

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Selection

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Action
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to fund 38 projects (see Attachment 1) through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation and include the projects in the draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Background

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core federal funding program designed to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance. To obligate HSIP funds, the state must develop, implement, and update a Strategic Highway Safety Plan and produce a program of projects.

MnDOT shares these federal funds with local governments to improve and protect the transportation system beyond the state's trunk highway system. MnDOT conducts the solicitation, and the proposed projects are evaluated by a team of transportation professionals. MnDOT conducted a solicitation for both "proactive" and "reactive" safety projects to be funded primarily in 2026 and 2027, though the recent influx of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) helps increase the overall available funding, including roughly \$17.4M in 2024 and 2025. The overall funding available is about \$62.8M, roughly double that of the 2020 HSIP solicitation. If approved, the projects in Attachment 1 (not including two projects located in Chisago County), will be included in the 2024-2027 TIP to be released for public comment in May 2023 (see Attachment 2 for a map of the projects).

Scores and rankings are shown in the attachment. On each of the two lists of funded projects (Proactive and Reactive) is a dark horizontal line indicating the likely funding line had the pre-IIJA funding amount been available. This indicates that new federal funding doubled the number of HSIP projects funded (an extra 19 projects).

Rationale

The HSIP Solicitation is a key effort for both MnDOT and the TAB. Projects funded through this process focus on reducing fatal and serious injury crashes. The Solicitation is a part of the

Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes:

- Stewardship by leveraging federal dollars to support local investment
- Livability by promoting safety on the region's transportation network

Funding

These projects are funded with a combination of federal, state, and local funds.

