# **Action Transmittal**

**Transportation Advisory Board** 



Committee meeting date: December 18, 2025

Date: December 12, 2025

#### **Action Transmittal: 2026-02**

2026 Regional Solicitation Qualifying Requirements

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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### Requested action

Approve qualifying requirements for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

#### **Recommended motion**

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend adoption of the attached qualifying requirements for the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

## **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: consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant; open to the general public; permanent improvement; independent from other proposals; exclusion 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 <u>USDOT Guidance on ADA Accessibility</u>. 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 and ice 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 on Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN), Regional Bicycle Barriers Study (RBBS), or regional trail plan.

### Relationship to regional policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding. The 2050 Transportation

Policy Plan (TPP) provides the goals, objectives, and policies that are the basis for the category structure of the Regional Solicitation. The 2050 TPP has an action that states "Consider equity and geographic balance principles when allocating federal funds. Ensure all community types have adequate opportunity to access regional transportation funding" (Policy 2: Funding, Action 2A).

# **Staff analysis**

The attached qualifying requirements are reflective of previous Regional Solicitations along with a few changes.

# Routing

То	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