

# 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Transportation Committee



August 25, 2025



# What is the Transportation Improvement Program (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)
- Multiple categories of projects
- \$6.2 billion total program





# Schedule for 2026-2029 TIP



## Past and Upcoming Milestones

- ✓ TAB released draft for public review – May 21, 2025
- ✓ Virtual public meeting – June 17, 2025
- ✓ Public review/comment period ended – July 7, 2025
- ✓ TAB considered comments, recommended approval – August 20, 2025
- **Transportation Committee recommends approval – August 25, 2025**
- Metropolitan Council approval – September 10, 2025
- MnDOT inclusion into STIP – September/October 2025
- Federal approvals – November/December 2025

# Public Comments



## TIP Public Comment Process

- Goal: Gather feedback, information about impact, and other community knowledge related to regional transportation projects
- Audience: Residents, commuters, business owners, community organizations, advocacy organizations
- Coordinated email, web posting, and social media strategies
- Public comment period May 24, 2025, to July 7, 2025
- Public meeting June 17, 2025 (virtual)
- Eight public comments
- Discussion at the live virtual public meeting produced no comments
- With only eight comments, themes are not prevalent. Participants provided comments on roadway safety, modal funding distribution, land use, and opposition to roadway capacity projects.

# Proposed Action

## That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2026-2029 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 executive orders and 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 2026-2029 TIP along with public comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.



# Questions?

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# Four-Year Summary

## Source of Funds

- Federal Highway – \$1.8 Billion
- Federal Transit – \$1.2 Billion
- Property Tax and State Taxes – \$2.4 Billion
- Trunk Highway Funds – \$884 Million
- **Total – \$6.2 Billion**

## Funding by Mode

