

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: April 15, 2026

Date: April 3, 2026

Action Transmittal: 2026-24

Functional Classification Map for use in 2026 Regional Solicitation

To: Transportation Advisory Board

From: Technical Advisory Committee

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Requested action

Adoption of the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Background and purpose

The Regional Solicitation is a competitive process conducted biennially to allocate federal transportation funds on projects within the 7-county metro area. Funded roadway projects in the Roadway Modernization, Congestion Management Strategies, and Interchange application categories are required to be on roadways functionally classified by the Council as principal arterial (non-freeway facilities only) or minor arterials to be eligible to apply. Projects in the Bridge Connections, Proactive Safety, and Reactive Safety application categories have broader eligibility and can also be located on a minor and major collector in the urban areas or a major collector in the rural areas.

MnDOT, in coordination with the Council, Federal Highway Administration, and local cities and counties regularly submit changes and update the functional classification system within the Council's planning area, so they best reflect the function of roadways within the region's transportation network.

In preparation for the 2026 Regional Solicitation, Council staff requested their partners to examine the functional classification of roadways and submit a request for changes that affect eligibility for federal funding. Only one change – a request to reclassify Hamline Avenue in Saint Paul from a major collector to a minor arterial, augmentor – was submitted and subsequently approved by TAB in its March 4, 2026, meeting. The attached map, which is also available on the Council's website, depicts the functional classification network that will be used in the 2026 Regional Solicitation. [website](#).

Relationship to regional policy

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) maintains the roadway functional classification system for all public roads within the Metropolitan Planning Area. TAB has delegated the responsibility of

approving changes to the system to the Technical Advisory Committee, with the exception of principal arterials, which must be approved by the Council. The TAB adopts a functional classification map for use in the Regional Solicitation. **The map serves, in part, to determine which roadways are eligible for funding via the Regional Solicitation.**

Staff analysis

The functional classification map reflects the designation of all roadways within the Metropolitan Planning Area as of the date of this action transmittal and is consistent with the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan.

Committee comments and actions

The TAC Planning Committee recommended that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend the adoption of the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation, inclusive of the changes included in Action Transmittal 2026-23, which was a request from the City of Saint Paul to reclassify Hamline Avenue from Grand Avenue to University Avenue to make it a minor arterial - augmentor.

The Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation, inclusive of a recently approved functional classification change to Hamline Avenue in Saint Paul.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (scheduled)
TAC Planning	Review and recommend	March 12, 2026
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	April 1, 2026
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and adopt	<i>April 15, 2026</i>



Functional Classification System

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area 2026

