

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: January 21, 2026

Date: January 12, 2026

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2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Criteria, Measures, and Scoring Guidance

To: Transportation Advisory Board
From: Technical Advisory Committee
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Requested action

Recommend approval of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for each application category for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation.

Recommended motion

Recommend approval of the criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation for the purpose of release for public comment as shown in Attachment 4.

Background and purpose

Following establishment of the regional sales and use tax for Active Transportation funding, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) must establish a project selection process. As part of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation, the Active Transportation Working Group and Bike/Pedestrian Special Issue Working Group developed the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance. The score weighting across the criteria and measures is part of action item 2026-08.



Relationship to regional policy

The Minnesota Legislature dedicated a portion of the regional sales tax to active transportation projects. Active transportation projects are those that support walking, biking, and rolling for transportation. Per the legislation, the selection process must include criteria and prioritization of projects based on the following seven requirements, the relationship between the requirements and how they are addressed in the solicitation is included:

Legislative Requirement	Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	AT Planning
The project's inclusion in a municipal or regional nonmotorized transportation system plan.	Qualifying criterion: <i>A project must be included in an adopted plan or programming document to be eligible.</i>	Intent of the application category is to aid communities in being eligible for facilities projects in the future.
The extent to which policies or practices of the political subdivision encourage and promote complete streets planning, design, and construction.	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets</i>
The extent to which the project supports connections between communities and to key destinations within a community.	Scoring criterion: <i>Connection to Key Destinations</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets</i>
Identified barriers or deficiencies in the nonmotorized transportation system.	Scoring criterion: <i>Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Complete Streets</i>
Identified safety or health benefits.	Scoring criterion: <i>Safety</i>	Scoring criterion: <i>Safety</i>
Geographic equity in project benefits, with an emphasis on communities that are historically and currently underrepresented in local or regional planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring criterion: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring criterion: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance
The ability of a grantee to maintain the active transportation infrastructure following project completion.	Qualifying criterion: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>	Qualifying criterion: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>

Committee comments and action

At its December 18, 2025, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended approval of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation.

At its January 7, 2026, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation.



Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	December 18, 2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	January 7, 2026
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and approve	January 21, 2026

