

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: October 22, 2026

Date: October 6, 2026

Action Transmittal: 2026-50

Program-Year Extension Request: Hennepin County Lyndale Ave South (CSAH 22) Reconstruction

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

Prepared by: Joe Barbeau, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1750

Requested action

Hennepin County requests a program year extension to move its Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) reconstruction project from 2027 to 2028.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of Hennepin County's request to move its Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) reconstruction project from 2027 to 2028.

Background and purpose

Hennepin County was awarded \$7,000,000 in the 2022 Regional Solicitation to reconstruct Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) from Lake Street (CSAH 3) to Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) in Minneapolis.

The county is requesting that the project be moved from 2027 to 2028. The rationale for the requested extension is that an extended public engagement process exceeded typical timelines and ultimately delayed subsequent project development.

Relationship to regional policy

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopted the Program Year Policy in April 2013 (last updated in February 2025) to assist with management and timely delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funding through the TAB's Regional Solicitation. The policy includes a procedure to request one extension of one-year based on extenuating circumstances within certain guidelines along with the ability to request an exception to the policy to go beyond a one-time and/or one-year extension of there are extraordinary circumstances. The applicant is requesting a standard one-year extension for the first time with this project.

Staff analysis

This is a one-year request that is being made for the first time on this project. The Regional Program Year Policy states that the information under "Project Progress" (see page 5) will determine whether a project is eligible for an extension. This project is on track for 2028 completion. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the request.

An extension of the program year does not guarantee federal funding will be available in the new program year. If the request is approved, the project sponsor is responsible for completing the project in the new program year (2028) and covering the federal share of the project until federal

funding becomes available. At this time the project would be in line for 2030 reimbursement of federal funds, though an earlier reimbursement may occur if funding becomes available.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	<i>October 22, 2026</i>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	<i>November 4, 2026</i>
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and adopt	<i>November 18, 2026</i>





Public Works

September 22, 2026

Mr. Jim Kosluchar
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming Committee
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

RE: PROGRAM YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SP 027-622-006

Hennepin County's Lyndale Ave South (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr. Kosluchar,

Hennepin County respectfully requests that the Technical Advisory Committee's Funding and Programming Committee consider a one-year program year extension for the Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project (SP 027-622-006). The project limits extend from Lake Street (CSAH 3) to Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) in the City of Minneapolis. The current program year is 2027, and the county is requesting an adjustment to 2028.

Through the 2022 Regional Solicitation, Hennepin County was awarded \$7,000,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds for the 2027 program year. Following the award in 2023, project work began immediately due to significant community interest along the corridor. Because of the potential impacts of the reconstruction, Hennepin County conducted an extended public engagement process to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was meaningfully incorporated into the final concept. This extended engagement period exceeded typical project timelines and delayed preliminary design completion and subsequent project development. Layout approval for the final concept was received in July 2026, allowing remaining project development efforts to move forward. This extension request reflects our commitments to the community and aligns with our intent to begin construction in calendar year 2028.

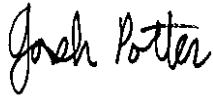
Shifting the program year from 2027 to 2028 minimizes community impacts by avoiding 2027 construction projects in the area and will allow for adequate time to complete remaining project development tasks—including right-of-way acquisition and environmental review—which were delayed due to the extended engagement period.

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For these reasons, Hennepin County requests the TAC Funding and Programming Committee's support in extending the Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project program year from 2027 to 2028. If additional information is needed, please contact me at (612) 596-0820 or Josh.Potter@hennepin.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Potter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Josh Potter

CC: Colleen Brown, MnDOT Federal Aid
Joe Barbeau, Metropolitan Council

Attachments: Attachment 01 - Project Location Map

Attachment 02 – Minneapolis Letter of Support

Attachment 03 – MnDOT Letter of Support

Attachment 04 – Metro Transit Letter of Support

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PROGRESS SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAM YEAR EXTENSION

Enter request date: [September 22, 2026](#)

1. Project Background (Project description, federal cost, non-federal cost, current program year, original program year):

The project will reconstruct Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) from Lake Street (CSAH 3) to Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) in the City of Minneapolis. Federal funding was awarded as part of the 2022 Regional Solicitation and is tracked under SP 027-622-006. The total construction costs are currently estimated to be \$18,195,000 based on 2026-2029 STIP/TIP. Per the notice of award, Hennepin County anticipates \$7 million in federal funds, with the remainder of the project costs covered by local funds. The current program year is 2027 and the county is requesting a one year extension to 2028.

2. Project Progress; Requests must include an agency's anticipated schedule:
 - Environmental document approval date or anticipated approval date [9/3/2027](#)
 - 100% plan approval date or anticipated approval date [12/17/2027](#)
 - Right-of-way certificate approval date or anticipated approval date [11/19/2027](#)
3. Justification for Extension Request. Please describe the circumstances of this request.

What circumstances have led to the need for an extension? What is unique about this project that requires an extension of the program year?

Following the award in 2023, project work began immediately due to significant community interest along the corridor. Because of the potential impacts of the reconstruction, Hennepin County conducted an extended public engagement process to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was meaningfully incorporated into the final concept. This extended engagement period exceeded typical project timelines and delayed preliminary design completion and subsequent project development. Layout approval for the final concept was received in July 2026, allowing remaining project development efforts to move forward towards starting construction in 2028.

What are the implications if the project does not obtain the requested extension? (e.g., withdraw the project, attempt to complete the project on time)?

If this program year extension request is not approved, the project's development timeline will become unattainable, and the project will need to be withdrawn. Hennepin County, in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit, has invested significant resources to achieve an approved layout while honoring the commitment made to the public to begin construction in 2028. Ending this project would require additional adjustments to the county's and city's Capital Improvement Programs.

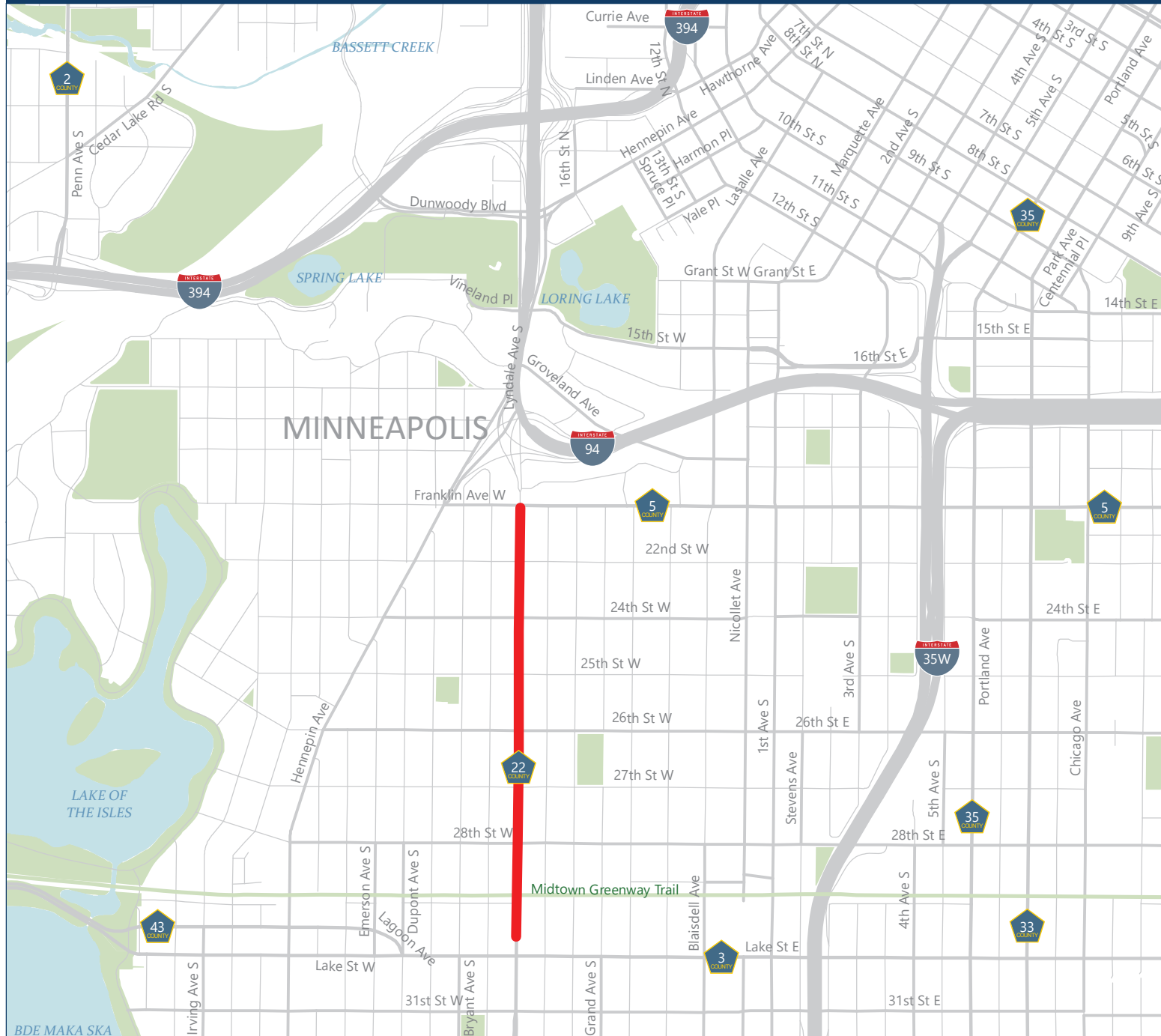
Will delaying the project negatively impact the affected area (e.g., would a longer delay allow for dangerous conditions to persist)? Are there interim steps that can be taken to address the project and mitigate impacts in the interim?

Delaying the project would undermine commitments made to the community to begin construction in 2028. Approving this Program Year Extension Request will help minimize community impacts, especially given other nearby improvement projects scheduled for 2027 (such as CSAH 33/Park Avenue and CSAH 35/Portland Avenue improvements, and the Franklin Avenue reconstruction). The project team will also coordinate closely with other programmed projects in 2028–2029, including the City of Minneapolis's reconstruction of 35th and 36th Streets from Blaisdell Avenue to Chicago Avenue, to further reduce disruptions.

CSAH 22 (Lyndale Ave) Reconstruction Project

Attachment 01 | Project Location Map

HENNEPIN COUNTY
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 Project Location

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Disclaimer: This map (i) is furnished "AS IS" with no representation as to completeness or accuracy; (ii) is furnished with no warranty of any kind; and (iii) is not suitable for legal, engineering or surveying purposes. Hennepin County shall not be liable for any damage, injury or loss resulting from this map.

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August 21, 2026

Mr. Jim Kosluchar
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Program Year Extension Request for Lyndale Avenue (SP 027-622-006)

Mr. Kosluchar:

The City of Minneapolis supports Hennepin County's request for a program year extension for the County's Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) reconstruction project. The County's request involves rescheduling this project from program year 2027 to program year 2028.

In 2022, Hennepin County was awarded \$7 million in State Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) federal funding as part of the Regional Solicitation to reconstruct Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) from 29th Street to Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) in the City of Minneapolis (as tracked under SP 027-622-006). Since being awarded the funding, Hennepin County's Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project has required additional time for public engagement and evaluation of concept alternatives. Of specific note has been consideration of Metro Transit's Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) Plan Update that identified Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) as a candidate for the future L Line. A resolution of support for the Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction project from the City of Minneapolis was published on July 25, 2026, and represents a key milestone for minimizing risks and uncertainties as the project advances into final design.

Additionally, rescheduling the Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) reconstruction project will allow for improved coordination with other nearby City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and MnDOT-led projects in the 2026-2030 timeframe to minimize the extent and duration of construction impacts within the Uptown area.

We look forward to continued coordination with Hennepin County to improve Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) for all users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Mayell".

Kathleen Mayell, AICP
Director of Transportation Planning and Programming, Minneapolis Public Works



MnDOT Metro District
1500 West County Road B-2
Roseville, MN 55113

8/3/2026

Mr. Jim Kosluchar
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Program Year Extension Request for Lyndale Avenue (SP 027-622-006)

Dear Mr. Kosluchar,

This letter documents MnDOT Metro District's support for the Hennepin County's request for a program year extension for the county's Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) reconstruction project. The county's request involves rescheduling this project from program year 2027 to program year 2028.

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Furthermore, rescheduling the Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) reconstruction project would allow for improved coordination with other nearby City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and MnDOT-led projects in the 2026-2030 timeframe; therefore, coordinating the location and duration of construction impacts within the Uptown area.

We look forward to continued coordination with Hennepin County to improve Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) for all users.

If you have questions or require additional information at this time, please reach out to me at Mackenzie.TurnerBargen@state.mn.us or 651-234-7879.

Sincerely,

**Mackenzie Turner
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West Area Manager
MnDOT Metro District

CC:

Aaron Tag, Metro Program Management Director

Dan Erickson, Metro State Aid Engineer

Gina Mitteco, Planning Program Director



8/11/2026

Mr. Jim Kosluchar
Chair, TAC Funding and Programming
390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Program Year Extension Request for Lyndale Avenue (SP 027-622-006)

Mr. Kosluchar:

Metro Transit supports Hennepin County's request for a program year extension for the county's Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project. The county's request involves rescheduling this project from program year 2027 to program year 2028.

In 2022, Hennepin County was awarded \$7 million in State Transportation Block Grant Program federal funding as part of the Regional Solicitation to fully-reconstruct Lyndale Avenue from 29th Street to Franklin Avenue, part of a larger project that extends two additional blocks south to 31st Street. Hennepin County's Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project has required additional time to consider the needs of all users in the corridor, including transit riders. Municipal consent from Minneapolis occurred on July 16, 2026, and represents a key milestone for minimizing risks and uncertainties as the project advances into final design.

Rescheduling the Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project would allow for improved coordination with other nearby City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and MnDOT-led projects in the 2026-2030 timeframe. Additional coordination will help to mitigate the location and duration of construction impacts within this community.

We look forward to continued coordination with Hennepin County to improve Lyndale Avenue for all users.

Sincerely,


Katie Roth (Aug 13, 2026 11:07:15 CDT)

13/08/2026

Katie Roth
Assistant General Manager, Planning and Project Delivery
Metro Transit

CSAH 022 - CP 2052300 - LOS Response - Metro Transit

Final Audit Report

2026-08-13

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Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: October 22, 2026

Date: October 15, 2026

Action Transmittal: 2026-51

Adopt Revisions to Community Considerations Criteria, Measures and Scoring Guidance for the 2026 Regional Solicitation

To: TAC Funding & Programming

Prepared by: Amy Vennewitz, Director Transportation Planning, 651-602-1058
Steve Peterson, Senior Manager, 651-602-1819
Bethany Brandt-Sargent, Manager, 651-602-1725
Joe Barbeau, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1705

Requested action

Recommend that TAB adopt the revised Community Considerations criteria, measures and scoring guidance for all 2026 Regional Solicitation federal and active transportation application categories to provide clarity as requested by the USDOT.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the revised Community Considerations criteria, measures and scoring guidance (Attachment 1) for all 2026 Regional Solicitation federal and active transportation application categories.

Background and purpose

At its January 2026 meeting, the TAB adopted the criteria, measures and scoring guidance for both the 2026 Federal Regional Solicitation and Active Transportation Solicitation and approved releasing the applications for public comment. Following the public comment period, at its March 18th meeting the TAB recommended the Council approve release of the applications with changes resulting from the public comments. The Council subsequently approved and released the applications on April 22nd.

On March 30, 2026, Scott County sent a letter (Attachment 2) to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) regarding the Community Considerations criterion within the Regional Solicitation and its potential misalignment with current federal transportation policies. In a letter to the Council dated August 26, 2026 (Attachment 3) the USDOT asserted that the Regional Solicitation's Community Considerations criterion is not in compliance with federal policy, and specifically requested the following modifications:

- Eliminate race-based prioritization: Remove any scoring prompts and foundational policies that grant priority or assign points based on race or ethnicity (49 CFR Part 21).
- Remove the "environmental justice" framework: Delete scoring metrics that reward subjective analyses of historical harms or grievances (49 CFR Part 21).
- Broaden the definition of "community": Expand the definition of community to include all users of the transportation system, such as commuters and commercial vehicles, rather than excluding non-local users (no regulatory citation).

On October 2, 2026, the Council sent a response letter to USDOT (Attachment 4), which stated

the Council maintains it is compliant with all federal laws but is committed to clarifying our compliance through revisions to the Community Considerations measures description and scoring guidance, and new scorer training to clarify the intent of the measures. The proposed revised language was included in the Council response and is shown in Attachment 1.

The revisions directly address the USDOT requested modifications and include the following:

- Scoring prompts have been removed along with references to the foundational policies.
- References to the environmental justice framework and historical harms have been removed.
- The definition of “community” has been removed.
- The Council’s prohibition against illegal discrimination in the scoring of the solicitation has been reiterated and highlighted.

Relationship to regional policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding and active transportation regional sales tax funding. The Regional Solicitation applications were created through the Regional Solicitation Evaluation process, which updated the structure, criteria, measures and scoring to reflect the adopted Imagine 2050 Regional Development Guide and 2050 Transportation Policy Plan.

Staff analysis

The revisions shown in Attachment 1 should be made in response to the USDOT direction and will follow the normal approval process shown below. Once adopted by TAB and approved by the Council, the submitted applications will be reopened for the purpose of allowing applicants an opportunity to revise and resubmit their responses for the three Community Considerations scoring measures only. Applicants will not be allowed to make edits to any other application materials previously submitted.

These actions are anticipated to follow the following timeline:

1. Action on revised Community Considerations description and scoring guidance:
 - a) October 22nd meeting of the TAC Funding & Programming (F&P) Committee
 - b) November 4th meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - c) November 18th meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
 - d) November 23rd meeting of the Transportation Committee and
 - e) December 2nd meeting of the Metropolitan Council
2. Late December – late January: Qualified applications re-opened to give applicants the opportunity to modify and submit new responses to the revised Community Considerations measures or keep the same responses
3. January: Training session with Community Considerations scorers on the revised measures and scoring guidance.
4. Early 2027: F&P Committee considers scoring appeals for quantitative scores. (By adopted rule, the appeals do not include qualitative scoring measures.)
5. February/March: Community Considerations scoring committee rescores all applications with revised guidance.
6. March/April: F&P Committee approves final scores and begins funding options discussions.
7. May/June: TAB approves program of projects.
8. June/July Council concurs with the TAB’s approval of the program of projects.

Pending any further unforeseen delays, these schedule changes are anticipated to have limited impact on the ability for project sponsors to deliver the federally funded projects in 2030 and

2031. However, selected active transportation regional sales tax projects that had intended to construct their projects in summer 2027 may be delayed until the 2028 construction season.

Routing

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Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review and recommend	<i>November 23, 2026</i>
Metropolitan Council	Review and approve	<i>December 2, 2026</i>



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 |
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| ☒ St. Paul – Anne Weber | | ☒ Wash Co. – Madeline Dahlheimer |
| ☒ Met Council – Cole Hiniker | | ☐ FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio) |
| ☒ Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak | | ☒ = present, E = excused |
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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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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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