

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 28, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 13, 2016

Subject: Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board action to approve the Regional Solicitation package and its release

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve the attached Regional Solicitation package for 2020-2021 funding (2018-2019 funding for TDM projects), including the scoring guidance and weighting, and to release the solicitation.

Background

This Regional Solicitation for federal transportation project funding is part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The Twin Cities Metropolitan Area selects projects for funding from two federal programs: the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

Following the previous Regional Solicitation, Council staff worked with applicants, scorers, the Technical Advisory Committee, and TAB to update the Regional Solicitation. The attached Regional Solicitation package includes the 10 applications, criteria, and associated weightings for the updated Regional Solicitation.

TAB received comments from the cities of Medina, and Eden Prairie, SouthWest Transit, and Anoka County as part of the recent public comment period. In response, TAB approved two additional minor changes to the Solicitation package.

The Solicitation application period is expected to last from May 18, 2016, to July 15, 2016, with TAB and Council action to select projects in early 2017.

Rationale

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding that is intended to implement regional policy and address regional and local transportation needs. The Council concurs with TAB actions.

Funding

The 2016 Regional Solicitation will be for approximately \$150 million in 2020 and 2021 federal STBGP and CMAQ funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.