

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: January 7, 2026

Date: December 31, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2026-02

2026 Regional Solicitation Qualifying Requirements

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: TAC Funding & Programming Committee
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Requested action

Recommend approval of the qualifying requirements for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the attached qualifying requirements for the 2026 Regional Solicitation for the purpose of release for public comment.

Background and purpose

TAB must approve qualifying requirements, project eligibility, and other policy concerns as part of the overall application. The attachment shows several requirements that have been discussed by the Technical Steering Committee and Policy Working Group. Some of the qualifying requirements include:

- All projects must: be consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant; open to the general public; a permanent improvement; independent from other applications; and exclude costs of studies, design, or engineering.
- The owner/operator of the facility must operate and maintain the project year-round for the useful life of the improvement. This includes assurance of year-round use of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities, per [USDOT Guidance on ADA Accessibility](#). Project sponsors of standalone bicycle and pedestrian projects or bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are part of a roadway project must include information on how the requirement to maintain facilities for year-round use will be met. This information may include either certifying that the agency will handle snow clearance or providing information on the agency's current snow removal policy, such as if property owners or a separate agency is responsible for snow clearance.
- All applicants: must be a public entity (except for Travel Demand Management) and must have current ADA self-evaluation or transition plan.
- Roadway applications: must be built to 10-ton load limit standards.
- Regional Bike Facilities must be on the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN), Regional Bicycle Barriers Study (RBBS), or an approved regional trail plan.

Relationship to regional policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding. The overall purpose of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation process was to update the structure, criteria, and measures to reflect the newly adopted Imagine 2050 Regional Development Guide and 2050 Transportation Policy Plan. The qualifying requirements proposed in this action transmittal reflects the recommendations of the Policymaker Work Group, Technical Steering Committee, and Special Interest Working Groups to implement the policy and direction of the 2050 plans in the Regional Solicitation.

Staff analysis

The attached qualifying requirements are reflective of previous Regional Solicitations along with modifications recommended through the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Process.

Committee comments and action

At its December 18, 2025, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended approval of the qualifying requirements for the 2026 Regional Solicitation with addition of “or a long-term plan for snow removal as part of a designated route” to item 6 under “All projects” along with clarification in item 25 that exclusion of right-of-way costs refers to right-of-way acquisition (see attachment). The language changes are reflected in the attachments and therefore included as part of the recommended motion.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	December 18, 2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	January 7, 2026
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and approve	January 21, 2026