



Regional Solicitation and Active Transportation Update

TAC Planning Committee



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Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Provide overview of application changes, including to Community Considerations, based on committee input
- Provide final feedback before application details are compiled into action items for TAC F&P



Action Items

Previous Actions

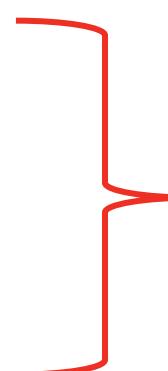
1. Approve application categories
2. Approve minimum/maximum awards
3. Approve category funding targets
4. Approve qualifying requirements



October F&P/November TAC and TAB

Upcoming Actions

1. Approve application criteria, measures, and scoring guidance
2. Approve score weighting
3. Approve overall solicitation package and release for public comments



December
F&P/January
TAC and TAB

Recent Updates

- **Technical Steering Committee 11/25**
 - Consensus to conduct Active Transportation sales-tax solicitation biennially off-cycle (2026, then 2027, 2029, etc.).
 - Mixed input on reducing the 20% Community Considerations criteria percentage for the applications.
 - Preference to just have the year-round maintenance requirements apply to the federal Regional Bike Facilities application and not the Active Transportation Local Bike Facilities application.
 - Proposed updates to Regional Bike Facilities and Bridge Connections applications.
 - Consensus to only have Community Considerations funding priority for 1 project per cycle and no funding priority in the two Safety categories.
- **TAC 12/3**
 - Discussion about year-round maintenance requirements and Regional Bike Facilities scoring.
 - Proposal to by the County technical staff reduce Community Considerations to 10% of all scores.

Community Considerations Criteria



Regional Direction



Imagine 2050 + TPP Goal of Equity & Inclusion

- One of five regional goals: Equitable and inclusive region
- Regional Equity Framework:
 - People-centered, data-driven decision-making approach
 - Prioritized engagement with overburdened communities
 - Benefits to communities that go beyond harm mitigation

Equity is at the core of our regional vision—every decision should improve outcomes for historically excluded communities.

Proposed Measures



1. Community Data and Context

- *Strong applications show a clear, nuanced understanding of the community.*

2. Community Need and Future Engagement

- *Strong applications show how community needs were identified and future engagement is planned.*

3. Community Benefits

- *Strong applications deliver meaningful benefits to nearby communities and reduce harms.*

Feedback this Fall

Sept-Oct Comments	11/19 Policy Working Group	11/25 Technical Steering Committee	12/3 Technical Advisory Committee
Overall support for approach; tweak it but keep the fundamentals	--	--	Concern that applicants will be lumped in the middle
Concerns about community engagement wording and timing	Staff brought major revisions that the group supported	--	--
How should this criterion be weighted across categories (i.e., 20%)?	Mixed feedback; requests input from TSC	Mixed feedback; seek guidance today and from Policymaker Work Group	County technical staff recommended 10% weighting
Will funding priority benefit too many projects?	Mixed feedback; requests input from TSC	Recommendation for additional limits	--

Topic #1: Scoring Recommendations



Current Scoring Recommendation

- 20% of points for Community Considerations measures across all application categories

Considerations

- Four of the Imagine 2050 goal areas have application categories devoted to their implementation. Community Considerations does not have a devoted application category, so its implementation comes in a consistent set of scoring measures used in all application categories.
- Designed so that community driven projects will score higher.
- Goes beyond projects to encourage organizational and systems change.
- Additional Met Council supports for scoring fairness and consistency:
 - Pilot testing and iteration
 - Training for applicants and scorers
 - Scoring committee facilitation and support

Goal-Based Structure

Safety

Proactive Safety (All Modes):

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

Reactive Safety (All Modes):

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Large Projects (Reg Sol Federal Funding)

Dynamic and Resilient

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Federal Reg Sol Funding

Regional Bike Facilities

Reg Active Transportation Funding

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Topic #2: Community Considerations

Funding Priority



Funding Priority = provide funding to those projects scoring High-High on the Community Considerations measures, and that are not otherwise funded under a proposed funding option

- Substitutes for not having a separate application category for this regional Goal
- Very difficult to achieve; Community Considerations scoring committee (includes all scorers) will agree and recommend
- Substitutes for bonus points as used in previous Solicitation design
- Meant to reward projects with very high community alignment and focus but that might otherwise be small in nature, unable to achieve high scoring under technical 80% of scoring
- No more than one priority project total for the entire solicitation
- No priority project from the Safety categories

Application Changes and Updates



Application Review Process

Criteria, Measures and Score Weighting Development

- **Sep-Oct:** Revisions based on first round of technical review
- **Oct-Nov:** Revisions based on second round of technical review (included TAC and TAB)
- **November 20:** Info items at TAC Funding and Programming
- **December 3:** Info items at TAC
- **December 17:** Info items at TAB
- **December 18:** Action items at TAC Funding and Programming
- **January 7:** Action items at TAC
- **January 21:** Action items at TAB and release for public comment

Application Review (1)

TAC, Special Issue Working Group Review Oct - Nov

- **Community Considerations:** Measure B was updated to focus on Community Needs and *Future Engagement*.
- **Bridge Connections:** New Measure B: Detour Impact added to System Resiliency criteria. Measure will evaluate impacts of a potential detour without the bridge connection. Safety criteria simplified.
- **Safety:** Score weighting adjustments made in the Proactive Safety application.
- **Regional Bike:** Context Sensitive Design criteria was retitled to All Ages & Abilities Design and scoring updated to better align with TPP.

Carsharing and Bikesharing Eligibility (1)

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Carsharing and Bikesharing Eligibility (2)

Project Cost	Source Funding Eligibility	Application Category Eligibility	Notes
Carsharing expansion infrastructure and related program administration*	Federally eligible, expansion only, operations limited to 3 years of funding	TDM, shown as "local carsharing"	Max award of \$750k, total available \$1.2M (2026), \$2.2M (2028)
Carsharing and bikesharing outreach and marketing	Federally eligible	TDM	Max award of \$750k, total available \$1.2M (2026), \$2.2M (2028)
Bikeshare system planning	Federal and AT Funding eligible	AT Planning	Max award of \$200k, total available \$2M
Bikesharing infrastructure	Federal and AT Funding eligible	TDM + Local Bike application (as part of a larger project)	

*Carsharing was also funded in the past under the Unique Projects category with a \$4.5M max award, but this is no longer shown as a funding application category.

Question: Does this application and funding eligibility set up adequately cover carsharing and bikesharing? There is not adequate time to develop a new funding application category. However, funding could be set aside this cycle to allow time for a different category to be developed.

Next steps



Next steps:

1. Second Round of Info Items
 - TAC – December 3
 - TAC Planning – December 11
 - TAB – December 17
2. Second Package of Action Items to Release for Public Comment – Dec/Jan
 - TAC F&P – December 18
 - TAC - January 7
 - TAB – January 21
3. Public outreach on the entire application package begins – Jan/Feb
4. Committee and Council approval post-public comment – Feb/March/April
5. Call for projects – Spring 2026
6. Project selection – End of 2026

Criteria Weighting



Criterion Weighting

Policymaker Working Group Seeking Feedback

- **April/May:** Special Issue Working Groups provided input on relative priority of draft criteria
- **Summer:** Initial criteria weighting recommendations developed with draft applications
- **August/September:** Special Issue Working Groups provided feedback
- **September:** Technical Steering Committee reviewed weighting
- **Late October:** TAC, F&P and Policymaker Work Group Members reviewed applications and provide feedback
- **November:** Policymaker Work Group seeks Technical Steering Committee input on Community Considerations weighting
- **December:** Met Council Transportation Committee input on Community Consideration weighting

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Safety Categories

Criteria and Measures	Proactive	Reactive
Connection to Existing Planning Efforts	35%	20%
Expected Reduction/System Risk Reduction in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (5-year)	15%	35%
Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History (10-year)	5%	5%
Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles	25%	20%
Community Considerations	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%

Bicycle/Pedestrian Categories

Criteria and Measures	Regional Bike	Local Bike	Local Ped	AT Planning
Regional Bicycle Priorities	30%			
Connection to Key Destinations*	10%	30%	30%	
Context Sensitive Design	20%			
Safety*	20%	20%	20%	30%
Complete Streets*		5%	5%	
Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies*		25%	25%	
Proposed Project Description				50%
Community Considerations*	20%	20%	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

* Direct connection to legislative requirements

Transit Categories

Criteria and Measures	Expansion	Customer Experience
Service/Facility Provided Must be Effective for Transit Market Area	30%	
New Ridership/Ridership Affected	20%	20%
New Coverage	10%	
Connections to Key Destinations	10%	
Transit Needs-based Determination	10%	
Existing Transit Service		15%
Access to Transit Facilities		15%
Safety and Security		15%
Customer Comfort and Ease of Use		15%
Community Considerations	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%

Roadway Categories

Criteria and Measures	Modernization	Congestion Management	New Interchanges	Bridge Connections
Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections	40%	5%	5%	15%
Safety	30%	20%	30%	10%
Freight	5%	5%	5%	5%
Natural Systems Protection and Restoration	5%	10%	10%	5%
Anticipated Delay Reduction		15%	10%	
Regional Priorities		25%	20%	
System Resilience				45%
Community Considerations	20%	20%	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Environment Categories

Criteria and Measures	TDM
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction	30%
Connection to Jobs, Educations, and Opportunity/Destinations	25%
Project Effectiveness Evaluation	20%
Innovation	5%
Community Considerations	20%
Total	100%

Proactive Safety

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Connection to Existing Safety Planning Efforts Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts	30%
2. Expected System Risk Reduction in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes Measure A – Crash Modification Factor(s) (CMFs) for proposed project	15%
3. Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History Measure A – 10-year crash history of fatal and serious injury crashes	15%
4. Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles Measure A – Project-Based Pedestrian Safety Enhancements and Risk Elements	20%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Reactive Safety

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Expected Reduction in Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes Measure A – 5-year crashes reduced (Benefit/Cost ratio)	35%
2. Connection to Existing Safety Planning Efforts Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts	20%
3. Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History Measure A – 10-year crash history of fatal and serious injury crashes	5%
4. Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles Measure A – Project-Based Pedestrian Safety Enhancements and Risk Elements	20%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Regional Bike Facilities (Federally Funded)

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Regional Bicycle Priorities Measure A – Identified network priorities	30%
2. Connection to Key Destinations Measure A – Connection to key destinations	10%
3. All Ages & Abilities Design Measure A – Facility type Measure B – Design features and roadway crossings	20%
4. Safety Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	20%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Local Bike Facilities

(Active Transportation Regional Sales Tax Funded)

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Complete Streets* Measure A – Complete streets planning, design, and construction	5%
2. Connection to Key Destinations* Measure A – Connections to key destinations Measure B – Connection to K-12 schools Measure C – Active transportation demand	30%
3. Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies* Measure A – Gaps, barriers or deficiencies addressed	25%
4. Safety* Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	20%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	<i>* Direct connection to legislative requirements</i>
	100%

Local Pedestrian Facilities

(Active Transportation Regional Sales Tax Funded)

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Complete Streets* Measure A – Complete streets planning, design, and construction	5%
2. Connection to Key Destinations* Measure A – Connections to key destinations Measure B – Connection to K-12 schools Measure C – Active transportation demand	30%
3. Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies* Measure A – Gaps, barriers or deficiencies addressed	25%
4. Safety* Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	20%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Active Transportation Planning

(Active Transportation Regional Sales Tax Funded)

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Proposed Project* Measure A – Project identification Measure B – Complete streets planning, design, and construction	50%
2. Safety* Measure A – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	30%
3. Community Considerations* Measure A – Community Considerations	20%
Total	100%

* Direct connection to legislative requirements

Transit Expansion

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Service/Facility Provided Must be Effective for Transit Market Area Measure A – Transit Market Area Alignment Measure B – Regional Transit Performance Guidelines	30%
2. New Ridership Measure A – New annual riders	20%
3. New Coverage Measure A – New service hours by population within service area	10%
4. Connections to Key Destinations Measure A – Connection to key destinations	10%
5. Transit Needs-based Determination Measure A – Demographic and roadway delay/reliability data.	10%
6. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Transit Customer Experience

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Ridership Affected Measure A – Total existing annual riders	20%
2. Transit Service Measure A – Travel times and/or reliability of existing transit service	15%
3. Access to Transit Facilities Measure A – Multimodal connections to and ADA accessibility	15%
4. Safety and Security Measure A – Safety and security for transit riders and people accessing transit facilities	15%
5. Customer Comfort and Ease of Use Measure A – Comfort for transit riders and overall ease of use of the transit system	15%
6. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Roadway Modernization

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections Measure A – New or improved multimodal connections (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, TDM elements)	40%
2. Safety Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles Measure C – Safe System approach	30%
3. Freight Measure A – Connection to Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers	5%
4. Natural Systems Protection and Restoration Measure A - Flood mitigation, stormwater treatment, other environmental benefits, etc.	5%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Congestion Management Strategies

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

New Interchanges

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Anticipated Delay Reduction Measure A – Cost effectiveness of delay reduced	10%
2. Regional Priorities for Reliability & Excessive Delay Measure A – 2050 TPP map for Reliability Measure B – 2050 TPP map for Excessive Delay	20%
3. Safety Measure A – Connection to existing safety planning efforts Measure B – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles Measure C – Safe System approach	30%
4. Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections Measure A – New or improved multimodal connections (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, TDM elements)	10%
5. Freight Measure A - Connection to Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers	5%
6. Natural Systems Protection and Restoration Measure A - Flood mitigation, stormwater treatment, other environmental benefits, etc.	5%
7. Community Considerations (3 Measures – see previously applications)	20%
Total	100%

Bridge Connections

Criteria and Measures	%
1. System Resilience Measure A – Detour length Measure B – Detour impact Measure C – Bridge posting for load restrictions	45%
2. Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections Measure A – New or improved multimodal connections (transit, bicycle, pedestrian, TDM elements)	15%
3. Safety Measure A – Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	10%
4. Freight Measure A – Connection to Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers	5%
5. Natural Systems Protection and Restoration Measure A - Flood mitigation, stormwater treatment, other environmental benefits, etc.	5%
6. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%

Travel Demand Management (TDM)

Criteria and Measures	%
1. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Measure A – Average weekday users and miles shifted to non-single occupancy vehicle travel or trip reduction	30%
2. Connection to Jobs, Educations, and Opportunity Measure A – Connections to jobs, education and other opportunities	25%
3. Project Effectiveness Evaluation Measure A – Plan and methods to evaluate project outcomes	20%
4. Innovation Measure A - Completely new, new to the region or serving new communities	5%
5. Community Considerations Measure A – Community Data and Context Measure B – Community Needs and Future Engagement Measure C – Community Benefits	20%
Total	100%