

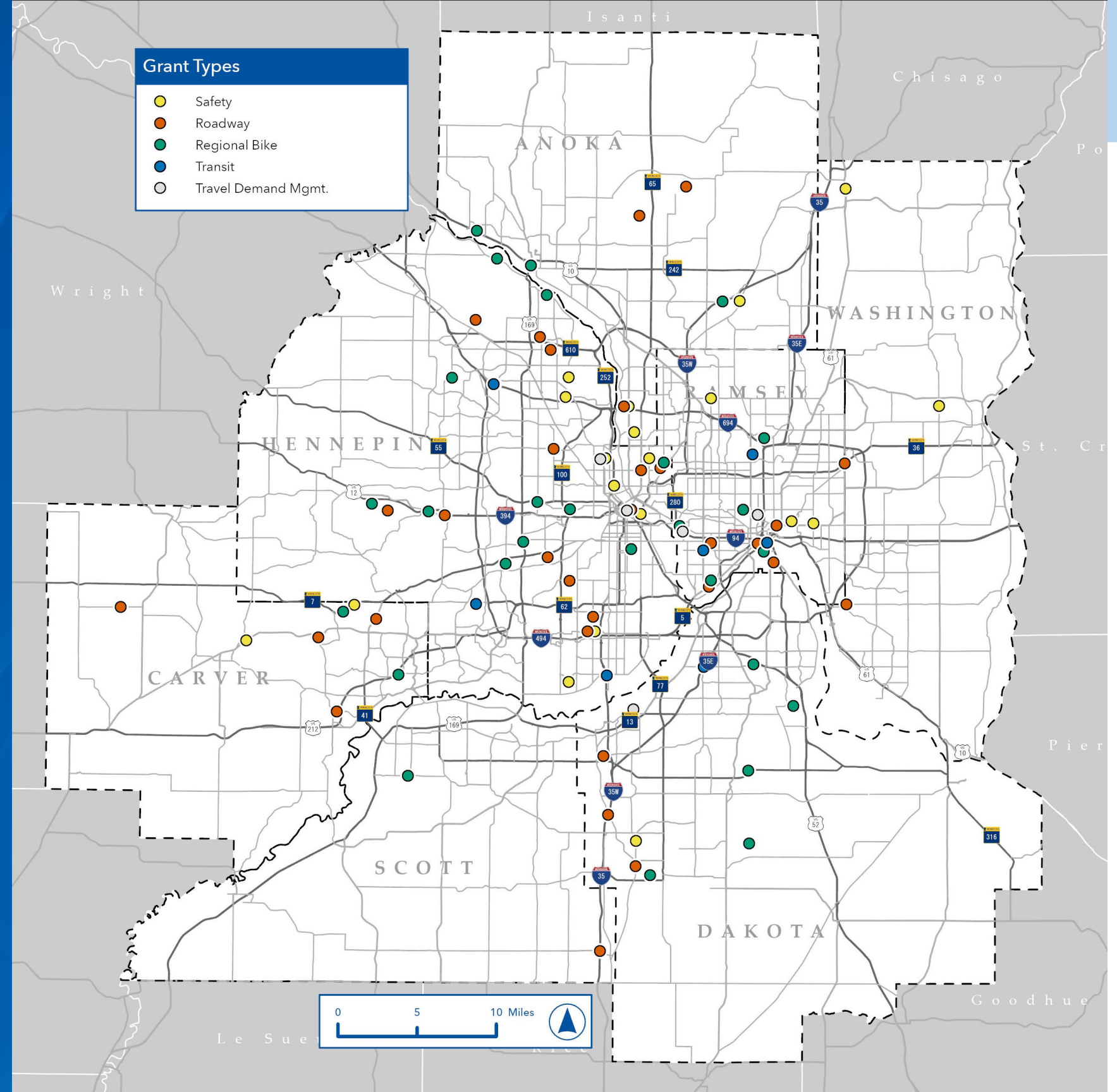
Regional Solicitation Update

Qualifications, Scoring, and Funding Option Development



August 19, 2026

Regional Solicitation for Federal Funds



2026 Regional Solicitation

**\$215 million available;
\$541 million requested**

- **89 qualified applications**
- **35 unique agencies**

Project applications, one-page summaries, and summary tables are available:

[2026 Applications - Metropolitan Council](#)

Application Category	# of Apps	Requested
Regional Bike Facilities	27	\$115,338,080
Bridge Connections	5	\$25,024,108
Congestion Management Strategies	4	\$38,000,000
New Interchanges	1	\$20,000,000
Roadway Modernization	17	\$150,951,040
Proactive Safety	10	\$51,876,597
Reactive Safety	9	\$49,607,545
Transit Customer Experience	4	\$25,211,048
Transit Expansion	6	\$31,471,825
Travel Demand Management	4	\$2,850,000
Arterial Bus Rapid Transit	1	\$30,000,000
Travel Behavior Inventory	1	\$850,000

Qualifying Review Process

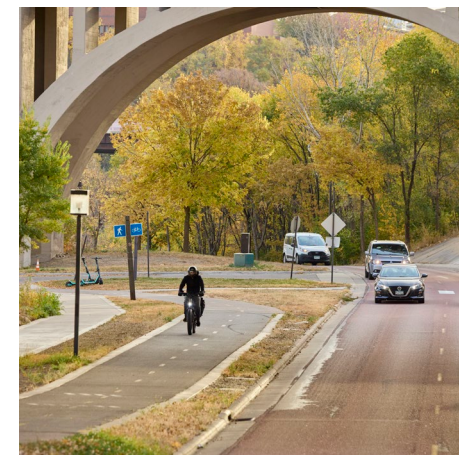
Applications closed June 25, 2026

Qualifying Review

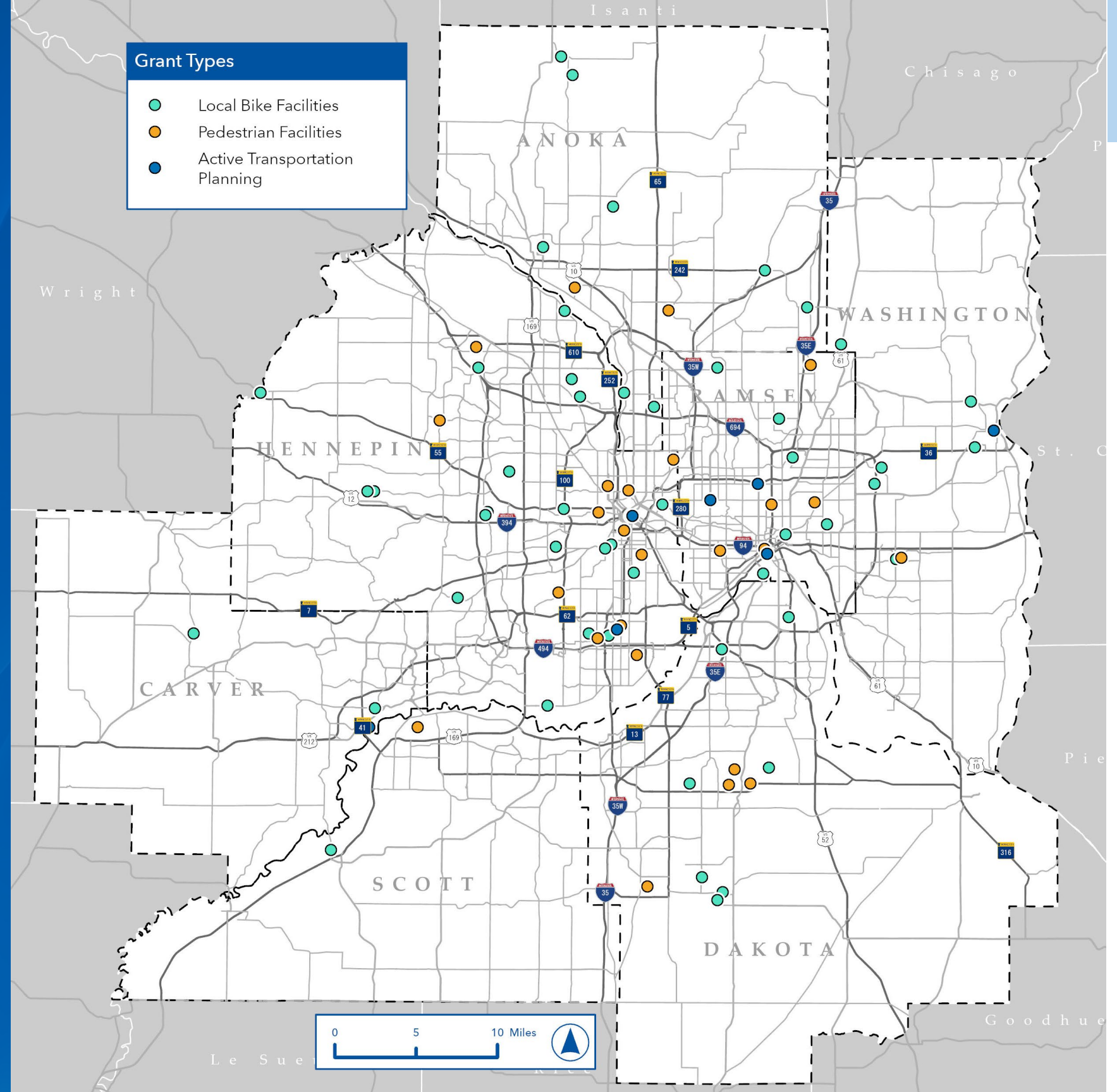
- Under TAB policies, qualifying review ends at TAC Funding & Programming Committee
 - Staff reviewed qualifying criteria and policy consistency for all project applications.
- Applicants were notified and provided with an opportunity to submit missing materials.

Funding & Programming

- July 23, 2026, meeting to qualify applications.
- 4 applications disqualified:
 - 3 had ineligible roadway functional classification
 - 1 withdrew
- F&P approved motions included future deadlines for applicants to submit needed documentation in order to be qualified.



Regional Solicitation for Active Transportation Funds



2026 Active Transportation Solicitation

\$50 million available; \$142 million requested

82 qualified applications from 42 unique agencies

Application Category	# of Apps	Requested
AT - Active Transportation Planning	8	\$1,375,000
AT - Local Bike Facilities	49	\$104,011,133
AT - Pedestrian Facilities	25	\$36,281,209

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Active Transportation Solicitation Task Force Update



Active Transportation Task Force



First meeting – July 20

Agenda:

- Review background & 2024 pilot project status
- Begin discussion on holding a 2027 Active Transportation Solicitation
 - Make a recommendation at September Task Force meeting for TAB consideration
- Task Force Chair nomination
- Work plan review
 - Will provide feedback on AT funding scenarios

Next meeting – September

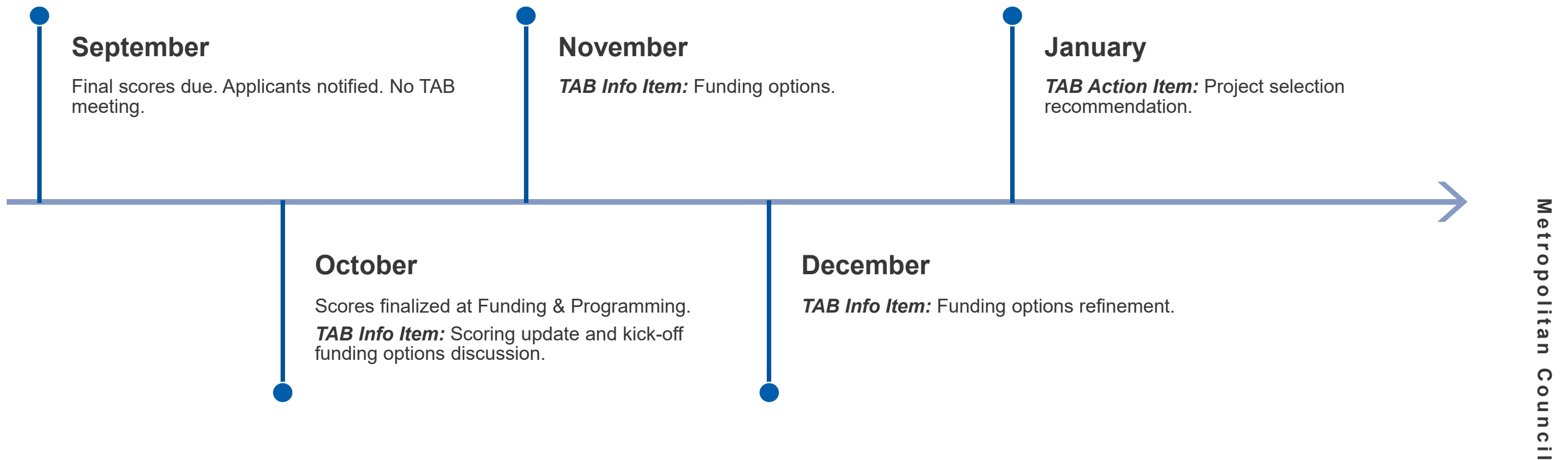
- Will typically meet on opposite months from TAB Exec, unless additional meetings required

Scoring Schedule



Schedule

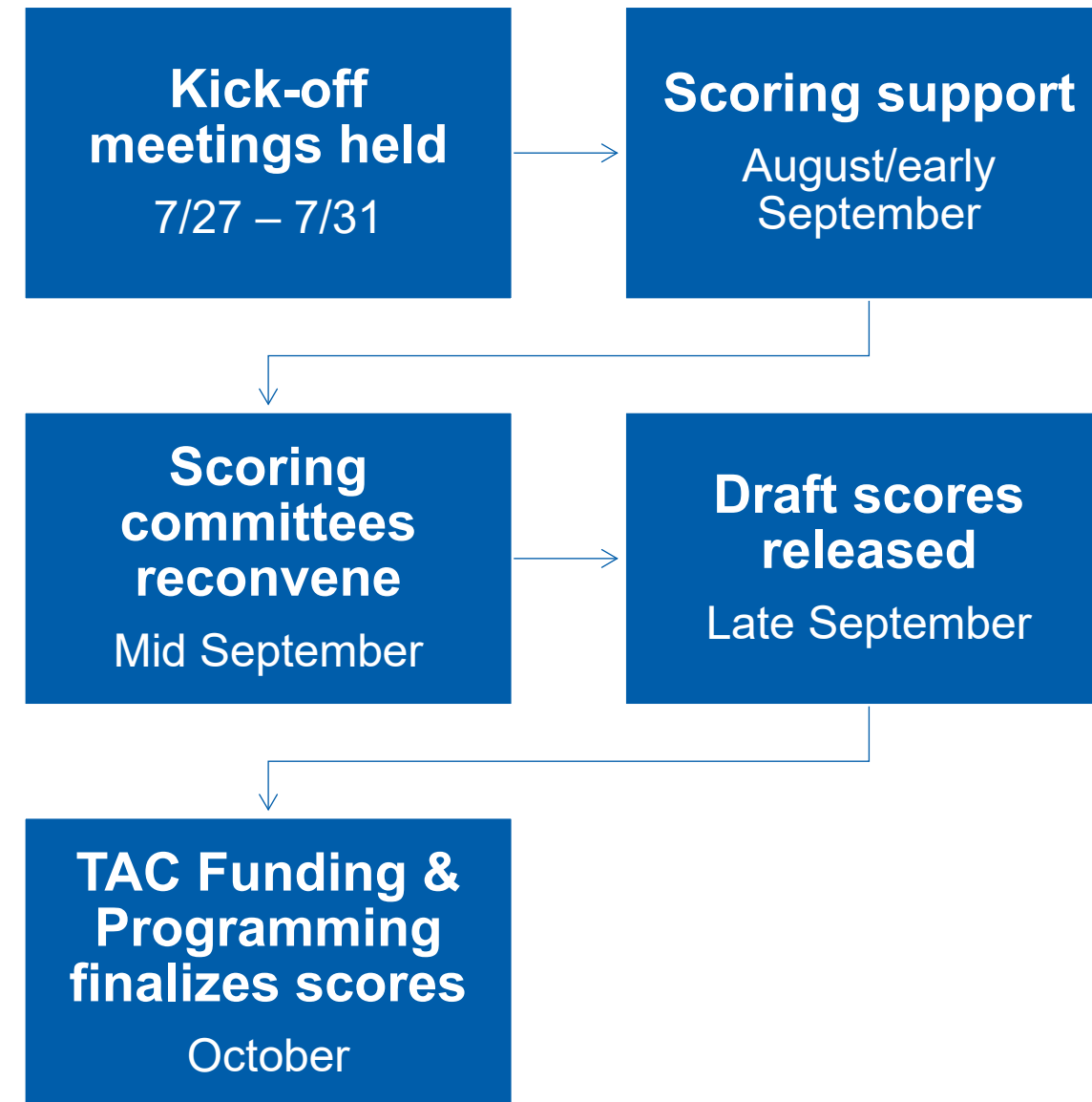
Upcoming TAB Meetings



Scoring Committees

9 scoring committees with more than 100 agency volunteers!

1. Active Transportation (AT) – Local Bike Facilities
2. AT – Local Pedestrian Facilities, AT – Planning
3. Transit (Transit Expansion, Transit Customer Experience)
4. Safety (Proactive Safety, Reactive Safety)
5. Bridges, Congestion Management Strategies, New Interchanges
6. Roadway Modernization
7. Travel Demand Management
8. Regional Bike Facilities
9. Community Considerations



Community Considerations Scoring



Training and kick-off held July 14

- **Training topics**
 - Key definitions
 - Scoring measures and rubrics
 - Process
 - Fluxx and the scoring assistant tool
- **Available resources**
 - Written and video resources
 - Weekly group work sessions
 - Office hours - multiple opportunities each week
- **Schedule**
 - Scores submitted August 20
 - Scorer pairs meet to review, discuss resolve differences
 - Finalize scores in mid September

Funding Overview and Shared Mobility



2026 Regional Solicitation Federal Funding Categories

Safety

Proactive Safety (All Modes):

Small Projects (HSIP)
Large Project
(Reg Sol Federal
Funding)

Reactive Safety (All Modes):

Small Projects (HSIP)
Large Projects
(Reg Sol Federal
Funding)

Dynamic and Resilient

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Federal Reg Sol Funding

Regional Bike Facilities

Reg Active Transportation Funding

Local Bike Facilities

Local Pedestrian
Facilities

Active Transportation
Planning

Transit

Transit Expansion
(Including
Microtransit)

Transit Customer
Experience

Arterial Bus Rapid
Transit

Roadway

Roadway
Modernization

Congestion
Management
Strategies

New Interchanges

Bridge Connections

Environment

EV Charging
Infrastructure

Travel Demand
Management
(TDM)

Regional Data

Regional Modeling/Travel Behavior Inventory

The goal area, Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive, is a scoring measure called Community Considerations.

Federal Funding Available in 2030 and 2031



\$250 million

Allocated to the Metro for 2030 and 2031

– \$25 million

Previously committed funds due to overprogramming and program year extensions

– \$10 million

Assume no 2031 Carbon Reduction Program or PROTECT funds

\$215 million

Available to program, plus any overprogramming

TAB-Approved Selection Rules

- Fund at least one of each of the five eligible functional classifications.
- Fund at least one transit project that serves areas outside of Transit Market 1 and 2 (New Market Guarantee).
- Fund at least \$30 million for Arterial Bus Rapid Transit.
- Fund up to one project scoring High across all the three Community Consideration measures that would not otherwise be funded.
- Set-aside approximately 6% of total funding for the Environment category application categories for selection in two years.
- Fund at least \$27 million of Regional Bikeway Facilities projects based on federal funding requirements.
- Consider \$850,000 request for Regional Modeling Activities/Travel Behavior Inventory.

Funding Available

\$250 million Total available

– **\$25 million**

Previously committed funds due to overprogramming and program year extensions

– **\$10 million**

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Funding Maximum Awards

Increased maximum award amounts will result in fewer projects being selected.

Funding Category	Minimum	Maximum
Safety		
Proactive/Reactive Safety	\$2 million	\$7 million
Bike/Ped (Federal only)		
Regional Bike Facilities	\$1 million	\$5.5 million
Transit		
Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$10 million
Transit Customer Experience	\$500,000	\$10 million
Arterial Bus Rapid Transit	\$30 million	
Roadway		
Congestion Management Strategies	\$1 million	\$10 million
Interchange Projects	\$1 million	\$20 million
Roadway Modernization	\$1 million	\$10 million
Bridge Connections	\$1 million	\$7 million
Environment		
EV Charging Infrastructure	\$500,000	\$2 million
TDM	\$100,000	\$750,000

Funding Targets Approved by TAB on 11/19/25

- Targets established by TAB to give applicants a general idea of how the funding may be distributed by area based on past allocations. The dollar values use the percentages approved by TAB but represent the decrease in funding levels from \$250 million to \$215 million.
- Environment funding categories will establish targets for 2028 Regional Solicitation.

Funding Category	Funding Targets	Funding Targets Percentage of Total
Safety (two funding categories)	\$26 million	12%
Bicycle/Pedestrian (one funding category)	\$30 million	14%
Transit (two funding categories)	\$52 million	24%
Roadway (four funding categories)	\$95 million	44%
Environment (two funding categories)	\$13 million	6%
Total	\$215 million	100%

Shared Mobility

2026 Regional Solicitation

Existing Eligibility:

- Transit services like microtransit
- Outreach, engagement, and promotions/incentives
- Shared mobility infrastructure

Difficult Eligibility or Ineligible:

- Carshare infrastructure restricted by TDM \$750k max award
- Shared mobility operating costs (other than transit services)

2050 TPP

Action 21G: “Continue to explore and support shared mobility options across different modes and platforms to allow for more flexible and affordable travel and reduce the need for vehicles in a household.

Prioritize investments in shared mobility that support regional goals and objectives. Explore providing regional shared e-bike and e-scooter services to provide first- and last-mile options for users to connect to their origins and destinations.”

Public Comments

Requests:

- Bring back Unique Projects or create shared mobility category.
- Higher maximum award for TDM and raise available funding.

Response:

- Committed to evaluate structure leading into 2028 Regional Solicitation.
- Setting aside additional funding for future category needs to happen this cycle.

Question for TAB on Shared Mobility



Should TAB set aside funding this cycle for potential distribution to a shared mobility application category in the 2028 Solicitation cycle?

- Several comments during the application approval process and public comment period touched on this unmet need. Council staff committed to bring forward discussions at TAB to determine any desired action.
- If there is no funding set-aside now, TAB may lose the opportunity to have this category in 2028. Shared mobility projects can typically be developed on a 2-year timeline (similar to the TDM and EV Charging applications), while other Solicitation capital projects typically require 4-5 years from selection for development. (Funding in this cycle is for 2030 and 2031 projects.)
- If TAB later decides to forgo including a shared mobility application category in the 2028 Solicitation, the set-a-side funding can be allocated to projects that indicate they can accommodate an earlier delivery date.

Funding Option Feedback

TAB Feedback Requested on Potential Funding Options to be Developed by Staff



Potential Funding Options

1. **Funding Target Option:** Seeks to hold investment levels relatively steady compared to the 2024 project selection by using the funding targets TAB approved for the application release.
2. **Safety Emphasis:** Increase funding in application categories that emphasize safety in the scoring criteria.
3. **Travel Options Emphasis:** Increases funding in application categories that improve multimodal travel options in the scoring criteria.
4. **Public Input Emphasis:** Allocates funding based on the results of the public survey budget tool.
5. Others?

The potential outcomes of each funding option (e.g., GHG impact, geographic balance, safety) will be provided to the committees to aid in final project selection.

Changes by Outcome Emphasis

2026 Proposed Category	Funding Target Option	With \$5M for Shared Mobility	Safety Emphasis	Travel Options Emphasis	Public Input Emphasis
Safety	\$26 million	\$25 million	Increase	Steady	Increase
Bike/Ped	\$30 million	\$29 million	Steady	Increase	Decrease
Transit	\$52 million	\$51 million	Decrease	Increase	Increase
Roadway	\$95 million	\$93 million	Depends on App	Decrease	Decrease
Environment	\$13 million	\$18 million	Decrease	Increase	Steady

Active Transportation Funding Options

For Active Transportation, \$50 million is available with \$2 million targeted at Active Transportation Planning projects; however, only \$1.375 million worth of planning projects were submitted.

How does TAB want to split up the remaining AT funds between the remaining two categories (Local Bicycle Facilities and Local Pedestrian Facilities). Additional discussion will occur at the next AT Task Force meeting in September.

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Thank you



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