

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



**Committee Meeting Date:** January 18, 2024

**Date:** January 11, 2024

## Action Transmittal: 2024-11

2024 Regional Solicitation Qualifying Review

**To:** TAC Funding & Programming Committee  
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### Requested Action

Review of each of the attached applications that may have reason for disqualification.

### Recommended Motion

The following qualification issues will be voted on separately. Recommend motions are:

- That St. Louis Park project (20475) be allowed to compete provided a MnDOT letter of support is provided by January 31, 2024.
- That Hennepin County project (20259) be disqualified unless it can provide commitment to year-round maintenance on the entire project by January 31, 2024.
- That Woodbury project (20201) be moved to the Pedestrian category and that the applicant be permitted to respond to measures not yet responded to by January 31, 2024.
- That Anoka project (20242) be allowed to compete provided a MnDOT letter of support is provided by January 31, 2024.

### Background and Purpose

Metropolitan Council staff reviewed the qualifying criteria and policy consistency for all project applications submitted in the 2024 Regional Solicitation. Under the TAB policies, the qualifying review decision ends with the TAC Funding & Programming Committee and does not continue to TAC or TAB.

### Staff Analysis

The following applications have potential qualifying issues. All applications not discussed below are qualified.

#### ***A. St. Louis Park: West End Trail Connection (20475, Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities)***

Qualifying Issue: While the proposed trail runs along city-owned roadways, it interacts with infrastructure from the mainline highway bridge. Due to this, a letter of support is needed from MnDOT. No letter of support was initially provided, and the application is now working with MnDOT to obtain a letter.

#### Options:

- Disqualify the project.

- Allow the project to compete, provided a MnDOT endorsement arrives by February 29, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Allow the project to compete provided the applicant provides a MnDOT letter of support from MnDOT by January 31, 2024. Anything later than that date would risk creating scoring complications.

Recommended Motion: That St. Louis Park project (20475) be allowed to compete provided a MnDOT letter of support is provided by January 31, 2024.

***B. Hennepin County: CR 116 (Fletcher Ln) Bikeway Project (20259, Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities)***

Qualifying Issue: A basic principle for trail projects is that they can be used year-round. Therefore, commitment to winter maintenance (i.e., snow and ice removal) is required. The proposed project would be in parts of two cities; Rogers and Corcoran. While Rogers committed to year-round maintenance, Corcoran did not, leaving a portion of this trail uncommitted for year-round maintenance.

Options:

- Disqualify the application.
- Allow the application to proceed as is.
- Allow the application to compete on condition that the entire project has a year-round maintenance (i.e., snow and ice removal) commitment by January 31, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Allow the project to compete on condition that the entire project has a year-round maintenance (i.e., snow and ice removal) commitment by January 31, 2024. This requirement was added because projects should not go unused for several months out of the year.

Recommended Motion: That Hennepin County project 20259 be disqualified unless it can provide commitment to year-round maintenance on the entire project by January 31, 2024.

***C. Woodbury: Valley Creek Road Trail Gap (20201, Safe Routes to School)***

Qualifying Issue: Neither the nearby school, nor school district is a participant in this project. While the definition of a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project only refers to a project's proximity to a school, an additional qualifying criterion, specific to SRTS says that all schools benefitting from the SRTS program must conduct after-implementation surveys. Note also that this application would qualify in the Pedestrian category.

Options:

- Disqualify the project.
- Allow the project to compete in the SRTS category.
- Allow the project to compete in the Pedestrian category:
- As is (i.e., with unfilled score for two measures totaling 300 pts, out of 1,100 points).
- With the opportunity to reply to missed questions (300 points maximum) by January 31, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Allow the project to compete in the Pedestrian category with the opportunity to respond to questions not included in the SRTS application by January 31, 2024.

Recommended Motion: That Woodbury project (20201) be moved to the Pedestrian category and that the applicant be permitted to respond to measures not yet responded to by January 31, 2024.

***D. Anoka: TH 47 at BNSF Railroad Crossing (20242, Roadway Reconstruction and Modernization)***

Qualifying Issue: The project is on State Highway 47. Because of this, a letter of support is needed from MnDOT. No letter of support was provided.

Options:

- Disqualify the project.



- Allow the project to compete, provided a MnDOT letter of support arrives by February 29, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Allow the project to compete provided there is a MnDOT letter of support from MnDOT by January 31, 2024.

Recommended Motion: That Anoka project (20242) be allowed to compete provided a MnDOT letter of support is provided by January 31, 2024.

### Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	January 18, 2024

