

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



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2024 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and Maximum Federal Awards

**To:** TAC Funding and Programming Committee

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### Requested Action

Adopt minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

### Recommended Motion

That the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommend to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adoption of minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

### Background and Purpose

Shown in Table 1 are the minimum and maximum federal funding amounts used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation. The maximum awards, many of which were established in 2014, have not been changed to reflect inflation. This is in large part because increasing federal award size would have the impact of reducing the number of projects funded.

Table 1: Application Federal Minimum and Maximum Awards

Modal Application Categories	Min Federal Award	Max Federal Award
<b>Unique Projects</b>		
Unique Projects	\$500,000	\$4,000,000
<b>Roadways</b>		
Traffic Management Technologies	\$500,000	\$3,500,000
Spot Mobility and Safety	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
Strategic Capacity	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
Roadway Recon/ Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
<b>Transit</b>		
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
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities</b>		
Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	\$500,000	\$5,500,000
Pedestrian Facilities	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
Safe Routes to School	\$250,000	\$1,000,000

## Relationship to Regional Policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

### Staff Analysis

To this point, no committee has made any specific recommendations, but TAC has requested that TAC Funding and Programming further explore the topic. The focus of discussion has been around the balance between awards helping fund larger parts of projects (i.e., increasing maximum federal awards) and funding a larger number of projects (i.e., not increasing maximum federal awards).

Table 2 provides additional notes related to the history of the maximum awards. Minimum awards have not been discussed at any committee meeting.

**Table 2: History of Federal Maximum Awards by Category**

Modal Application Categories	Established	Notes
<b>Unique Projects</b>		
Unique Projects	2022	Maximum based on total available.
<b>Roadways</b>		
Traffic Management Technologies	2020	Reduced from \$7M because applications are low cost. No applications for max in 2022.
Spot Mobility and Safety	2020	New category in 2020. No applications requested the max in 2022.
Strategic Capacity	2020	Increased from \$7M to \$10M because projects tend to be high cost. 8/11 applied for max in 2020 with 7 significantly over 20% match.
Roadway Recon/ Modernization	2014	In 2014, inflation adjustments were added.* 14/31 applied for max in 2022 (11 had significantly over 20% match).
Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	2014	1/5 applied for max in 2022.
<b>Transit</b>		
Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project	2020	New category in 2020.
Transit Expansion	2014	2/7 applied for max in 2022 and 4 applied for over \$5M.
Transit Modernization	2014	1/7 applied for max in 2022 and 2 applied for over \$5M.
Travel Demand Management (TDM)	2018	Increased from \$300,000 due to low number of applications. 2/7 applied for max in 2022 but 6/7 applied for more than previous max.
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities</b>		
Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	2014	8/49 applied for max in 2022. 18 applied for more than \$3.5M.
Pedestrian Facilities	2022	Increased from \$1M to \$2M in 2022. 5/10 applied for max in 2022.
Safe Routes to School	2014	4/10 applied for max in 2022.

\*a 2% per year inflation adjustment was added in 2014. This tended to result in federal awards of 6% to 12% above the applied-for federal amount (i.e., \$7,420,000 to \$7,840,000). This was discontinued in 2016, effectively reducing the federal award in favor of funding a higher number of projects.



## Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Scheduled / Completed
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>April 20, 2023</i>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>May 3, 2023</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	<i>May 17, 2023</i>



Table 3: 5% Inflation (First Year at Current Maximum Highlighted in Yellow)

	2014 Max	2024 Value	2016 Max	2024 Value	2018 Max	2024 Value	2020 Max	2024 Value	2022 Max	2024 Value
<b>Roadways</b>										
System Management/TMT	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$3.5M	\$4,254,272	\$3.5M	\$3,858,750
Spot Mobility/Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3.5M	\$4,254,272	\$3.5M	\$3,858,750
Strategic Capacity	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$10M	\$12,155,063	\$10M	\$11,025,000
Reconstruction/Modernization	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$7M	\$8,508,544	\$7M	\$7,717,500
Bridge	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$7M	\$8,508,544	\$7M	\$7,717,500
<b>Transit</b>										
Transit Expansion	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$7M	\$8,508,544	\$7M	\$7,717,500
Transit Modernization	\$7M	\$11,402,262	\$7M	\$9,849,703	\$7M	\$9,380,669	\$7M	\$8,508,544	\$7M	\$7,717,500
ABRT	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25M	\$30,387,656	\$25M	\$27,562,500
TDM	-	-	\$0.3M	\$422,130	\$0.5M	\$670,048	\$0.5M	\$607,753	\$0.5M	\$551,250
<b>Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facilities</b>										
Multiuse Trails / Bicycle	\$5.5M	\$8,958,920	\$5.5M	\$7,739,052	\$5.5M	\$7,370,526	\$5.5M	\$6,685,284	\$5.5M	\$6,063,750
Pedestrian Facilities	\$1M	\$1,628,895	\$1M	\$1,407,100	\$1M	\$1,340,096	\$1M	\$1,215,506	\$2M	\$2,205,000
Safe Routes to School	\$1M	\$1,628,895	\$1M	\$1,407,100	\$1M	\$1,340,096	\$1M	\$1,215,506	\$1M	\$1,102,500

