

Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) Update Process

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BACKGROUND

RBTN & Regional Solicitation

- RBTN established in 2014 update to Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
- RBTN corridors/alignments used as Regional Solicitation scoring criterion since 2016
- Previous updates prior to each Solicitation have considered only minor changes; major changes (e.g., new corridors) only available through TPP updates
- New process developed to consider more significant updates to RBTN on a cycle that aligns with biannual Regional Solicitation
- Previous requests for non-TPP updates were evaluated qualitatively; needed set of quantitative measures to facilitate reviews of more significant changes



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BACKGROUND

RBTN Study, Phase I: Quantitative Measures

Measures developed in this study will allow flexibility to consider a broader range of RBTN proposed changes (i.e., RBTN route extensions, new additions, or spatial adjustments)

Measures include

- Corridor Spacing
- Route Directness
- System Connectivity/Continuity
- Social/Economic Equity
- Proximity to Development

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Agency Review Process

On Change Request Application Forms:

1. Agencies will be asked to review RBTN corridors and alignments within their communities on interactive online map
2. Agencies will be given option to propose the following change types:
 - **Addition** of a *new RBTN corridor or alignment*,
 - **Re-alignment (shift)** of an existing RBTN corridor or alignment
 - **Extension** of an existing RBTN corridor or alignment
3. Agencies will be given the option to propose development nodes or facilities that meet or approach the RBTN criteria for *regional destinations or regional transit nodes*

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Agency Review Process

Assessment of Benefits to Disadvantaged Populations

4. Agencies will be asked to assess and describe how new facilities built along the proposed RBTN route addition or relocation will benefit
 - BIPOC populations
 - People in poverty
 - Immigrant communities
 - People w/physical disabilities
 - Youth (age 5 to 15)
 - Senior citizens



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Application Process

What are the Steps?

1. Publish notification of period to submit applications for RBTN changes will be posted on Met Council web site and distributed via e-mail.
2. Council staff review submitted RBTN change request applications & evaluate based on measures recommended from RBTN study
3. Meet with Bicycle-Pedestrian Peer Discussion Group to review staff recommendations on submitted update requests
4. Present recommended changes through TAC/TAB process for developing the 2022 Regional Solicitation application




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Application Process

What are the Steps?

5. TAB accepts changes and updated map prior to releasing draft Regional Solicitation application packet for public comment
6. Map updates will also require a TPP administrative modification; public comment will be afforded through Regional Solicitation public comment process
7. Final maps presented for approval by TAB and Met Council




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RBTN Update Schedule

• Publish notification to propose RBTN changes	Target: 4/23
• Deadline to submit change requests	Target: 5/28
• Council staff review applications	June
• Review staff recommendations with Bike-Ped Peer Group	June/July
• TAC/TAB approval process for updated maps	Aug/Sept
• Public Comment period for Reg. Solicitation/TPP modification	Sept/Oct
• Final maps approved by TAB & Met Council	Dec/Jan



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