

2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program



Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee
September 9, 2024

What is a TIP

- 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 and state funds
- Regional Solicitation projects programmed by the Council
 - Bike/Ped
 - Roadway
 - Transit
- Small number of projects in Sherburne County / Wright County

Schedule for 2024-2027 TIP

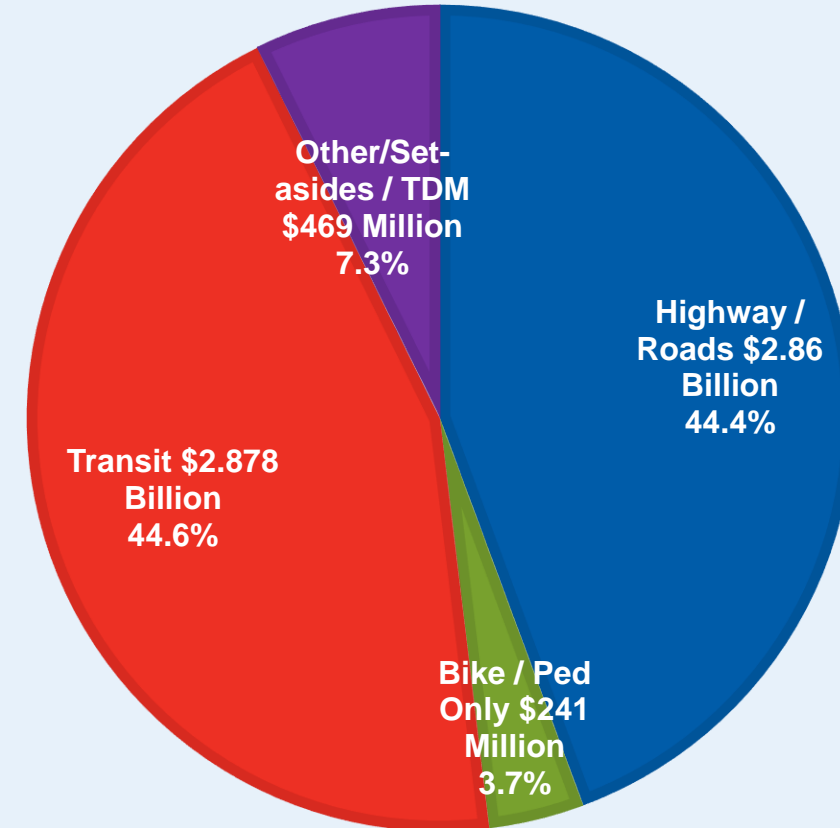
- TAB released draft for public review – May 16, 2024
- Public review/comment period ended – July 1, 2024
- TAB considers comments, recommends approval – August 21, 2024
- Transportation Committee recommends approval – August 26, 2024
- Metropolitan Council approval – September 25, 2024
- MnDOT inclusion into STIP – September/October 2024
- Federal approvals – November/December 2024

Four-Year Summary

Source of Funds

- Federal Highway – \$1.8 Billion
- Federal Transit – \$1.2 Billion
- Property Tax and State Taxes – \$2.6 Billion
- Trunk Highway Funds – \$703 Million
- **Total – \$6.2 Billion**

Funding by Mode



45-Day Public Review Period

- GOAL: Gather feedback, information about impact, and other community knowledge related to regional transportation projects
- AUDIENCE: Residents, commuters, business owners, community organizations, advocacy organizations
- APPROACH:
 - Email, web posting, and social media to promote public comment period and public meeting
 - Coordinate communications and promotion of public comment period and public meeting with project sponsors, community organization, other connection points for stakeholder groups.
 - Host “virtual” public meeting.

Public Comments

The draft 2025-2028 TIP Public Comment Period was from May 17, 2024, to July 1, 2024. A public meeting was held on June 18, 2024.

- 94 commenters provided a total of 98 comments
- 95 written comments
- 3 comments live at virtual public meeting

Engagement Themes

- **Rethinking I-94** – 71 comments were related to the bridge repair and replacement projects within the Rethinking I-94 study area. 68 of those comments opposed these actions based on the improvements being completed before resolution of the Rethinking I-94 study and the prospect of the investments influencing the outcome. Three were in support of the projects due to bridge safety and preference that I-94 remain a freeway.

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Engagement Themes (continued)

- Four comments expressed opposition to changing I-94 away from its freeway status, while two expressed a preference for that change.
- **Highway 280 and Broadway** – Four comments expressed opposition to removing the left turn lane to Broadway from northbound MN 280.
- **Highway 252** – Four commenters requested removal of the MnDOT Highway 252 projects, citing community opposition and shortfalls related to meeting TPP and Hennepin County goals.
- Many non-project-specific comments, including:
 - Ten comments were related to modal preferences.
 - Two comments suggested the region needs a stronger focus on investments in GHG reduction and improving the environment.

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Questions

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