

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Date: May 11, 2022

Action Transmittal: 2022-24

Adoption of the Draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending public comment

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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Requested Action

The Metropolitan Council requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Recommended Motion

That the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend that TAC recommend to TAB adoption of the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with consideration for public comments.

Summary

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects required for all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The TIP must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds along with all regionally significant projects. Federal regulations require that a TIP be developed at least every four years. The Metropolitan Council revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft 2023-2026 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from May 22 to July 5.

The 2023-2026 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- May 18, 2022 – TAB releases draft TIP for public review
- July 5, 2022 – Public review/comment period ends
- August 17, 2022 – TAB considers public comments and recommends approval of the final TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 12, 2022 – Transportation Committee recommends approval of the TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 28, 2022 – Metropolitan Council approves the TIP
- September/October 2022 – MnDOT inclusion of TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- November 2022 – USDOT approves Minnesota STIP

The 2023-2026 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$5.6 billion for highway, freight transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Roughly 16% of federal funding is from the Regional

Solicitation. The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$5.6 Billion
 - Federal Transit – \$1.6 Billion
 - Federal Highway – \$1.5 Billion
 - Property Tax and State Taxes – \$1.8 Billion
 - Trunk Highway – \$530 Million

Relationship to Regional Policy

Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially- or fully funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the Metropolitan Council's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these four requirements.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Scheduled / Completed
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	5/19/2022
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	6/1/2022
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	8/17/2022
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	9/12/2022
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	9/28/2022

