

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: October 16, 2025

Date: October 9, 2025

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2026 Regional Solicitation Federal Funding Application Categories

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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Requested action

Recommend the federal funding application categories to be used for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend the following 12 federal funding application categories to be used for the 2026 Regional Solicitation:

1. Proactive Safety
2. Reactive Safety
3. Regional Bike Facilities
4. Transit Expansion
5. Transit Customer Experience
6. Arterial Bus Rapid Transit
7. Roadway Modernization
8. Congestion Management Strategies
9. New Interchanges
10. Bridge Connections
11. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
12. Travel Demand Management (TDM)

Background and purpose

For nearly the past two years, the Metropolitan Council has been extensively updating its Regional Solicitation to more closely tie investment decisions to Imagine 2050 and the 2050 TPP goals, objectives, and policies. Following many listening sessions, meetings, and workshops with stakeholders, 12 application categories were developed. TAB is being asked to include these categories as part of a 2026 Regional Solicitation package to be released for public comment. The proposed 12 application categories are grouped under larger headings, which tie to Imagine 2050 goal areas:

SAFETY

1. Proactive Safety
2. Reactive Safety

DYNAMIC AND RESILIENT

3. Regional Bike Facilities
4. Transit Expansion
5. Transit Customer Experience
6. Arterial Bus Rapid Transit
7. Roadway Modernization
8. Congestion Management Strategies
9. New Interchanges
10. Bridge Connections

ENVIRONMENT

11. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
12. Travel Demand Management (TDM)

Note that the Proactive Safety and Reactive Safety categories are meant to fund larger safety projects than those that are targeted in the separate Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation. Similarly, the Regional Bike Facilities category is aimed at accommodating regional projects (e.g., projects on the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network) while other non-motorized projects will be addressed within the three proposed application categories funded through the Active Transportation Regional Sales Tax.

Relationship to regional policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding.

Staff analysis

These 12 applications categories were recommended by the Policymaker Working Group at its 9/22/25 meeting. The structure includes most of the categories that have been included in the Regional Solicitation for many funding cycles, with new application categories being added for safety (proactive and reactive) and electric vehicle (EV) charging (project selection will occur in 2028, closer to project implementation).

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed or Scheduled
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	<i>October 16, 2025</i>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	<i>November 5, 2025</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and approve	<i>November 19, 2025</i>

