



Physical Development Committee

Discuss Regional Solicitation For
Metropolitan Council Transportation
Advisory Board

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MetCouncil Technical Advisory Board



Previous Actions

1. Approve application categories
2. Approve minimum/maximum awards
3. Approve category funding targets
4. Approve qualifying requirements

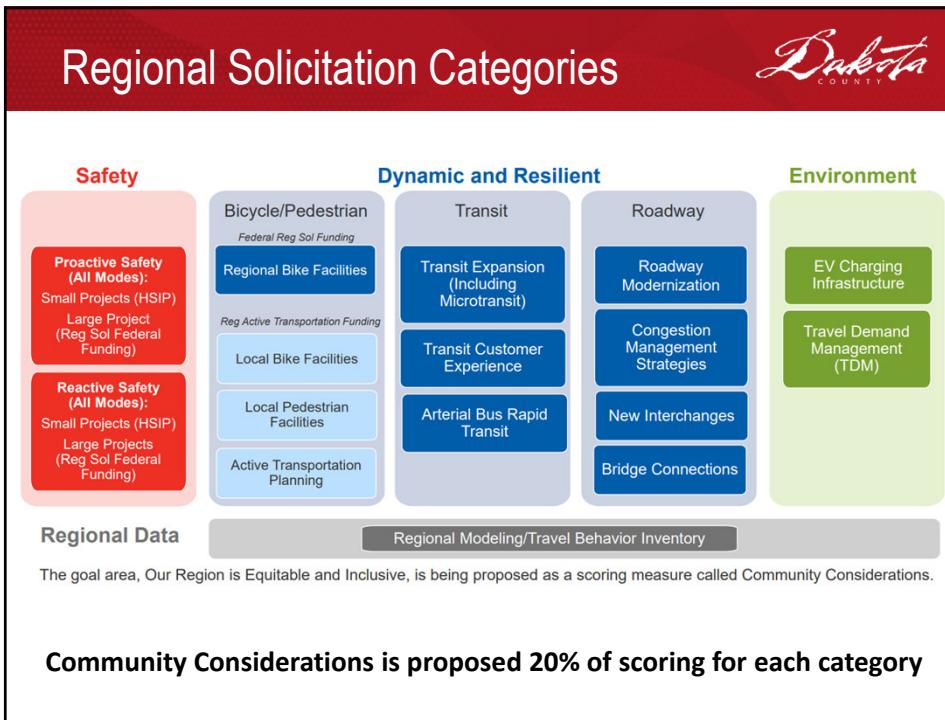
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Upcoming Actions

1. Approve application criteria, measures, and scoring guidance
2. Approve score weighting
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Funding Targets

Table 4: Regional Solicitation Funding Category Minimums and Maximums

Funding Category	Minimum Funding Award	Maximum Funding Award
Safety		
Proactive/Reactive Safety	\$2,000,000	\$7,000,000
Roadway		
Congestion Management Strategies – At-Grade Projects	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
New Interchanges	\$1,000,000	\$20,000,000
Roadway Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
Bridge Connections	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
Transit		
Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$10,000,000
Transit Customer Experience	\$500,000	\$10,000,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian		
Regional Bike Facilities	\$1,000,000	\$5,500,000
Local Bike Facilities (Local Funding)	\$150,000	\$3,500,000
Local Pedestrian Facilities (Local Funding)	\$150,000	\$2,500,000
Active Transportation Planning (Local Funding)	N/A	\$200,000
Environment		
EV Charging Infrastructure (project selection in 2028)	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
TDM (Competitive)	\$100,000	\$750,000

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Community Considerations



3 Proposed Measures



1. **Community Data and Context**
 - Strong applications show a clear, nuanced understanding of the community.
2. **Community Need and Future Engagement**
 - Strong applications show how community needs were identified and future engagement is planned.
3. **Community Benefits**
 - Strong applications deliver meaningful benefits to nearby communities and reduce harms.

Scoring Details

- 5 ratings: Low, Medium-Low, Medium, Medium-High, High ratings, on 3 measures
- High ratings are a high bar - only those applications documenting full use of best practices
- Annual training required for scorers and available to all agency staff

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Safety Categories



Proposed Weighting

Criteria and Measures	Proactive	Reactive
Connection to Existing Planning Efforts	30%	20%
Expected Reduction/System Risk Reduction in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (5-year)	15%	35%
Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History (10-year)	15%	5%
Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles	25%	20%
Community Considerations	15%	20%
Total	100%	100%

(Policy Work Group Recommendations in Red)

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Safety Categories



Funding Priority = provide funding to those projects scoring High-High-High on the Community Considerations measures, and that are not otherwise funded under a proposed funding option

- Substitutes for not having a separate application category for this regional Goal
- Very difficult to achieve; Community Considerations scoring committee (includes all scorers) will agree and recommend
- Substitutes for bonus points as used in previous Solicitation design
- Meant to reward projects with very high community alignment and focus but that might otherwise be small in nature, unable to achieve high scoring under technical 80% of scoring
- No more than one priority project total for the entire solicitation
- No priority project from the Safety categories

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Bicycle/Pedestrian Categories



Proposed Weighting

Criteria and Measures	Regional Bike	Local Bike	Local Ped	AT Planning
Regional Bicycle Priorities	30%			
Connection to Key Destinations*	10%	30%	30%	
Context Sensitive Design	20%			
Safety*	20%	20%	20%	30%
Complete Streets*		5%	5%	
Identified Gaps, Barriers, or Deficiencies*		25%	25%	
Proposed Project Description				50%
Community Considerations*	20%	20%	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

* Direct connection to legislative requirements

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Transit Categories



Proposed Weighting:

Criteria and Measures	Expansion	Customer Experience
Service/Facility Provided Must be Effective for Transit Market Area	30%	
New Ridership/Ridership Affected	20%	20%
New Coverage	10%	
Connections to Key Destinations	10%	
Transit Needs-based Determination	10%	
Existing Transit Service		15%
Access to Transit Facilities		15%
Safety and Security		15%
Customer Comfort and Ease of Use		15%
Community Considerations	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%

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Roadway Categories



Proposed Weighting:

Criteria and Measures	Modernization	Congestion Management	New Interchanges	Bridge Connections
Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections	40%	10%	10%	15%
Safety	30%	20%	30%	10%
Freight	5%	5%	5%	5%
Natural Systems Protection and Restoration	5%	5%	5%	5%
Anticipated Delay Reduction		15%	10%	
Regional Priorities		25%	20%	
System Resilience				45%
Community Considerations	20%	20%	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Environment Categories/Traffic Demand Management



Proposed Weighting:

Criteria and Measures	TDM
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction	30%
Connection to Jobs, Educations, and Opportunity/Destinations	25%
Project Effectiveness Evaluation	20%
Innovation	5%
Community Considerations	20%
Total	100%

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