

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: January 7, 2026

Date: December 31, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2026-05

2026 Regional Solicitation Criteria, Measures, and Scoring Guidance

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

Approval of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for each application category for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Recommended motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Regional Solicitation for the purpose of release for public comment.

Background and purpose

The Regional Solicitation is part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) selects projects for federal funding. The attached materials include the criteria for each category, proposed measures within the criteria, and proposed scoring guidance for the 2026 Regional Solicitation. The attached proposed criteria, measures, and scoring guidance were developed as part of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation. The score weighting across the measures is part of action item 2026-07.

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 criteria, measures and scoring guidance proposed in this action transmittal reflects the recommendations of the Regional Solicitation 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.

Committee comments and action

At its December 18, 2025, meeting, the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended adoption of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Routing

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

