

Minutes

TAC Funding and Programming Committee



Meeting date: July 23, 2026,

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| ☒ Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis | ☒ MnDOT Metro District – Aaron Tag | ☒ Anoka Co. – Jerry Auge |
| ☒ Eagan – Russ Matthys | ☒ MnDOT Metro District State Aid – Colleen Brown | ☐ Carver Co. – Darin Mielke |
| ☒ 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 | ☐ DNR – Nancy Spooner-Walsh | ☒ Ramsey Co. – Codie Leseman |
| ☒ Plymouth – Michael Thompson | ☒ Suburban Transit Assoc. – Matt Fyten (Alt) | ☒ Scott Co. – Jon Rudolph |
| ☒ St. Paul – Anne Weber | | ☒ Wash Co. – Lyssa Leitner (Alt) |
| ☒ Met Council – Steve Peterson (Alt) | | ☐ FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio) |
| ☐ Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak | | ☒ = present, E = excused |
| ☒ TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos | | |

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, Committee Chair Kosluchar called the regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

Chair Kosluchar noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Jerry Auge, Anoka Co., and seconded by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public comment on committee business

TAB report

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported TAB did not meet in July, so her report reflected the June 17th, 2026, regular TAB meeting.

Business

1. **2026-35:** 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Qualifying Review - (Joe Widing & Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning)

Each of the following qualification motions were voted on separately. Staff recommended motions are as follows:

It was moved by Katie White, Minneapolis, and seconded by Koutsoukos. That the Orono project (R-2026-05030) be disqualified due to the project type not being eligible (facility maintenance not considered an improvement); the project funding request being below the minimum request; and lacking a letter of support from the entity (Hennepin County) which owns the right-of-way. **Motion carried.**

Committee member Auge asked whether the ADA transition plan/self-evaluation requirement applies to Active Transportation funds specifically, or stems from federal requirements, or both. Planning Analyst Widing explained that TAB identified this as a qualifying criterion for the solicitation. Auge confirmed that TAB, not Met Council generally, set the requirement. Koutsoukos clarified that since ADA compliance verification is a federal requirement, TAB chose to include it in the Active Transportation qualifying criteria to keep standards consistent across programs.

Auge followed up, asking whether an ADA transition plan is required of all Minnesota cities, including smaller, non-state-aid cities. Koutsoukos explained that entities with 50 or more employees must have a full ADA transition plan, while smaller entities must complete a self-evaluation instead.

Chair Kosluchar asked whether agencies are required to have these plans in place regardless of whether they apply for Active Transportation funding. Koutsoukos confirmed they are, noting that FHWA directed Met Council several solicitation cycles ago to verify ADA compliance before a project could be added to the TIP, and TAB carried the same requirement into the Active Transportation Solicitation.

Widing noted that staff are finding many smaller communities have not yet completed this documentation, and that staff plan to offer training and support to help these communities meet the requirement in future solicitation cycles.

It was moved by Auge, and seconded by Michael Thompson, Plymouth, that the Centerville project (R-2026-04975) be conditionally qualified, subject to the applicant submitting a valid ADA self-evaluation by August 11, 2026, or committing to complete and submitting an ADA self-evaluation by November 10, 2026, to inform project selection discussions which begin at the Funding and Programming Committee. **Motion carried.**

The Edina project was originally listed as disqualified in the action transmittal due to a late-arriving ADA transition plan submission, staff confirmed Edina's documentation was received before the deadline. At the request of Steven Peterson, Transportation Planning, the minutes reflect that the Edina project qualifies therefore no motion is needed.

2. **2026-36:** 2026 Regional Solicitation Qualifying Review - (Joe Barbeau, Bethany Brant-Sargent, Steve Peterson, Elaine Koutsoukos, & Cameron Kolbeck, MTS Planning)

Each of the following qualification motions will be voted on separately. Staff recommended motions are shown below.

That the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommend the following:

1. It was moved by Michael Thompson, and seconded by Paul Oehme, Lakeville, That the Ham Lake Roadway Modernization project applications, R-2026-05168 and R2026-05336, be disqualified due to the projects not meeting federal funding eligibility requirements. **Motion carried.**

2. It was moved by Anthony Sellner, seconded by Russ Matthys to disqualify St. Louis Park's project application R-2026-05192 be disqualified due to not meeting project eligibility requirements established by TAB that roadway applications be on roadways functionally classified as a minor arterial and above. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Sellner and seconded by Thompson to disqualify Ham Lake's project application R-2026-05168 be disqualified due to not meeting project eligibility requirements established by TAB that roadway applications be on roadways functionally classified as a minor arterial and above. **Motion carried.**

3. Staff recommended disqualification per the adopted thresholds, though noted the committee has historically allowed some under-threshold applications to proceed.

It was moved by Leitner and seconded by Thompson that the Carver County regional bicycle facilities project application, R-2026-05390, the Anoka County proactive safety project application, R-2026-05242, and Richfield proactive safety project application, R-2026-05210, be qualified despite requesting amounts below TAB's adopted minimum funding request thresholds. **Motion carried.**

4. The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota's application requested \$800,000 against a \$750,000 maximum. Staff recommended qualifying the project contingent on the applicant (Michael Wojcik) submitting documentation reducing the federal request and increasing local match accordingly; the applicant confirmed willingness to do so.

It was moved by Matthys and seconded by Jacob Chapek, that the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota travel demand management project application, R2026-04839, be qualified pending submittal of documentation by August 11, 2026, that the applicant will increase its local match by \$50,000 and reduce its federal funding request by \$50,000 to meet the maximum federal funding request of \$750,000. **Motion carried.**

5. It was moved by Leitner and seconded by Codie Leseman that the Carver County Regional Bicycle Facilities project application, R-2026-05390, and the Hennepin County Roadway Modernization project, R-2026-04866, be qualified pending submittal of documentation of matching fund commitments from partner agencies by August 11, 2026. **Motion carried.**

6. It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Leitner that the Hennepin County Roadway Modernization project application, R-2026-04866, be qualified pending submittal of project year-round maintenance commitment. **Motion carried.**

7. It was moved by Matthys and seconded by Peterson that the Carver County Regional Bicycle Facilities project application, R-2026-05389, and the Dakota County Regional Bicycle Facilities project application, R-2026-04910, be qualified pending submittal of letters of support from identified partner agencies by August 11, 2026. **Motion carried.**

Projects flagged for incomplete ADA plans submitted the required documentation since the transmittal was posted; no further motion was needed.

Information

1. Electric Vehicle City Support - (Tony Fischer, MTS Planning and Rebecca Heisel, Great Plains Institute)

Presentation was postponed to the next Funding and Programming meeting due to time constraints.

Reports

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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