# 2026 Regional Solicitation

## Excessive Delay Map

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# 2026 Goal-Based Solicitation Structure

## 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 Funding*

Regional Bike Facilities

*Regional Active Transportation Sales Tax 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)

- *Base Funding*
- *Competitive*

## Regional Data

Regional Modeling/Travel Behavior Inventory

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

# Excessive Delay Measure in the Regional Solicitation

**Regional Priorities for Reliability & Excessive Delay**

This criterion assesses the excessive delay (as defined in the region's CMP) and reliability of potential projects based on the *2050 TPP maps for Reliability or Excessive Delay* (with updated data for use in scoring).

Does the project location appear on any of the following?

## A. 2050 TPP Map for Excessive Delay

Excessive Highway Delay *map* (if more than one applies in the project area, select the highest delay):

- ☐ Less than 2 hours
- ☐ 2-3 hours
- ☐ 4-6 hours
- ☐ Greater than 6 hours

# Use of the Map as a Scoring Measure

## Limited Scoring Opportunities Diminish the Criterion's Overall Value in Project Scoring

- Updating the excessive delay map from the TPP with more recent data was as called for in the approved Regional Solicitation applications.
- Our data science team found an error in the data processing code used for building that map from Streetlight data. After substantial review and quality control of the entire process including the data, we have revised the maps to most correctly reflect the excessive delay definition in the TPP.
- Given the updated map, most of the locations showing 2 hours or more of excessive delay are on the freeway system.
    - However, freeways are not eligible for the Regional Solicitation.
    - Only 9 miles of eligible roadways have the potential to score any points.
- Given the new map, this measure would not likely have been used at all or in the same manner as what was approved by TAB.
- With limited scoring opportunities on the map, MTS staff want to bring this issue to the TAC to discuss potential remedies so that the total value of the criteria is not diminished.
- Additional details can be found on our Data Atlas: Dynamic & Resilient | Regional Solicitation Data Atlas

# Travel Time Index

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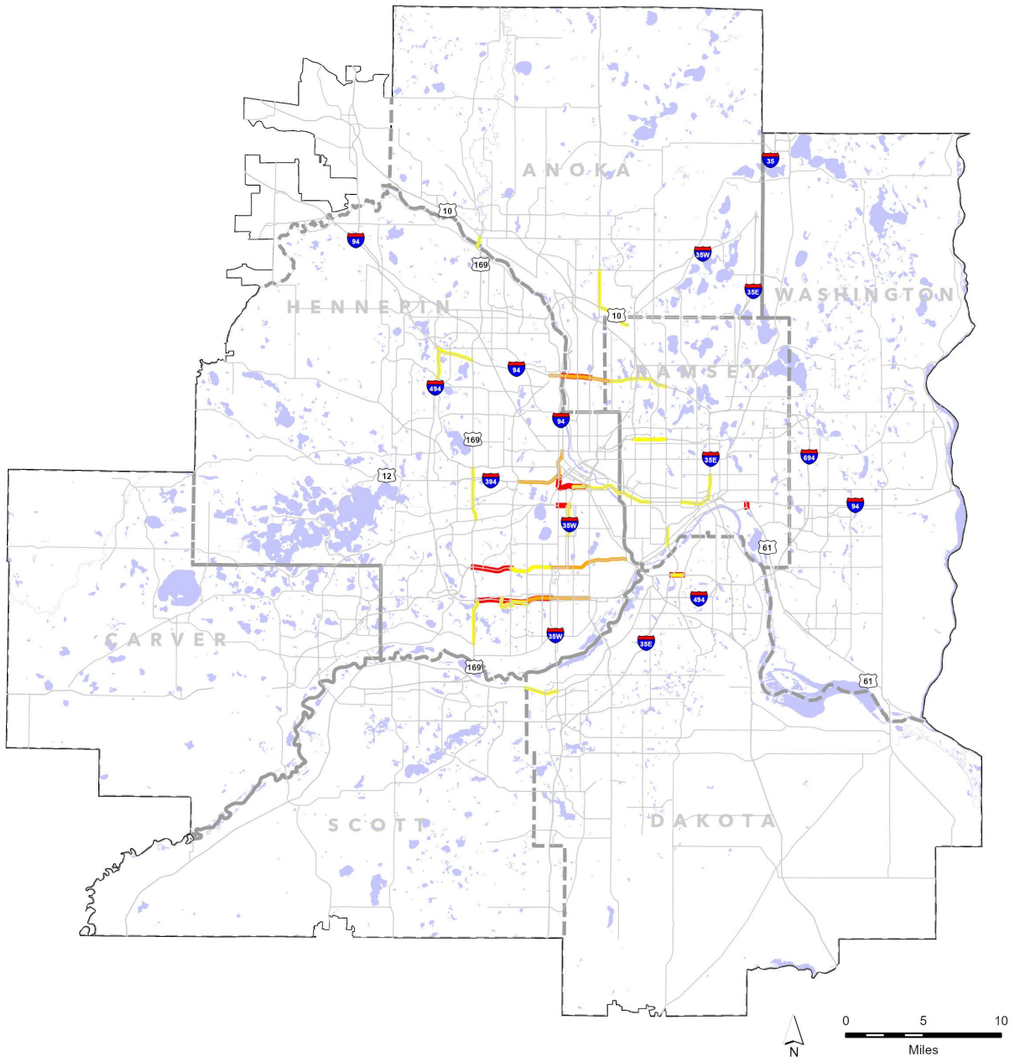
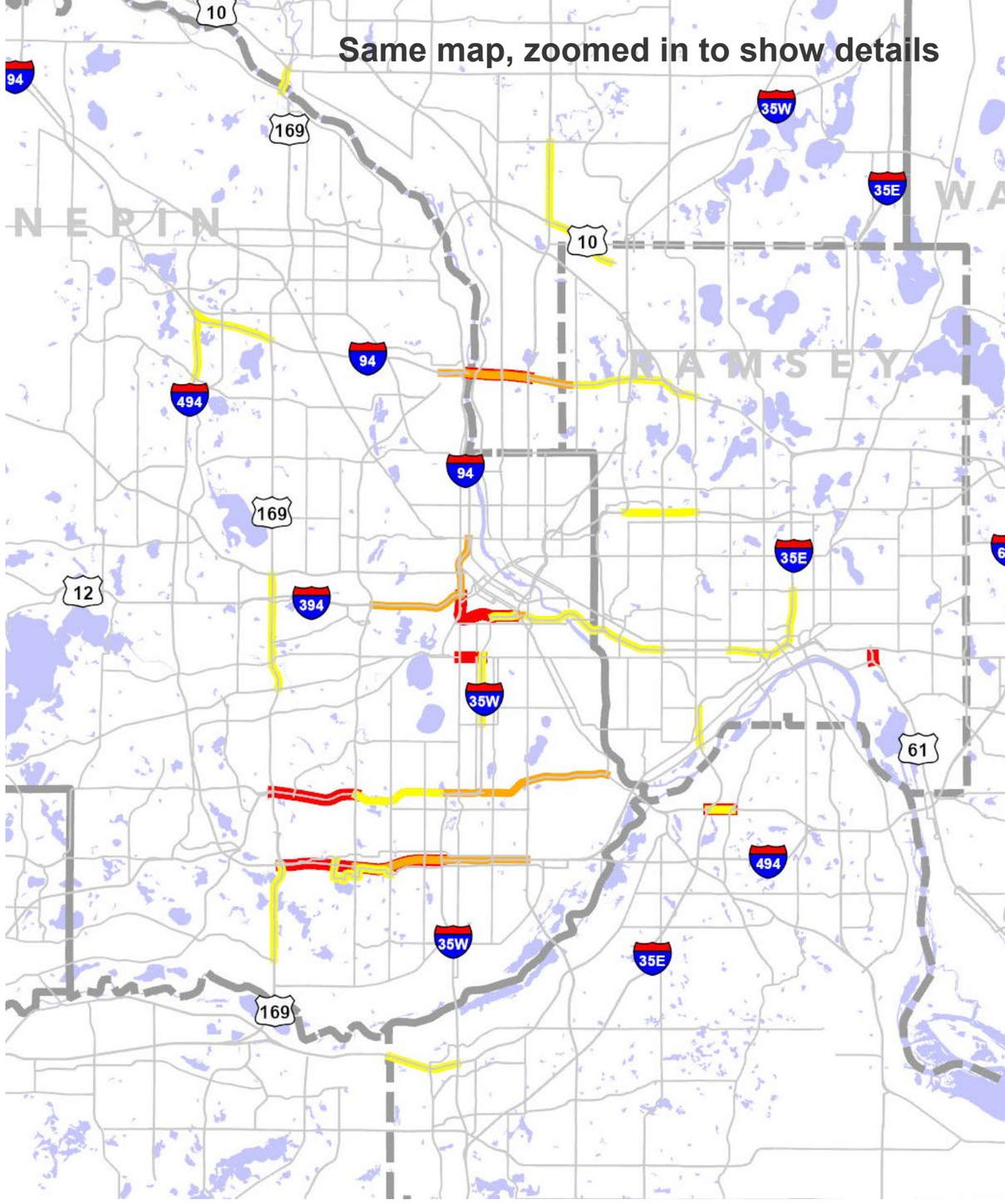



## Travel Time Index

- Greater than 6 hours
- 4-6 hours
- 2-3 hours
- Less than 2 hours

## Reference Layers

- Lakes and Rivers
- Counties
- Metropolitan Planning Area



# Congestion Management Strategies

| Criteria and Measures | % |
|---|---|
| **1. Anticipated Delay Reduction**<br>Measure A – Cost effectiveness of delay reduced | **15%** |
| **2. Regional Priorities for Reliability & Excessive Delay**<br>Measure A – 2050 TPP map for Reliability (10%)<br>Measure B – 2050 TPP map for Excessive Delay (10%)<br>Measure C – Intersection Mobility and Safety Study priorities (5%) | **25%** |
| **3. Safety**<br>Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts<br>Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles<br>Measure C – Safe System approach | **20%** |
| **4. Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections**<br>Measure A – New or improved multimodal connections (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, TDM elements) | **10%** |
| **5. Freight**<br>Measure A - Connection to Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers | **5%** |
| **6. Natural Systems Protection and Restoration**<br>Measure A - Flood mitigation, stormwater treatment, other environmental benefits, etc. | **5%** |
| **7.Community Considerations (3 Measures)** | **20%** |
| **Total** | **100%** |

# New Interchanges

| Criteria and Measures | % |
|---|---|
| **1. Anticipated Delay Reduction**<br>Measure A – Cost effectiveness of delay reduced | **10%** |
| **2. Regional Priorities for Reliability & Excessive Delay**<br>Measure A – 2050 TPP map for Reliability (10%)<br>Measure B – 2050 TPP map for Excessive Delay (10%) | **20%** |
| **3. Safety**<br>Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts<br>Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles<br>Measure C – Safe System approach | **30%** |
| **4. Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections**<br>Measure A – New or improved multimodal connections (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, TDM elements) | **10%** |
| **5. Freight**<br>Measure A - Connection to Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers | **5%** |
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| **7. Community Considerations (3 Measures)** | **20%** |
| **Total** | **100%** |

# Next steps

## Next steps:

1. Call for projects – May 7 to June 25
2. Met Council develops Excessive Delay scoring options to be discussed and recommended as an action item by the committees
   - TAC F&P May 21st
   - TAC June 3rd
   - TAB June 17th

# Thank You

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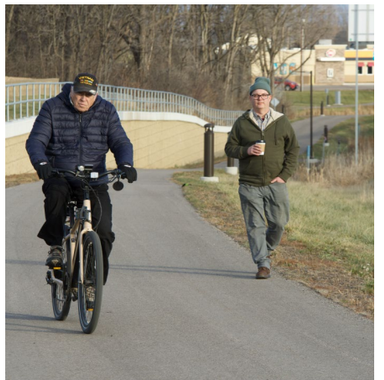
# Regional Solicitation Schedule

## Met Council approved the applications on April 22

- **Trainings:** Multiple opportunities/past webinars listed on the *Training Opportunities page*
- **Applications released in Fluxx:** May 7
- **Fluxx registration deadline:** June 11, 4 p.m.
- **Applications due:** June 25, 4 p.m.
- **Scoring and evaluation:** Summer 2026
- **Project selection:** Winter 2026/2027



# Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Solicitation

## Administered by MnDOT, Approved by Met Council

- **Expected Application Period:** June 1 – July 23, 2026
  - Information sessions on June 11 and June 30
- **Maximum Award:** $2 million
- **Program Year:** 2030 and 2031
- **Cost Participation:** Federal share up to 90% of total project
- **Total Available:** $30 million available

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