

Regional Solicitation Update

Proposed New Schedule and
2024 Active Transportation Pilot Project Update



Transportation Committee: Oct 26, 2026

Proposed New Schedule



Community Considerations Update

8/26/26 USDOT Letter to Council

Based on a March request from Scott County, USDOT asked the Council to modify the Community Considerations criterion to align with current federal policy:

1. Eliminate race-based prioritization in scoring
2. Remove the environmental justice framework
3. Broaden the definition of “Community”

10/2/26 Council Letter to USDOT

The Council maintains it is compliant with all federal laws but recommended revisions to Community Considerations criteria to clarify the intent of the measures:

1. Scoring prompts have been removed along with references to the foundational policies
2. References to the environmental justice framework and historical harms have been removed
3. The definition of “Community” has been removed
4. Prohibition against illegal discrimination has been highlighted

The Community Considerations revisions apply to both the federal funds and the AT regional sales tax funds.

Proposed New Schedule

1. Action on revised Community Considerations description and scoring guidance:
 - a) Oct 22nd F&P
 - b) Nov 4th TAC and Nov 18th TAB
 - c) Nov 23rd Transportation Committee
 - d) Dec 2nd Metropolitan Council
2. Scoring appeals at F&P for quantitative scores in early 2027 (by rule, the appeals do not include qualitative scoring measures)
3. Opportunity for applicants to revise and resubmit their responses to the revised measures (late Dec-Jan)
4. Training session with Community Considerations scorers on the revised description and scoring guidance (Jan)
5. Rescore all applications for Community Considerations measures (Feb/early March)
6. Finalize all scores and start funding options discussions (March/April)
7. TAB approval on the Regional Solicitation program of projects (May/June)
8. Council concurrence with the TAB approval of projects (June/July)

Project Implementation Impacts

Changing the project selection schedule may impact funding recipients.

Federal Funds

- Projects selected for federal funding in 2030 and 2031 are unlikely to have impacts on their planned project implementation schedules.
- Travel Demand Management (TDM) projects in this solicitation will receive federal funds for program years 2028 and 2029.
- TMO funding is not impacted.

Active Transportation Funds

- Projects selected for Active Transportation funds will have difficulty getting underway in the 2027 construction season.
 - Potential for smaller projects to begin in late summer/early fall.
- New schedule will not allow for a 2027 Active Transportation Solicitation.
 - Potential to add additional 2027 funding into current process.
 - Active Transportation Task Force will discuss options.

Council grants staff are committed to working quickly to execute grant agreements for Active Transportation funded projects and TDM projects.

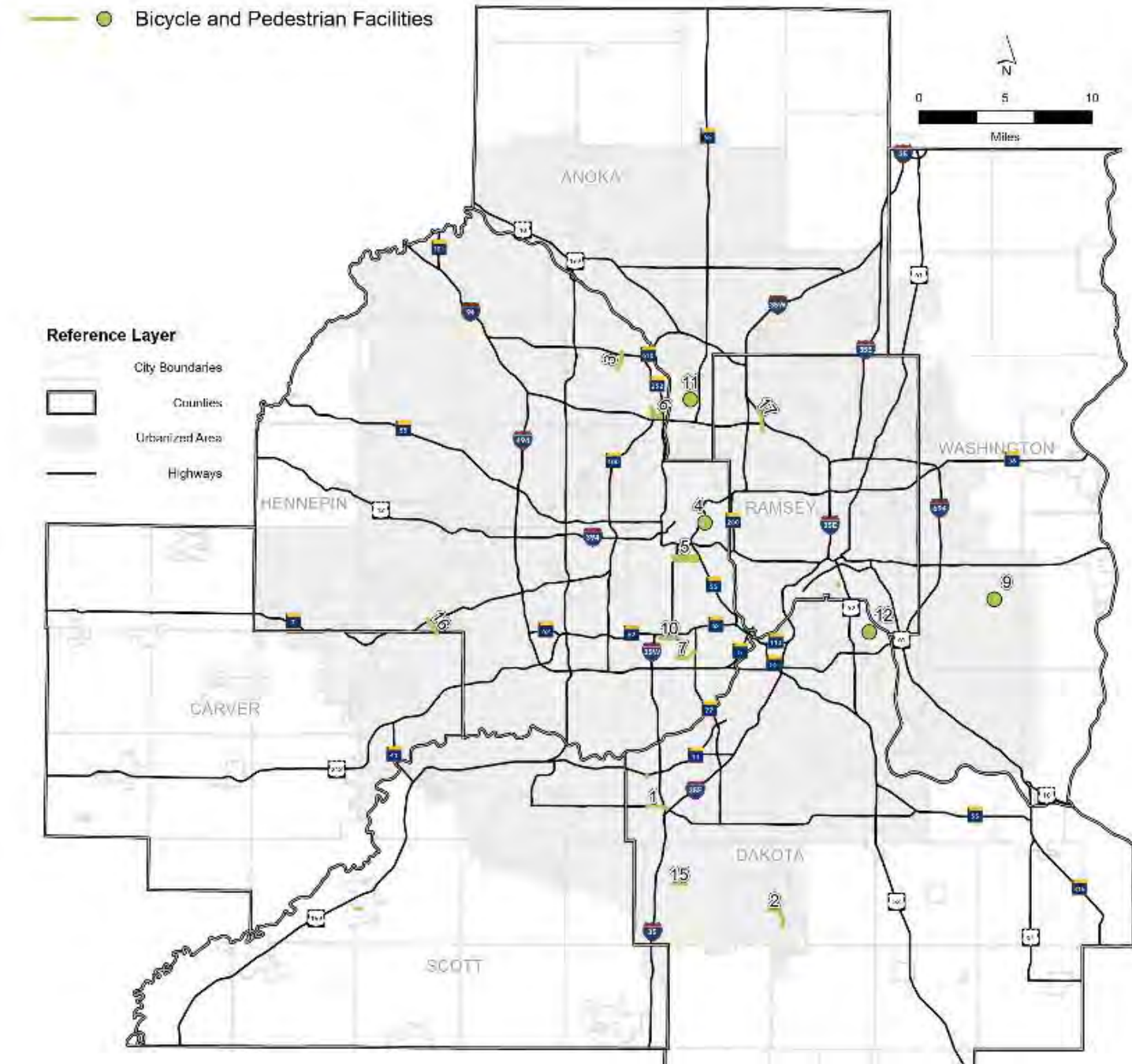
2024 Active Transportation Pilot Projects Update



2024 Selected Projects – Project Status

17 Projects Selected

- 2 projects rescinded awards.
- 2 projects completed.
- 5 projects under construction.
- 3 projects in final design and anticipated to bid for construction by deadline (end of 2026).
- 6 projects given program year extensions into 2027.



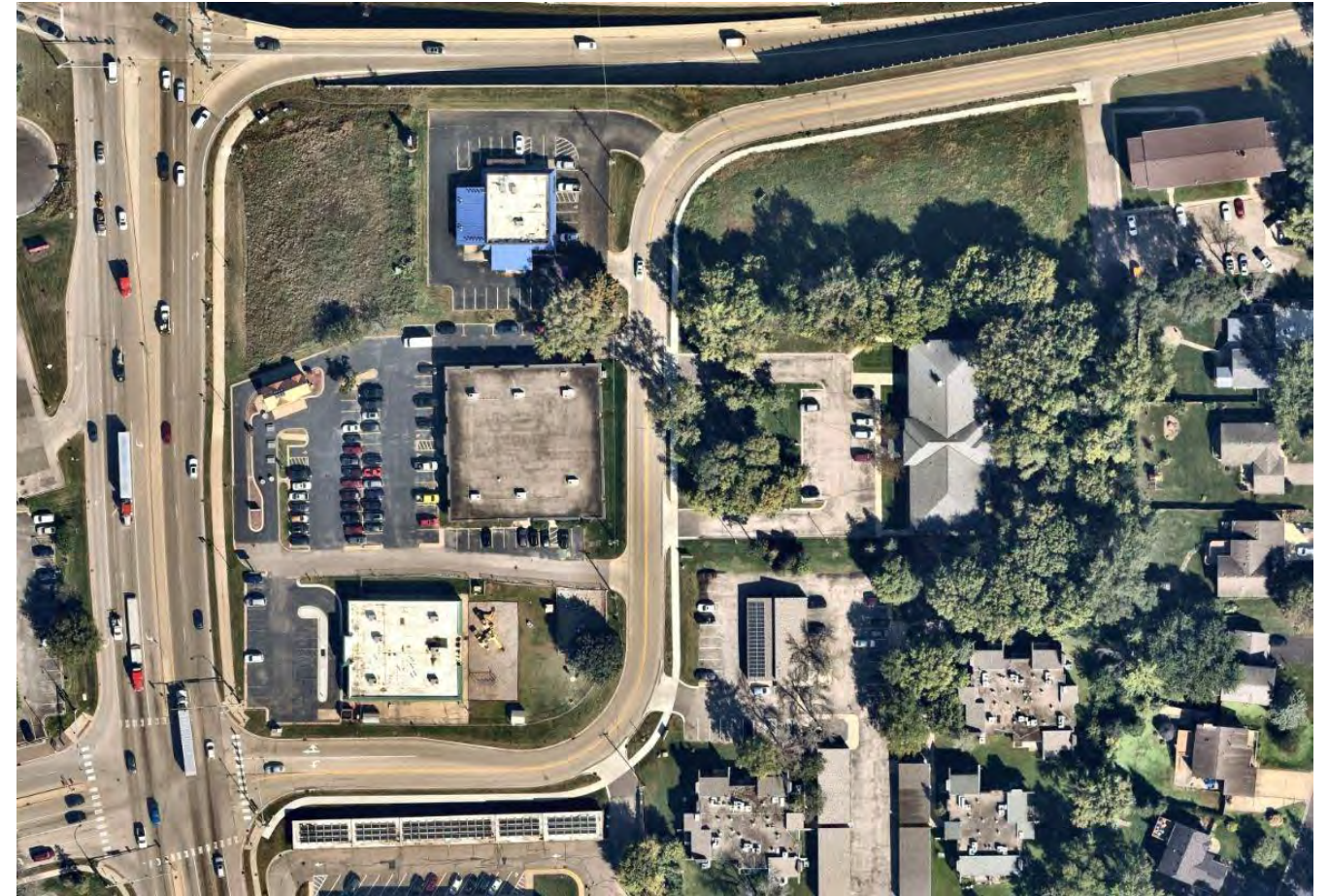
2024 Selected Projects – Status Update

Complete or Under Construction	Bidding in 2026	Program Year Extension to 2027	Funding Returned
Minneapolis – Marcy-Holmes Dinkytown Pedestrian Improvements Project	Minneapolis – 26 th St, 27 th St, and 28 th St Pedestrian Improvements Project	Dakota County – CSAH 42 Trail Gap Project	South Saint Paul – Marie Avenue SRTS Project
Burnsville – Greenwood Drive Sidewalk Project	Richfield – 73 rd St Sidewalk Project	Arden Hills – Old Highway 10 Trail SRTS Improvements	Lakeville – 185 th St SRTS Trail Project
Woodbury – Valley Creek Road Trail Gap Project	Saint Paul – West Side SRTS Pedestrian Improvements Project	Richfield – 64 th St Sidewalk Project	
Fridley – Fridley SRTS Improvements Project		Brooklyn Center – Brooklyn Center High School Pedestrian Improvements Project	
Jordan – Sunset Drive Improvements Project		Three Rivers Park District – Shingle Creek Regional Trail	
Hennepin County – CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project		Farmington – North Creek Greenway Project	
UMN – Washington Avenue Bridge Safety Improvements			

Jordan: Sunset Drive SRTS Improvements Completed 2025



Burnsville: Greenwood Drive Sidewalk Completed 2025



2024 Under Construction Projects – Pictures

Under Construction Projects

1. University of Minnesota: Washington Avenue Bridge Safety Improvements
2. Hennepin County – CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project
3. Minneapolis – Marcy-Holmes Dinkytown Pedestrian Improvements Project
4. Fridley – Fridley SRTS Improvements Project
5. Woodbury – Valley Creek Road Trail Gap

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Hennepin County – CSAH 82 (Mill St) SRTS Project



Fridley – Fridley SRTS Improvements Project



Woodbury – Valley Creek Road Trail Gap



2024 Projects in Final Design

On schedule projects

- Projects finalizing construction plans.
- Planning to release for construction bids by the end of 2026.
- Construction will take place in 2027.



Minneapolis – 26th St, 27th St, and 28th St Pedestrian Improvements Project



Richfield – 73rd St Sidewalk Project



Saint Paul – West Side SRTS Pedestrian Improvements Project



Thank you



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