

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: December 18, 2025

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2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Scoring Criteria and Measure Weighting

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee

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Requested action

Approve the weighting of scoring criteria and measures for the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation as attached.

Recommended motion

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

Background and purpose

The proposed Active Transportation Solicitation is structured similarly to the Regional Solicitation. Each criterion contains one or more measures, the scores for which are determined by the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) following TAC recommendation. The attached recommendations came from that process and are provided by the Special Issue Working Group and reviewed by the Technical Steering Committee and the Active Transportation Working Group.

Relationship to regional policy

The Minnesota Legislature dedicated a portion of the regional sales and use 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>

Active Transportation Weighting

Criteria and Measures	Local Bike	Local Pedestrian	Planning
Complete Streets and Proposed Planning Effort	5	5	50
Project identification	-	-	40
Complete streets planning, design construction	5	5	10
Connection to Key Destinations	30	30	-
Connection to key destinations	20	20	-
Connection to K-12 schools	5	5	-
Active transportation demand	5	5	-
Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies	25	25	-
Gaps, barriers, deficiencies addressed	25	25	-
Safety	20	20	30
Connection to existing safety planning	5	5	-
Safety for people outside of vehicles	15	15	30
Community Considerations	20	20	20
Community data and context	6.6	6.6	-
Community and future engagement	6.7	6.7	-
Community benefits	6.7	6.7	-
Community considerations	-	-	20

