

Minutes

TAC Funding and Programming Committee



Meeting date: September 24, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| ☒ Eagan – Russ Matthys | ☒ MnDOT Metro District – Aaron Tag | ☒ Anoka Co. – Jerry Auge |
| ☒ Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis | ☐ MnDOT Metro District State Aid – Colleen Brown | ☒ Carver Co. – Anthony Sellner |
| ☐ Fridley – Jim Kosluchar (Chair) | ☒ MnDOT Bike/Ped – Molly Joshi | ☒ Dakota Co. – Jacob Chapek |
| ☐ Lakeville – Paul Oehme (Vice Chair) | ☒ MPCA – Lauren Dickerson | ☒ Hennepin Co. – Emily Buell |
| ☒ Minneapolis – Katie White (Acting Chair) | ☒ DNR – Nancy Spooner-Walsh | ☒ Ramsey Co. – Codie Leseman |
| ☒ Plymouth – Michael Thompson | ☒ Suburban Transit Assoc. – Heidi Scholl | ☒ Scott Co. – Jon Rudolph |
| ☒ St. Paul – Anne Weber | | ☒ Wash Co. – Madeline Dahlheimer |
| ☒ Met Council – Cole Hiniker | | ☐ FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio) |
| ☒ Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak | | ☒ = present, E = excused |
| ☒ TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos | | |

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Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Acting Committee Chair Katie White, Minneapolis, called the regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee to order just after 1:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

No action needed because no changes were made.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Jerry Auge, Anoka County, and seconded by Aaron Tag, MnDOT Metro District, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public comment on committee business

TAB report

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported on the August 19, 2026, Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Business

Going into the business items, Russ Matthys, Eagan, suggested combining all of the action items into one motion given the similarities of the requests. Members and staff decided to have separate motions.

Joe Widing, MTS Planning, presented on all six items and started by providing a summary of how the Active Transportation projects currently in process were awarded.

1. **2026-39:** Program Year Extension Request - Three Rivers Park District Shingle Creek Regional Trail Reconstruction Active Transportation Pilot Project

It was moved by Michael Thompson, Plymouth, and seconded by Maddie Dahlheimer, Washington County, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of 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. **Motion carried.**

2. **2026-40:** Program Year Extension Request - The City of Richfield 64th Street Sidewalk Active Transportation Pilot Project

It was moved by Dahlheimer and seconded by Emily Buell, Hennepin County, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Richfield 64th Street Sidewalk project. **Motion carried.**

3. **2026-41:** Program Year Extension Request - Dakota County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 Trail Gap and Underpass Active Transportation Pilot Project

It was moved by Dahlheimer and seconded by Tag that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of 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. **Motion carried.**

4. **2026-42:** Program Year Extension Request - The City of Farmington North Creek Greenway Active Transportation Pilot Project

Dahlheimer asked for clarification that a project starts at bidding. Widing confirmed this.

It was moved by Nancy Spooner-Walsh, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and seconded by Auge that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the program year extension request to shift the program year from 2026 to 2027 for the City of Farmington North Creek Greenway project. **Motion carried.**

5. **2026-43:** Program Year Extension Request - The City of Brooklyn Center Brooklyn Center High School Pedestrian Improvements Active Transportation Pilot Project

It was moved by Dahlheimer and seconded by Auge that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of 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. **Motion carried.**

6. **2026-44:** Program Year Extension Request - The City of Arden Hills Old Highway 10 Safe Routes to School Active Transportation Pilot Project

Buell said that Hennepin County is reviewing its cost-sharing policy, which will impact 45 cities. She expressed concern that cost-sharing policy changes could lead to many extensions. Widing replied that part of the background of this request is that an arbitrary date was established and that the program year policy as it relates to Active Transportation projects will be addressed in the future.

It was moved by Anthony Sellner, Carver County, and seconded by Codie Leseman, Ramsey County, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of 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. **Motion carried.**

Widing provided an update on the overall status of the Active Transportation program.

Information

1. Regional Solicitation Update (Steve Peterson and Joe Widing, Transportation Planning)

Cole Hiniker, Transportation Planning, asked whether overprogrammed projects are unable to be funded. Steve Peterson replied that sometimes volunteer sponsors are asked to shift funding back to accommodate all awarded projects. Hiniker asked about the potential impact of a federal reauthorization bill providing increased funding. Steve Peterson replied that overprogramming helps prepare for situations like that.

Dahlheimer expressed concern about the ability to fund all pedestrian facilities and suggested funding based on interest generated by the applications.

2. Regional Solicitation GHG Evaluation (Olivia Dorow Hovland, Transportation Planning)

Other business

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned.

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