strategic Capacity (Roadway Expansion)
maximum from \$7M to \$10 M.
- an increase in the Transit Modernization minimum from
\$100,000 to \$500,000
- an increase in the TDM minimum from \$75,000 to \$100,000
- a decrease in the Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities
maximum from \$5.5M to \$4M

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Shown on the following page are the minimum and
maximum federal funding amounts used for the 2018 Regional Solicitation.

Traffic Management Technologies reflects a reduced federal maximum in line with the typical size of
projects, as does the new Spot Mobility & Safety category.

Strategic Capacity (Roadway Expansion) shows an increased maximum meant to enable key
expansion projects to get around 1/3 of the total project cost funded through the Regional Solicitation,
particularly for interchange projects.

Transit Modernization and Travel Demand Management show increased minimum awards to assure
that funding is not awarded to small projects that would be overwhelmed by the federal process.

Prior to the 2018 Solicitation, TAC recommended reducing the Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities
maximum to \$3.5M, to enable the funding of more projects. The \$5.5M was retained by TAB because
larger projects are more effective. A \$4M maximum is shown to help fund more projects.

Modal Categories	Application Categories	Minimum Federal Award	Maximum Federal Award
Roadways Including Multimodal Elements	Traffic Management Technologies	\$250,000	\$7,000,000 \$3,500,000
	Spot Mobility and Safety	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
	Strategic Capacity	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000 \$10,000,000
	Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
	Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
Transit and TDM Projects	Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$7,000,000
	Transit Modernization	\$100,000 -\$500,000	\$7,000,000
	Travel Demand Management (TDM)	\$75,000 -\$100,000	\$500,000
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	\$250,000	\$5,500,000 \$4,000,000
	Pedestrian Facilities	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
	Safe Routes to School	\$150,000	\$1,000,000

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff recommends these changes. Further, staff recommends a determination that inflation not be added to projects selected, consistent with the approach from the last two cycles.

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

ROUTING		
TO	ACTION REQUESTED	COMPLETION DATE
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	