

Regional Solicitation Evaluation

Community Development and Transportation Committees

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Regional Solicitation: Purpose

To fund a variety of locally-initiated projects that address transportation problems important to the project sponsor and implement regional transportation and development policies.

Metro Area: FY 2012 vs. FY 2017

	FY 2012	FY 2017	Difference
STP	\$42.8 M	\$40.8 M	(\$2.0)
TAP/Enhancements	\$7.9 M	\$7.1 M	(\$0.8)
CMAQ	\$24.9 M	\$27.1 M	\$2.2
Bridge	\$5.0M	\$0	(\$5.0)
Total	\$80.6	\$75.0	(\$5.6)

Regional Solicitation Process

- Biennial solicitation
- Draft criteria developed for public comment
- Applications submitted electronically
- Technical committee reviews eligibility
- Technical committees score projects
- Re-evaluate scores if requested, adopt final scores and rank projects
- Technical committee provides funding options, TAB selects projects
- Projects programmed in TIP, Council concurs with TIP

MAP-21 eligible projects

Surface Transportation Program (STP):

- Construct, reconstruct and restore federal aid system roads
- Bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways
- Replace and rehabilitate bridges and tunnels on public roads
- Construct new bridges or tunnels on federal aid system
- Highway and transit safety infrastructure
- Transit capital – facilities and rolling stock
- Transportation Alternative activities
- Congestion pricing projects and strategies
- Capital projects that benefit ports and freight movement

Typical projects selected: STP

- Midtown Greenway segments - Minneapolis and St. Paul
- Bike/Pedestrian bridge over I-35W at 76th Street-Richfield
- TH 36 & Rice Street interchange reconstruction - Ramsey Cty
- TH 5 & CSAH 13 interchange - Dakota Cty
- TH 7 & Louisiana Avenue interchange - St. Louis Park
- CSAH 2 (Broadway) reconstruction in Forest Lake - Wash. Cty
- CSAH 21 construction - Scott Cty
- Hennepin/Lyndale Avenues reconstruction - Minneapolis
- Bottineau Blvd reconstruction - Hennepin Cty
- CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) reconstruction - Anoka Cty
- TH 97 & TH 61 intersection reconstruction - MnDOT

MAP-21 eligible projects

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ):

- Transit expansion capital facilities and rolling stock (transit operations still under advisement)
- Traffic flow improvements, transportation systems management
- Projects that shift traffic demand to nonpeak hours or other transportation modes, increase vehicle occupancy rates, or otherwise reduce demand
- Operations that mitigate congestion and improve air quality
- Diesel retrofit purchases
- Facilities serving electric or natural gas-fueled vehicles

Typical projects selected: CMAQ

- LRT station at 34th Ave & American Blvd - Metro Transit
- Start up operating costs for Hiawatha & Central Corridor LRT- Metro Transit
- Snelling Ave Arterial BRT - Metro Transit
- Maplewood Transit Center - Metro Transit
- Eagan & Burnsville Transit Stations - MVTA
- Market Street Station in Chanhassen – SWT
- Northstar Station parking structure - Anoka
- Transit Expansion Fleet – various sponsors
- Regional Traffic Management Center - MnDOT
- Traffic signal interconnections - various sponsors
- Travel Demand Management/TMO activities - Metro Transit

MAP-21 eligible projects

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):

- Plan, design and construct bike/ped trail facilities
- Plan, design and construct ADA-related safety projects
- Convert and use abandoned RR corridors for bike/ped trails
- Construct turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas
- Community improvement activities
- Recreational trails program (23 USC 206)
- Safe routes to school program
- Plan, design and construct boulevards in former Interstate System right-of-way

Typical projects selected: TAP

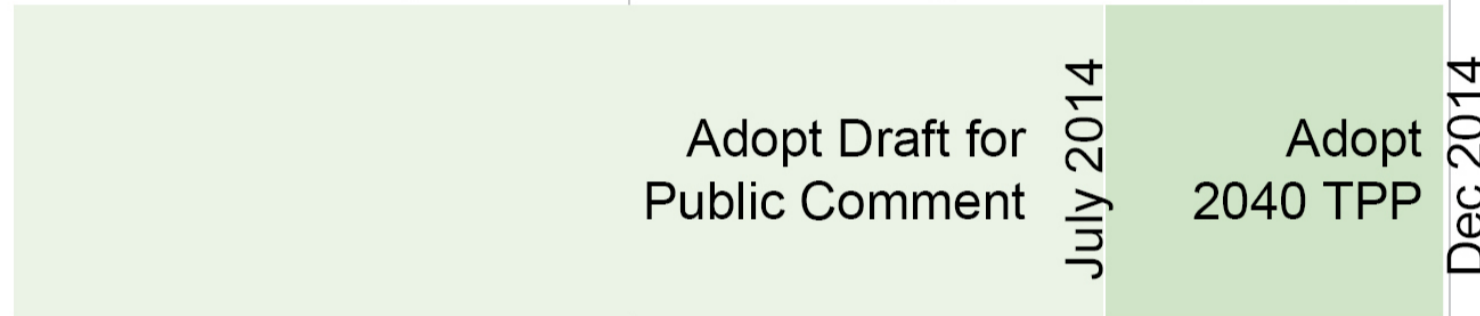
- Rice Creek Regional Trail - Anoka County
- Dakota Rail Line Trail - Carver County
- Big Rivers Regional Trail - Dakota County
- Mississippi River Regional Trail - Dakota County
- Lake Street Enhancements - Hennepin County
- CSAH 19 Trail in Medina - Hennepin County
- East and West River Parkway Trails - Minneapolis
- Grand Rounds Wayfinding Improvements - Minneapolis
- Raymond Avenue Streetscape - St. Paul
- Hardwood Creek Regional Trail - Washington County
- Harriet Island Regional Park Trail - St. Paul

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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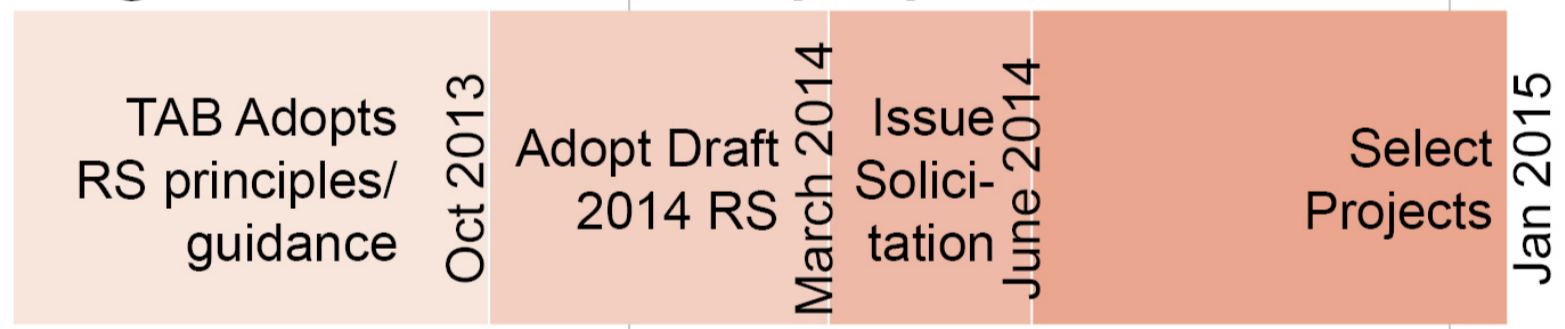
Thrive MSP 2040



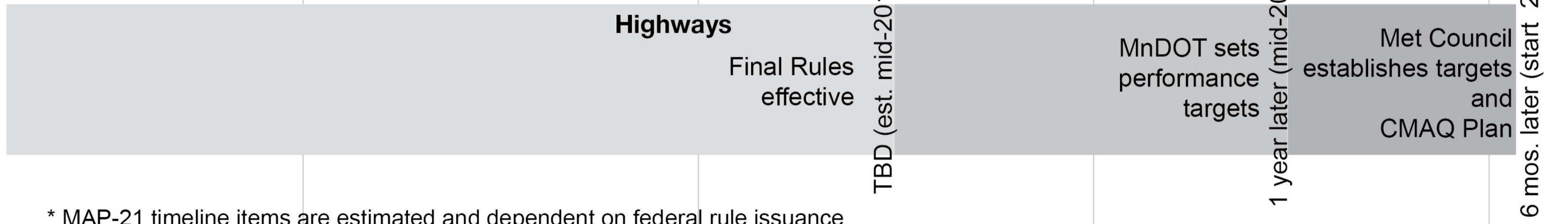
2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)



Regional Solicitation (RS)



MAP-21 Performance Measures*



* MAP-21 timeline items are estimated and dependent on federal rule issuance

May 6 Policymaker Workshop

- TAB, Met Council, counties, cities, others
- Agenda/format being developed; information to follow
- Input to determining principles that guide allocation
 - What should the Council/TAB strive to accomplish in distributing regional transportation funds?
 - What should be the guiding principles?
- Input opportunity for Thrive MSP 2040 and 2040 TPP

Preliminary Input Thoughts

- Start with funding categories or start with projects?
- Promote multimodal projects with multiple fund sources?
- Increase maintenance contribution?
- Establish set aside for unexpected opportunities?
- Focus on transportation benefit or have balance of land use, affordable housing, livability/embellishments?
- Compatibility with other prioritization efforts and broader federal compliance requirements?
- Equity – geographic, population, users, project merit?