

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2019-45

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TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2020 Regional Solicitation: Guaranteed Funding

REQUESTED ACTION: Decision on whether to continue to fund at least one roadway project in each functional classification and to fund at least one “new market” transit project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAB continue to fund at least one roadway project in each functional classification and to fund at least one “new market” transit project.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Following the 2014 Regional Solicitation, TAC and TAB discussed the difficulty that applications along some roadway classifications, specifically A-minor connectors, had in scoring high enough to be funded. Therefore, for the 2016 Regional Solicitation, a policy was added stating that at least one project from each of the five eligible functional classifications must be funded to ensure that all parts of the system receive investment. This was continued in the 2018 funding cycle. In both Solicitations, the result was that an A-minor connector project was funded despite not being ranked high enough to be funded based on its score. The five eligible roadway classifications include:

- Non-freeway principal arterials
- A-minor augmentors
- A-minor connectors
- A-minor expanders
- A-minor relievers

During the Policy Work Group Process, a bus rapid transit (BRT) program was discussed. Along with this new program would come a guarantee that at least one “new market” expansion project would be funded. This would be a project that serves Transit Market Area (as defined in the TPP) III, IV, or V or a freestanding town center. Projects that serve Downtown Minneapolis, Downtown St. Paul, or the University of Minnesota would not be considered new market projects.

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	
