

2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and Public Comment Report

Transportation Committee
September 12, 2022
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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Overview

- Four-year list of transportation projects funded in whole or part with federal funding
- Must include all projects funded with federal transportation funds and projects that affect air quality prioritized by year
- Required for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Incorporated into MnDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Projects In the TIP

- Transit projects programmed by Metro Transit/Council with FTA formula funds
- Roadway projects programmed by MnDOT with federal funds and state funds
- Regional Solicitation projects programmed by the Council
 - Bike/Ped
 - Roadway
 - Transit
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Small number of projects in Sherburne County / Wright County and Houlton, Wisconsin.

Council approval is for all project types in the TIP

Key Criteria for TIP and Amendment Approvals

- Fiscally balanced (consistent with expected funding levels)
- Consistent with Regional Transportation Plan (TRP)
- In conformity with Clean Air Act requirements
- Opportunity for public input

Schedule for 2023-2026 TIP

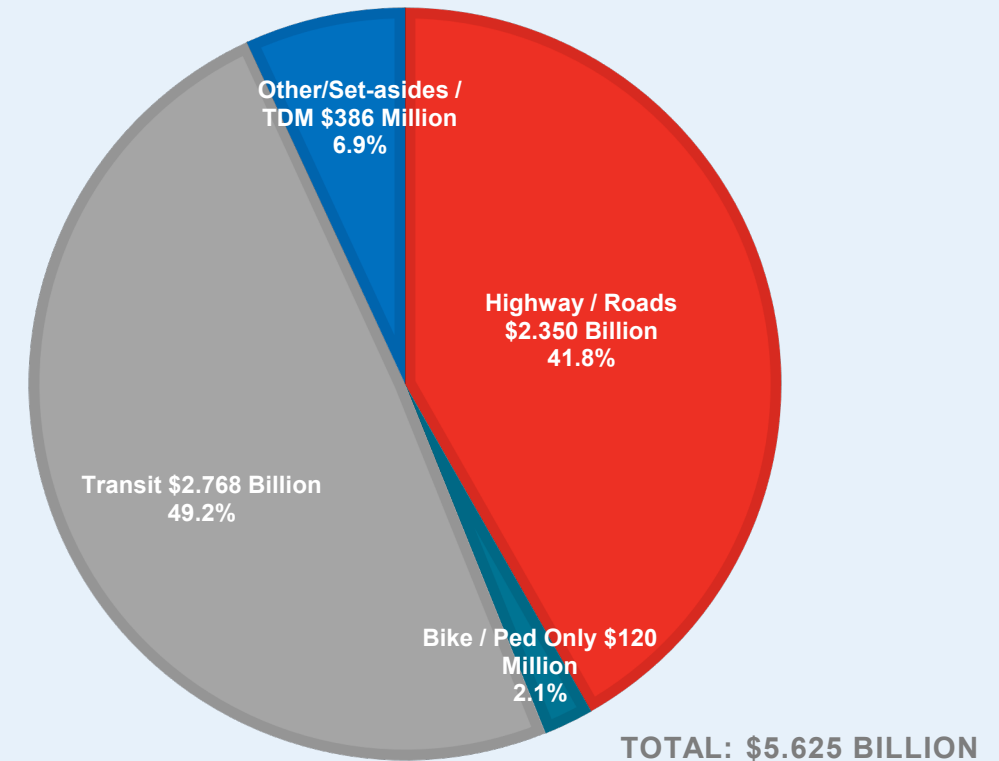
- TAB release draft for public review – May 18, 2022
- Public review/comment period ends – July 5, 2022
- TAB considers comments, recommends approval – August 17, 2022
- **Transportation Committee – September 12, 2022**
- Metropolitan Council approval – September 28, 2022
- MnDOT inclusion into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – September/October 2022
- Federal approvals – November/December 2022

Four-Year Summary

Source of Funds

- Federal Highway – \$1.55 Billion
- Federal Transit – \$1.58 Billion
- Property Tax and State Taxes – \$1.87 Billion
- Trunk Highway – \$563 Million
- **Total – \$5.6 Billion**

Funding by Mode



Public Comment Report: Engagement

People Engaged

- Public Meeting
 - 8 attendees
 - 5 speakers
- Web page
 - 260 unique visitors
- Facebook post 1
 - 312 people reached
 - 15 people engaged
- Facebook post 2
 - 273 people reached
 - 27 people engaged
- Facebook public meeting post
 - 290 people reached
 - 4 people engaged
- Twitter post
 - 14 people engaged

Methods Used

- Web announcement and web page notice
- GovDelivery email announcement
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Star Tribune classified advertising
- Public meeting

Comments Received Through

- Email
- Web form
- Public meeting
- Facebook

- 17 comments from 30 commenters

Public Comment Report: Themes

- Safety
- TIP readability / understandability
- Bus Rapid Transit (support / oppose)
- Transit signal priority

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
2. Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:
 - a. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
 - b. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
 - c. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
 - d. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
 - e. Section 1101(b) of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded projects;
 - f. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
 - g. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
 - h. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
 - i. Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and;
 - j. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
3. Certify the TIP conforms to the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities.
4. Find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations.
5. Find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements.
6. Find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for involvement from the public, agency and transit operators through its regular process and public comment period.
7. Transmit the 2023-2026 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.