

# Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



**Meeting Date:** May 16, 2024

**Date:** May 10, 2024

## Action Transmittal: 2024-27

Adoption of the Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending public comment

**To:** TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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### Requested Action

The Metropolitan Council staff requests adoption of the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### Recommended Motion

That the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend that TAC recommend adoption of the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### 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 2025-2028 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 17 to July 1.

The 2025-2028 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- May 16, 2024 – TAB releases draft TIP for public review
- July 1, 2024 – Public review/comment period ends
- August 21, 2024 – TAB considers public comments, recommends potential changes in response to the comments and recommends approval of the final TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- August 26, 2024 – Transportation Committee recommends approval of the TIP to the Metropolitan Council
- September 11, 2024 – Metropolitan Council approves the TIP
- September/October 2024 – MnDOT inclusion of metro area TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- November 2024 – USDOT approves Minnesota STIP

The 2025-2028 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$6.2 billion for highway, freight transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Roughly 17% of federal funding is from the Regional Solicitation. The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$6.2 Billion
  - Federal Highway – \$1.7 Billion
  - Federal Transit – \$1.6 Billion
  - Property Tax and State Taxes – \$2.1 Billion
  - Trunk Highway Funds – \$714 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	5/16/2024
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	6/5/2024
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	8/21/2024
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	8/26/2024
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	9/11/2024

