

Notes

Transportation Advisory Board Active Transportation Task Force



Meeting date: September 11, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Business (1:05-1:45)

1. Active Transportation Task Force Chair Election

Task Force members revisited the election of the Task Force Chair. Staff provided three options for the members to consider.

- Option 1: structure nominated by member Jepson and amended by member Martinson in meeting 1. Members Johnson and Martinson as co-chairs, no vice chair.
- Option 2: structure nominated by Brennan during online voting. Member Johnson as Chair and member Hubbard as Vice Chair.
- Option 3: hybrid structure of both nominations. Members Johnson and Martinson as co-chairs, member Hubbard as Vice Chair.

Member Brennan stated her reasoning for nominating member Hubbard to the Vice Chair role. She stated that is important for the TAB Task Force to have suburban and elected official representation as recommendations are sent to the TAB on the future of the program.

Member Hubbard agreed and stated that elected officials have different considerations than appointed members and was happy to serve as vice chair to ensure that view is included in task force discussions.

Member Brennan moved option 2 for a vote, seconded by member Jepson.

The vote was tied 4 ayes, to 4 nays, with one abstention. Vote fails.

Discussion was reopened.

Member Hampton stated he did not vote for option 1 as he would like to see member Martinson part of the leadership for the group due to his extensive experience with active transportation.

Member Martinson noted that he was interested in co-chairing the committee because his schedule is flexible and has the ability to devote time to the task force. He also noted that as the bicycle and pedestrian modal representative to TAB, he represents the interest of all of these users in the region, and will consider the needs of all residents in the region who walk, bike or roll.

Member Hovland moved option 3 for a vote, seconded by member Jepson.

The vote passed with 3 ayes to 1 nays with 3 abstentions.

The Task Force chair will be made up as follows:

- Co-Chairs: Glen Johnson and Brain Martinson
- Vice Chair: Taylor Hubbard

2. 2027 Regional Solicitation for Active Transportation Recommendation

Staff presented considerations for a 2027 solicitation. This item was first covered in the first Task Force meeting with discussion in detail.

Members had questions on the funding considerations for future years and if funding would decrease if there was no 2027 solicitation. Staff clarified that funding for the program accrues and would not be lost if there was no 2027 solicitation, rather, a 2027 solicitation would only use the

funding accrued for that year, so it would be smaller than a typical 2-year cycle solicitation. Funding for these solicitations can only be distributed if it is in the account, so future solicitations will only be able to distribute funding accrued by the solicitation year.

Members reiterated the need to keep momentum of program and continue to solicit for projects and deliver results for the region.

Members noted the applicant feedback and the opportunity for additional training to be a great opportunity to run a smaller solicitation with improvements from lessons learned in 2026.

Staff noted that even with the 2026 project selection timeline being pushed back, they are confident that a 2027 solicitation can be implemented in the second half of 2027.

Member Jepson moved to recommend that the TAB hold a 2027 Regional Solicitation for Active Transportation, Vice Chair Hubbard seconded.

The motion passed with 6 ayes and no nays.

The Task Force recommendation will be brought to the full TAB for approval.

Information (1:45-2:30)

3. 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Funding Scenarios

Staff presented considerations and potential options to consider for funding scenarios for the 2026 active transportation solicitation.

Members noted that there was some anticipation that larger agencies would submit many applications, and that this appears to have played out. The TAB had considered setting application limits but ultimately did not. Members noted that many projects which would have competed in the federal category previously applied in the local category. Members noted however that if future local and federal solicitations are split up by year, the issue of splitting applications between categories becomes less of an issue.

Members requested additional information for future discussions: a breakdown of funding request by county and potential funding breakdowns for projects by county.

4. 2024 Active Transportation Projects Update

Staff presented an update to the pilot projects as they make their way through project development. Staff noted that six of the projects will be moving through the process for a program year extension into 2027.

5. Policy Level Grant Management Requirements Revisited (if time)

This topic will be covered in the next meeting

Adjournment

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