



2024 Active Transportation Project Program Year Extension

2024 Regional Solicitation Selected Projects for Active
Transportation Pilot



Transportation Advisory Board, October 21

2024 AT Pilot Program Background



Project Selection

- During the 2024 Regional Solicitation, the TAB selected an additional 17 projects to be funded with the new regional sales and use tax.
 - An additional project was selected for funding via state legislation.
- Selected applicants were asked if projects could be accelerated from the original 2028 or 2029 program years.
 - Applicants who responded they could, were given an accelerated program year due to defederalizing the projects and a desire to get management experience prior to a formal solicitation.
- TAB applied grant requirements (2024-42) which included a modified program year policy.
 - Policy language: *If projects will not be able to begin by the end of 2026, the project start date may be extended beyond 2026 with TAB approval.*
 - A project beginning was defined as releasing for construction bidding.
 - All selected projects were given the same modified program year and so extension requests are being considered together.

2024 Selected Projects



18 Project Selected, \$21 Million in Funding Awarded

1. Dakota County – CSAH 42 Trail Gap Project
2. Farmington – North Creek Greenway Project
3. Three Rivers Park District – Shingle Creek Regional Trail
4. Minneapolis – Marcy-Holmes Dinkytown Pedestrian Improvements Project
5. Minneapolis – 26th St, 27th St, and 28th St Pedestrians Improvements Project
6. Brooklyn Center – Brooklyn Center Highschool Pedestrian Improvements Project
7. Richfield – 64th St Sidewalk Project
8. Richfield – 73rd St Sidewalk Project
9. Burnsville – Greenwood Drive Sidewalk Project
10. Woodbury – Valley Creek Road Trail Gap Project
11. Fridley – Fridley SRTS Improvements Project
12. *South Saint Paul – Marie Avenue SRTS Project (rescinded award)*
13. Saint Paul – West Side SRTS Pedestrian Improvements Project
14. Jordan – Sunset Drive Improvements Project
15. *Lakeville – 185th St SRTS Trail Project (rescinded award)*
16. Hennepin County – CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project
17. Arden Hills – Old Highway 10 Trail SRTS Improvements
18. *University of Minnesota – Washington Avenue Bridge Safety Improvements (project funded through state legislation)*

2024 Pilot Projects Status

Completed/Under Construction

1. Minneapolis – Marcy-Holmes Dinkytown Pedestrian Improvements Project
2. Burnsville – Greenwood Drive Sidewalk Project
3. Woodbury – Valley Creek Road Trail Gap Project
4. Fridley – Fridley SRTS Improvements Project
5. Jordan – Sunset Drive Improvements Project
6. Hennepin County – CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project
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Project Bidding by end of 2026

1. Minneapolis – 26th St, 27th St, and 28th St Pedestrian Improvements Project
2. Richfield – 73rd St Sidewalk Project
3. Saint Paul – West Side SRTS Pedestrian Improvements Project

Projects Requesting Extension

1. Dakota County – CSAH 42 Trail Gap Project
2. Farmington – North Creek Greenway Project
3. Three Rivers Park District – Shingle Creek Regional Trail
4. Brooklyn Center – Brooklyn Center Highschool Pedestrian Improvements Project
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Staff Analysis and Recommendation

When pilot projects were approved in 2024, it was assumed some may not be able to make the accelerated program year timeline.

- Original program years for the projects were 2028 and 2029.
- Projects requesting the program year extension will still be implemented 1 to 2 years ahead of schedule.
- Most will be implemented with no actual functional delay in construction with extension.

Program Year Policy specific to federal awards, less relevant for active transportation projects.

- The program year for pilot projects followed the calendar year and not federal fiscal year, which begins in July.
- Projects which bid in December 2026, or winter or spring 2027 are both likely to be under construction during the same construction year. So, an extension is not likely to have any functional change in project implementation.
- There is no financial risk associated with extensions for AT funded projects. Funding is available and held in the account for selected projects. No future revenue considerations with extensions.

Projects may only receive a single program year extension.

Given these considerations and the accelerated nature of the pilot projects, staff recommend that these program year extensions to 2027 be approved for all applicants.

2026-39 Extension Requests Details

Three Rivers Park District Shingle Creek Regional Trail Reconstruction project

Project Description: to improve 0.84 miles of substandard regional trail from a concrete sidewalk to a 10-foot multiuse trail facility.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Unforeseen right-of-way acquisition needs that became apparent during detailed project design. Hennepin County has indicated that acquisition will be complete in spring 2027.

Updated Project Timeline: The project sponsor will bid out the project following land acquisition in May 2027 to construct the project in late summer to early fall 2027.

Technical Comments: No questions or comments.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

2026-40 Extension Requests Details

The City of Richfield 64th Street Sidewalk project

Project Description: to construct one mile of new sidewalk along 64th Street including a new railroad crossing and accessibility improvements.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Additional time is required to finish coordination with the railroad operator, Progressive Rail, to approve a new rail crossing on 64th Street. Coordination work has progressed over 2026 with a final railroad permit anticipated in early 2027.

Updated Project Timeline: Upon finishing coordination and receiving final permit from railroad, project bidding to begin in March 2027 with construction planned for summer 2027.

Technical Comments: No questions or comments.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

2026-41 Extension Requests Details

The Dakota County State Aid Highway 42 Trail Gap project

Project Description: to construct 1.2 miles of new multiuse trail along Dakota CSAH 42 to fill a gap between existing multiuse facilities.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Additional time to coordinate condemnation proceedings for multiple commercial properties and permitting with Centerpoint Energy and MnDOT for encroachment agreements.

Updated Project Timeline: The applicant anticipates agreements to be in place and condemnation to be complete in December 2026 which will allow for bidding of the project in January 2027 for a 2027 construction start.

Technical Comments: No questions or comments.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

2026-42 Extension Requests Details

The City of Farmington North Creek Greenway project

Project Description: to construct 1.7 miles of new multiuse trail to fill a gap on the North Creek Greenway Trail.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Additional time to coordinate with impacted property owners on the final trail design and alignment, and to finalize agreements.

Updated Project Timeline: The applicant anticipates final design to be completed and agreements with property owners in place by August 2027 with the project send out to bid in December 2027 to be constructed in 2028.

Technical Comments: No questions or comments.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

2026-43 Extension Requests Details

Brooklyn Center – Brooklyn Center Highschool Pedestrian Improvements Project

Project Description: to construct new sidewalks and improve pedestrian crossings along roadways that run adjacent to Brooklyn Center High School.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Additional time needed due to design changes made to multiple locations within the project extent to further improve pedestrian safety. These changes include converting a signal-controlled intersection to a roundabout and adding a concrete median to portions of Humboldt Avenue and 65th Avenue which required additional coordination with MnDOT.

Updated Project Timeline: The design and coordination are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026 and the project to be released for bids in January 2027 for a summer 2027 construction start.

Technical Comments: No questions or comments.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

2026-44 Extension Requests Details

The City of Arden Hills Old Highway 10 Safe Routes to School project

Project Description: to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities with a 10-foot multiuse trail along 1.3 miles of Old Highway 10.

Circumstances for Extension Request: Additional time needed due to coordination with Ramsey County on the County's updated cost sharing policy, which is to take effect in 2027.

Updated Project Timeline: The project is expected to be released for bids in January 2027 for a summer 2027 construction start.

Technical Comments: Committee members asked about the nature of the request coordinating with Ramsey County cost share policy changes. Staff replied that the nature of the request was considered in the recommendation, but as it will not result in an actual delay in the implementation of the project that it is recommended to be approved to support local funding coordination. The program year policy for active transportation projects will be reviewed to avoid similar issues in the future.

TAC F&P recommended for approval 20-0.

TAC recommended for approval 26-0.

Consent Business Motions

- **2026-39:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the Three Rivers Park District Shingle Creek Regional Trail Reconstruction project.
- **2026-40:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Richfield 64th Street Sidewalk project.
- **2026-41:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the Dakota County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 Trail Gap project.
- **2026-42:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Farmington North Creek Greenway project.
- **2026-43:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Brooklyn Center High School Pedestrian Improvements project.
- **2026-44:** That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Arden Hills Old Highway 10 Safe Routes to School project.