

Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-106

Meeting date: March 23, 2009

Council Meeting April 8, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 18, 2009
Subject:	2009 Regional Solicitation
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	TAB Action
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Connie Kozlak (651-602-1720), Carl Ohrn (651-602-1719), James Andrew (651-602-1721)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt the 2009 Regional Solicitation Package, including the schedule of events, for release to the public for solicitation of project applications.

Background

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and Metropolitan Council jointly adopt a solicitation process with policies and criteria every two years to allocate Federal Surface Transportation (STP), Enhancement (TE), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) and Bridge Improvement and Replacement (BIR) Funds. Over the past year, the TAC and TAB have revised the solicitation package to address some issues raised by applicants and staff during the previous solicitation and to better reflect regional policy.

On February 4, 2009 the TAB and TAC hosted a public meeting on the draft 2009 Regional Solicitation criteria and process. Public comments received by February 12, 2009 were considered by the TAB prior to finalizing the package. After Council approval, a notice will be sent out on April 10, 2009 that the solicitation package is available on the Council website.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council and Transportation Advisory Board jointly comprise the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the seven-county area. A primary responsibility of the MPO is to distribute federal formula funding. The region has relied on this competitive process to select projects for the receipt of federal transportation funding for many years.

Funding

Projects selected through the 2009 Solicitation will be programmed for funding in the Transportation Improvement Program for 2013 and 2014.

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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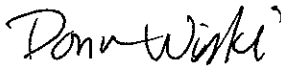
Mr. Bell,

On March 18, 2009, the Transportation Advisory Board voted to adopt the 2009 Regional Solicitation package.

The regional solicitation process is conducted every two years to allocate federal funds in the Surface Transportation Program-Urban Guarantee, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and the Transportation Enhancements Program. The regional solicitation process is truly a collaborative effort among the Metropolitan Council, the Transportation Advisory Board and its technical committees, the Minnesota DOT, our stakeholders in city and county governments and the public.

The TAB forwards this action to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence along with additional information described in TAB action transmittal 2009-18.

Sincerely,



DL Donn Wiski, Chair
Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2009-18

DATE: March 19, 2009
TO: Metropolitan Council
FROM: Transportation Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2009 Solicitation for Federal Transportation Project Funding.

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board accepted the public comment report with staff recommendations and adopted the package for release to the public for the solicitation of project applications including the schedule of events incorporated in to that document.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: On February 4, 2009 the TAC hosted a public meeting on the draft 2009 Regional Solicitation criteria and process. Public comments were received until February 12, 2009. Staff presented responses to those comments to the Funding and Programming Committee on February 19. The Funding and Programming Committee provided guidance to staff regarding the public comments and the final draft reflects that direction. If approved, a notice would be sent out on April 10 that the solicitation package is available through the Council website.

Additional background material is attached.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	February 25, 2009
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	March 4, 2009
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	March 18, 2009
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Adopt	March 18, 2009
Metropolitan Council	Concurrence	