

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



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2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Criteria, Measures, and Scoring Guidance

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Requested action

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

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend adoption of the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation.

Background and purpose

Following establishment of the regional sales and use tax for Active Transportation funding, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) must establish a project selection process. As part of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation, the Active Transportation Working Group and Bike/Pedestrian Special Issue Working Group developed the attached criteria, measures, and scoring guidance. The score weighting will be part of a separate action item.

Relationship to regional policy

The Minnesota Legislature dedicated a portion of the regional sales tax to active transportation projects. Active transportation projects are those that support walking, biking, and rolling for transportation. Per the legislation, the selection process must include criteria and prioritization of projects based on the following seven requirements, the relationship between the requirements and how they are addressed in the solicitation is included:

Legislative Requirement	Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	AT Planning
The project's inclusion in a municipal or regional nonmotorized transportation system plan.	Qualifying criteria: <i>A project must be included in an adopted plan or programming document to be eligible.</i>	Intent of the application category is to aid communities in being eligible for facilities projects in the future.
The extent to which policies or practices of the political subdivision encourage and promote complete streets planning, design, and construction.	Scoring measure: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>	Scoring measure: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
The extent to which the project supports connections between communities and to key destinations within a community.	Scoring measure: <i>Connection to Key Destinations</i>	Scoring measure: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
Identified barriers or deficiencies in the nonmotorized transportation system.	Scoring measure: <i>Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies</i>	Scoring measure: <i>Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort</i>
Identified safety or health benefits.	Scoring measure: <i>Safety</i>	Scoring measure: <i>Safety</i>
Geographic equity in project benefits, with an emphasis on communities that are historically and currently underrepresented in local or regional planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring measure: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoring measure: <i>Community Considerations</i> Project selection process that considers geographic balance
The ability of a grantee to maintain the active transportation infrastructure following project completion.	Qualifying criteria: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>	Qualifying criteria: <i>Communities must provide evidence of year-round maintenance process, including snow clearance for funded facilities.</i>

Routing

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