

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: December 18, 2025

Date: December 12, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2026-10

2026 Active Transportation Solicitation Release for Public Comment

To: TAC Funding & Programming Committee
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Requested action

Approve the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation application package for release for public comment.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the draft 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation (inclusive of the approvals made in Action Transmittals 2025-32, 2025-34, 2025-36, 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-06, and 2026-08) for release for public comment.

Background and purpose

Staff requests that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) release the draft 2026 Regional Solicitation package for review and public comment. The Active Transportation Solicitation will be released for a public comment period. After the public comment period, a revised draft solicitation package will be prepared for approval starting at the February TAC Funding & Programming meeting.

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>

