



Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Funding



Business Item 2023-147

July 2023

Approach to PROTECT Funds

- New Federal Program to Improve the Resiliency of the Transportation System
- MnDOT providing 30% of its statewide share for regional distribution across the state
- 2025–2027: Action Today
- Incorporate language into the 2024 solicitation application to identify new projects for 2028 and 2029
- Explore additional opportunities during the Reg. Solicitation Evaluation for the 2026 solicitation cycle and beyond (2030+)



Eligible Elements



Elements Identified in Current Regional Solicitation Projects

- Storm sewer
- Ponding
- Erosion and landscaping
- Retaining walls
- Bridges over floodplains
- Road realignments out of floodplains

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Selection

The next unfunded project from 2 of the 12 application categories in the 2022 Regional Solicitation had eligible PROTECT elements and applicant interest in the PROTECT funding. The TAB project selection includes:

Project	Eligible Elements	Eligible Costs	Total Project Request
Carver Co Highway 5 Lake Minnewashta and Arboretum Access and Mobility Project	Raising roadway out of the floodplain & reconnecting aquatic habitats	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Washington Co CR 19A/100 th St Realignment	Storm sewer, raising roadway out of floodplain, bridge	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Total			\$17,000,000

Recommended Motion

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to award \$14,518,800 of regional Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) funding for fiscal years 2025 through 2027 along with \$2,481,200 in 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding to the Carver County Highway 5 Lake Minnewashta & Arboretum and Washington County CR 19A/100th Street projects from the 2022 Regional Solicitation cycle.



Steve Peterson

Senior Manager of Highway Planning and TAB/TAC Process
Steven.Peterson@metc.state.mn.us

