

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



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

**Date:** April 11, 2024

## Action Transmittal: 2024-20

Program Year Extension Request: Washington County's CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) and MN 36 Intersection Improvement Project

**To:** TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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### Requested Action

Washington County requests a program year extension for its CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) and MN 36 intersection improvement project from 2025 to 2026.

### Recommended Motion

That the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommend that TAB approve the program year extension request for Washington County's CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) and MN 36 intersection improvement project from 2025 to 2026.

### Background and Purpose

Washington County was awarded \$10,000,000 in the 2020 Regional Solicitation in the Strategic Capacity category for its CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) and MN 36 interchange project for program year 2025. Beginning in 2021, several efforts to engage the community and work through potential alternatives were initiated. In their request, Washington County staff have outlined a series of landmarks that still need to be completed prior to bid letting. Given the landmarks yet to be reached, Washington County staff do not believe they can begin bid letting until January 2026, outside of the current program year. These factors combined result in their request to extend the program year from 2025 to 2026.

### Relationship to Regional Policy

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopted the Program Year Policy in April 2013 (updated in August 2014) to assist with management and timely delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funding through the TAB's Regional Solicitation. The policy includes a procedure to request a one-year extension based on extenuating circumstances within certain guidelines.

### Staff Analysis

Per the Program Year Policy's progress assessment, a minimum score of 7 is needed to be eligible for an extension. This process helps assess whether the project is in position to be able to be obligated with the one-year extension and is not a reflection on the sponsor's rationale for needing an extension. The request obtained a score of 5.

However, Washington County staff have provided a concise project schedule to outline the tasks that will be completed so that the project can let in program year 2026. Additionally, this request is being submitted nine months prior to the December 31, 2024, deadline for extension requests with

an original program year of 2025. MnDOT State Aid and Metropolitan Council staff concur that the required score of 7 would be attained if the request were to be submitted in December 2024. Further, approving a program year extension at this time would enable funding to be added to the 2028 program year for the 2024 Regional Solicitation as opposed to pushing it to program year 2030 within the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

## Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Date Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>April 18, 2024</i>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>May 1, 2024</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	<i>May 15, 2024</i>

