

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 14, 2007

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** May 4, 2007  
**Subject:** Approval of the 2007 Regional Solicitation (TAB Action 2007-27)  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB Action  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)  
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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt the 2007 Regional Solicitation Package for release to the public for solicitation of project applications including the schedule of events.

### Overview and Funding

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 Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Funds. Over the past year, the TAC and TAB have revised the 2005 Solicitation to address some issues raised by applicants and staff during the last solicitation and to better reflect regional policy.

On February 21, 2007 the TAB hosted a public meeting on the draft 2007 Regional Solicitation criteria and process. Public comments received until March 9, 2007 were considered by the TAB prior to finalizing the package. If approved, a notice would be sent out on May 25, 2007 that the solicitation package is available through the Council website. The Draft Solicitation plus Appendices is available on the web at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportaiton/regsollicit.htm> .