

Regional Solicitation Actions

Technical Advisory Committee



January 7, 2026

2026-02: Qualifying Requirements



Funding & Programming 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.

Funding & Programming Actions

- Recommended added clarification that the exclusion of right-of-way costs refers only right-of-way acquisition.
- Recommended addition of “a long-term plan for snow removal as part of a designated route” as a viable alternative to provision of a letter confirming maintenance (see next slide).

Federal Funds

Year-round Maintenance: 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 [FHWA direction established 8/27/2008 and updated 4/15/2019](#). 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:

- A local ordinance or policy that requires abutting property owners to maintain pedestrian or bicycle facilities, or that directs agency staff to maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- A letter or resolution that confirms the proposed local facility will be maintained by agency staff or abutting private property owners, **or a long-term plan for snow removal as part of a designated route.**
- A cross-jurisdictional agreement with another agency to maintain the proposed local pedestrian or bicycle facility.

2026-03: Active Transportation Qualifying, Requirements



Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

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

Funding & Programming Action

TAC Funding & Programming Committee added the below recommendations to align with the previous action item.

- Recommended added clarification that the exclusion of right-of-way costs refers only right-of-way acquisition.
- Recommended addition of “a long-term plan for snow removal as part of a designated route” as a viable alternative to provision of a letter confirming maintenance (see next slide).

Active Transportation Funds

Year-round Maintenance: 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 and pedestrian facilities per state statute [473.4465 Subd. 3\(7\)](#). All bicycle and pedestrian applications must include information on how the requirement to maintain facilities for year-round use will be met. This information may include:

- A local ordinance or policy that requires abutting property owners to maintain pedestrian or bicycle facilities, or that directs agency staff to maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- A letter or resolution that confirms the proposed local facility will be maintained by agency staff or abutting private property owners, **or a long-term plan for snow removal as part of a designated route.**
- A cross-jurisdictional agreement with another agency to maintain the proposed local pedestrian or bicycle facility.

2026-04: Active Transportation Match Requirement

Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt a local match of 5% for the local bicycle facilities and local pedestrian facilities categories along with no match for the planning category in the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation.

Funding & Programming Action

TAC Funding & Programming Committee made a recommendation based on the below two options from the Active Transportation Working Group:

1. No match for all Active Transportation Solicitation categories.
2. Small match of 5% for Local Bicycle and Local Pedestrian Facilities categories (no match for Planning).



2026-05: Criteria, Measures, and Scoring Guidance



Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend 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.

2026-06: Active Transportation Criteria, Measures, and Scoring Guidance

Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

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



History of Criteria and Score Weighting for Community Considerations



- Special Issue Working Group recommended that Community Considerations be at 20% of the points, with each of the 3 measures at 6.7/6.6 points.
- 12/3 County technical staff proposed to reduce the Community Considerations total weighting to 10% for all categories.
- 12/8 Met Council Transportation Committee was supportive of maintaining the 20% total weighting.
- 12/12 Technical Steering Committee had mixed feedback to maintaining Community Considerations total at 20% or reducing it, especially for the Safety categories.
- 12/17 Policy Work Group came to a compromise recommendation to maintain Community Considerations at 20% for all categories except for the two safety categories where it would go to 15%. The remaining 5% would go to Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles.
- 12/18 TAC F&P recommended to reduce Community Considerations total to 15% in all categories, except for safety with 10%, but did not recommend any reallocation of the points to other measures.

2026-07: Scoring Criteria and Measure Weighting



Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the weighting of the criteria and scoring measures for the 2026 Regional Solicitation as shown in the attachment for the purpose of release for public comment, with the following changes:

- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion downward from a total of 20% to 10% in the Safety application categories;
- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion downward from a total of 20% to 15% in all other application categories;
- adjustment of one or more of the three Community Considerations measures to reflect the 10% downward adjustment in the Safety application categories and 5% downward adjustment in all other application categories to be determined by TAC; and,
- adjustment of another criterion and measure(s) in each application category upward by 10% in the Safety application categories and 5% in all other application categories to be determined by TAC.

2026-07: Scoring Criteria and Measure Weighting

Recommended Motion Based on Policy Work Group Direction

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the weighting of the criteria and scoring measures for the 2026 Regional Solicitation as shown in the attachment for the purpose of release for public comment, with the following changes:

- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion to 15% and the People Outside of Vehicles criterion to 25% in the Safety application categories;
- adjustment of the three measures within the Community Considerations criterion in the Safety application categories so that each measure is 5% of the total score for a total of 15%; and,
- adjustment of the Project-Based Pedestrian Safety Enhancements and Risk Element measure to 25% in the People Outside of Vehicles criterion in the Safety application categories.

Safety Categories: 12/17 Policy Work Group Direction in Red; 12/18 F&P Weighting Recommendation in Black

Criteria and Measures	Proactive Safety	Reactive Safety
Connection to Existing Planning Efforts	30%	20%
Expected Reduction/System Risk Reduction in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (5-year)	15%	35%
Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History (10-year)	15%	5%
Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles (Measure A – Project-Based Pedestrian Safety Enhancements and Risk Element)	25% 20%	25% 20%
Community Considerations	15% 10%	15% 10%
Measure A – Community data and context	5% TBD%	5% TBD%
Measure B – Community needs and future engagement	5% TBD%	5% TBD%
Measure C – Community benefits	5% TBD%	5% TBD%
Total	100%	100%

2026-08: Active Transportation Scoring Criteria and Measure Weighting

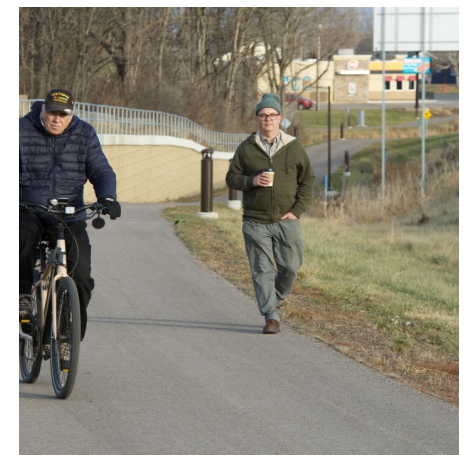
Funding & Programming Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the weighting of the scoring criteria and measures for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation as shown in the attachment for the purpose of release for public comment, with the following changes:

- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion downward from a total of 20% to 15% in the Active Transportation application categories;
- adjustment of one or more of the three Community Considerations measures to reflect the 5% downward adjustment in the Active Transportation application categories to be determined by TAC; and,
- adjustment of another criterion and measure(s) in Active Transportation application categories upward by 5% to be determined by TAC.

Recommended Motion Based on Policy Work Group Direction

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the weighting of the scoring criteria and measures for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation as shown in the attachment for the purpose of release for public comment, including 20% weighting for Community Considerations.



2026-09: Regional Solicitation Release for Public Comment



Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2026 Regional Solicitation application package for public comment, inclusive of all changes in Action Transmittals 2025-31, 2025-33, 2025-35, 2026-02, 2026-05, and 2026-07.

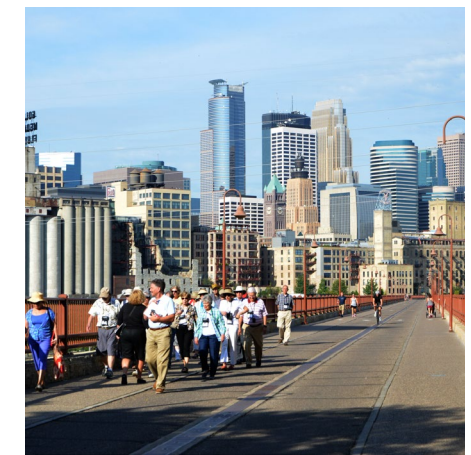
2026-10: Active Transportation Solicitation Release for Public Comment

Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation application package, inclusive of the changes included in Action Transmittals 2025-32, 2025-34, 2025-36, 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-06, and 2026-08, for release for public comment.



In general, roadways that have the following features are associated with a higher risk of a pedestrian crash



2026-11: Highway Safety Improvement Solicitation Release for Public Comment



Funding & Programming Recommended Motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the draft 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications for release for public comment including up to \$6 million total in HSIP funding in construction seasons of 2030 and 2031 to reduce lane departure on locally owned roads.