ACTION TRANSMITTAL - 2021-30

DATE: August 13, 2021

TO: TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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SUBJECT: 2022 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and

Maximum Funding Amounts

REQUESTED Approval of the minimum and maximum funding amounts for the

ACTION: 2022 Regional Solicitation

RECOMMENDED That the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend to

MOTION: TAC minimum and maximum funding amounts for the 2022

Regional Solicitation reflective of the 2020 Regional Solicitation

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Shown in Table 1 are the minimum and maximum federal funding amounts used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation. To this point, the one change that has been discussed is a reduction of the Strategic Capacity maximum from the \$10M that was established in 2020 back to \$7M, based on the deference the larger amount provides to the category. In 2020, this amount was increased to enable key expansion projects to get around 1/3 of the total project cost funded through the Regional Solicitation, particularly for interchange projects. No change from 2020 has been recommended by any committee as of this date.

Prior to the 2016 Regional Solicitation, modest inflation adjustments were made to each federal award, based on program year (usually around 2% per year). This practice was eliminated in 2016 to enable funding of more projects.

Table 1: Application Federal Minimum and Maximum Awards

Moda	Application Categories	Min Federal Award	Max Federal Award			
Uniqu	e Projects	\$500,000	\$4,000,000			
Roadways Including Multimodal Elements						
•	Traffic Management Technologies	\$250,000	\$3,500,000			
•	Spot Mobility and Safety	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000			
•	Strategic Capacity	\$1,000,000	\$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						
•	Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project	N/A	\$25,000,000			
•	Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$7,000,000			
•	Transit Modernization	\$500,000	\$7,000,000			
•	Travel Demand Management (TDM)	\$100,000	\$500,000			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities						
•	Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	\$250,000	\$5,500,000			
•	Pedestrian Facilities	\$250,000	\$1,000,000			
•	Safe Routes to School (Infrastructure)	\$250,000	\$1,000,000			

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff recommends maintaining the minimum and maximum federal awards for the Roadways, Transit/TDM, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities categories. For Unique Projects, staff recommends a \$500,000 minimum, while the maximum of approximately \$4,000,000 is reflective of the total available after funding the Travel Behavior Inventory. Further, staff recommends a determination that inflation not be added to projects selected, consistent with the approach from the last three cycles.

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

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ТО	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED / COMPLETED
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	8/19/2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	9/1/2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	9/15/2021