

# Regional Bicycle Barriers & Barrier Crossing Areas Update Process

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## BACKGROUND

### Regional Bicycle Barriers and Regional Solicitation

- Regional Bicycle Barriers Study completed in 2017
- Regional Bicycle Barriers and Barrier Crossing Areas established in 2018 update to Transportation Policy Plan
- 2020 Regional Solicitation added regional barriers and barrier crossing areas as alternative criteria for Multiuse Trails/Bike Facilities funding applications



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# BACKGROUND

## Regional Bicycle Barriers

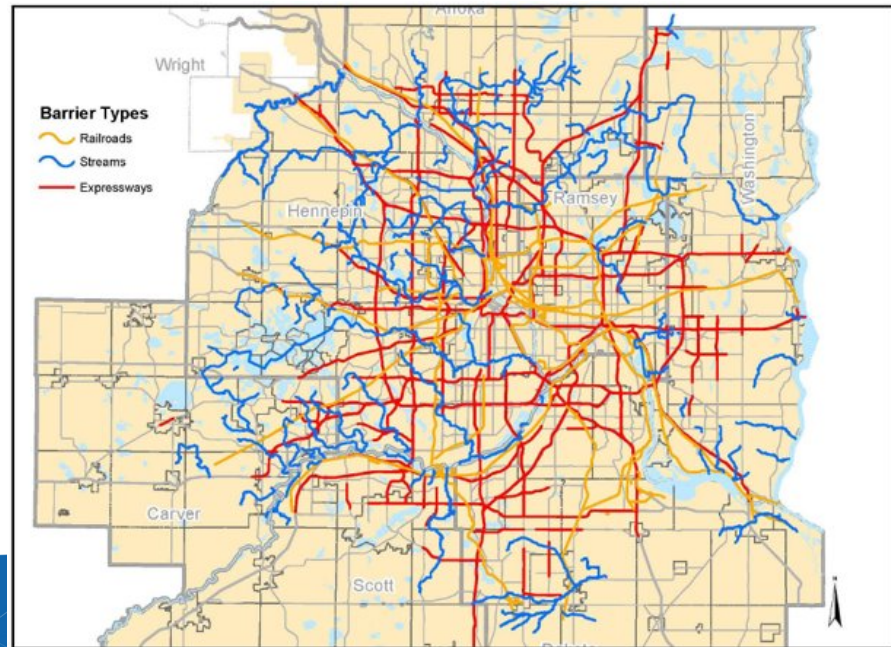
- Introduced in 2018 Update to Transportation Policy Plan as region's most significant physical barriers to daily bicycle travel
- Defined to include:
  - Freeways and Expressways
  - Railroad Corridors
  - Secondary & Third-Order Streams

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## Regional Bicycle Barriers Map



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# BACKGROUND

## Regional Bicycle Barrier Crossing Areas

- Also introduced in 2018 Update to Transportation Policy Plan and updated in 2020 TPP
- Barrier Crossing Areas were prioritized of based on four data factors
  - Network Connectivity
  - Social/Economic Equity
  - Bicycle Trip Demand
  - Safety & Existing Conditions
- Barrier Crossing Areas define prioritized segments of each barrier type indicating where future improvements may be most needed

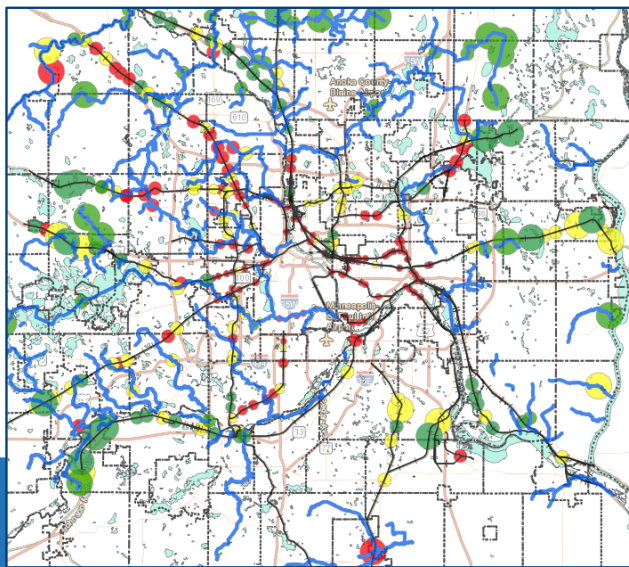


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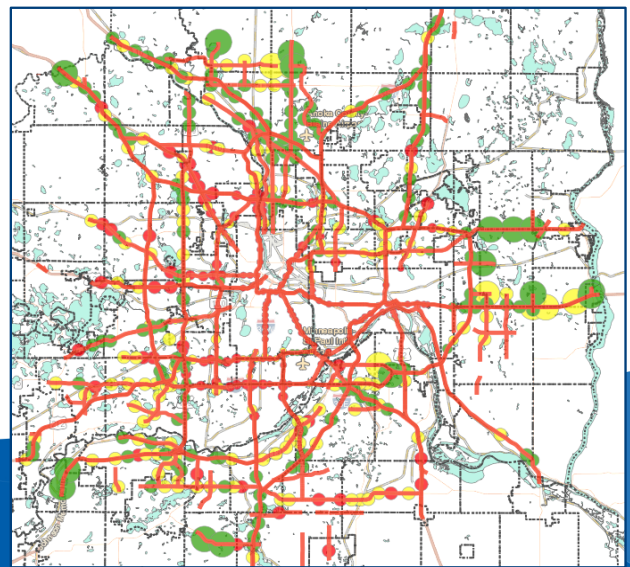
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## Regional Bicycle Barrier Crossing Area Maps

1. Rail & Stream Crossing Areas



2. Freeway/Expressway Crossing Areas



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## Agency Review Process

### On Change Request Application Forms:

- Agencies will be asked to review regional bicycle barriers and barrier crossing areas in their communities on interactive online map
- Based on those reviews, agencies can request the following:
  1. Addition of a ***new regional bicycle barrier*** consistent with the definitions provided
  2. Addition of a ***planned bicycle facility improvement location*** that crosses a regional bicycle barrier and is not currently included within a prioritized *regional bicycle barrier crossing area*

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## Application Process

### What are the Steps?

1. Notification of period to submit updates to regional bicycle barriers will be posted on Met Council web site and distributed via e-mail.
2. Council staff review submitted update requests for consistency with stated barrier definitions; determines priority tier for new planned barrier crossing locations
3. Review staff recommendations on submitted requests with Bicycle-Pedestrian Peer Discussion Group
4. Present accepted 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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# Regional Barriers Update Schedule

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| • Publish notification to propose additions                            | Target: 4/23 |
| • Deadline to submit applications                                      | Target: 5/28 |
| • Council staff review applications                                    | June         |
| • Review recommendations with BPPDG                                    | June/July    |
| • TAC/TAB approval process for updated maps                            | July/Aug     |
| • Public Comment period for Regional Solicitation/<br>TPP modification | Sept/Oct     |
| • Final maps approved by TAB & Met Council                             | Dec/Jan      |

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