

**Date:** January 20, 2022

**To:** TAC FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

**From:** Molly McCartney, MnDOT Metro District

**RE:** Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) Funds in Metro District

This memo outlines criteria by which Metro District leadership have considered for programming the CRRSAA discretionary funds allotted to the district. There is additional MnDOT directed CRRSAA funds that will impact the Metro District that are Commissioner directed. This funding will be programmed with the 2023-2026 TIP and STIP, with the exception of a project approved recently by TAB.

Additional guidance that the department and district have considered with this funding is that it must be authorized by end of federal fiscal year 2024 (September 30, 2024), and it is 100% federal funds, with no required local match.

## **I. District discretionary funding**

### **1. Metro District Risk Management Distribution: \$13,600,000**

Metro District was allocated CRRSAA funding for use to advance STIP/CHIP investments and funding gaps in programmed projects. District leadership identified additional bridge preservation needs in the I-494 Minnesota River Bridge rehabilitation project programmed in 2023. The design costs for ancillary bridges, a multiuse trail, and traffic management added to the project in the last year resulted in a construction cost increase that this funding will cover.

### **2. Capital Investments in Underserved Communities: \$3,600,000**

The department directed the district to focus this funding on non-motorized investments, targeting urban corridors/main street type projects with multimodal needs, including accessible pedestrian infrastructure. Metro mapped programmed projects with funding needs within census tracts with high number of car-free households, and high reliance on walking, biking, and transit. The East 7<sup>th</sup>/Arcade (Hwy 6/US 61) project on the East Side of St. Paul that is programmed in 2024 and has additional needs was selected for this funding.

## **II. Commissioner directed funding**

The following CRRSAA funding, directed by the Commissioner, will also impact Metro District.

### **1. Federal and state grant projects with gaps**

- US 10 Gateway project in Anoka County. \$15,000,000
- I-494 Corridors of Commerce project \$16,500,000

2. Statewide Bridge Preservation \$4,700,000
  - The additional bridge preservation needs for the I-494 Minnesota River Bridge rehabilitation project programmed in 2023 will also be receiving this funding.
  
3. Other CRRSAA funding that may impact Metro District but will not be programmed in the TIP/STIP
  - Expanded Programs to Develop and Hire a Diverse Workforce \$4,000,000
  - Negotiated Construction Contracts for Certified Businesses \$3,000,000
  - Preventive Maintenance Pilot Program \$4,500,000