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Date: August 20, 2024
To: ROCOG Policy Board
From: Jarrett Hubbard, Principal Transportation Planner
Subject: Agenda Item 3: Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Presentation & Public Hearing

Action: Hold public hearing as part of 30-day open comment period for Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background and Purpose

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects required for all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The TIP also includes all regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source. Federal regulations require that a TIP be developed at least every four years. The Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG) revises its TIP every year in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft 2025-2028 TIP and its development process will meet applicable federal requirements once the public input process is complete. The public comment period is scheduled to run from August 15th to September 15th.

The 2025-2028 TIP approval schedule is as follows:

- August 10, 2024 – Public Notice of Public Hearing published in Post-Bulletin.
- August 21, 2024 – Draft TIP published as part of ROCOG Policy Board Meeting.
- August 15, 2024 – Draft TIP and document focused website published.
- August 28, 2024 – Public hearing hosted as part of ROCOG Policy Board Meeting.
- August 22, 2024 – In-person Open House at Library from 5 to 6:30.
- August 23, 2024 – Virtual Open House 1 – Noon to 1pm
- August 26, 2024 – In-Person Open House at Library from 4 to 5:30
- August 27, 2024 – Virtual Open House 2 – Noon to 1pm
- September 15, 2024 - Public review/comment period ends.
- September 25, 2024 – ROCOG Policy Board approves TIP.
- October 2023 – MnDOT inclusion of ROCOG TIP into State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- November 2023 – FHWA & FTA approve Minnesota STIP.

The 2025-2028 TIP includes projects valued at approximately \$441 million for highway, freight, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. The sources of funds over the four years are summarized as follows:

- Total – \$441.0 Million
 - Federal Highway – \$140.2 Million
 - Federal Transit – \$104.7 Million
 - Local Funds – \$174.5 Million
 - State (Trunk Highway) Funds – \$21.6 Million

Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be partially or fully funded with federal funds must be in an approved Transportation Improvement Program and meet the following tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; and opportunity for public input. It is the ROCOG Policy Board's responsibility to adopt and amend the TIP according to these requirements.

For the past several months ROCOG staff have been cooperatively working with the City of Rochester, Olmsted County, Rochester Public Transit (RPT), and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) District 6 staff to produce the yearly update to the ROCOG's TIP. ROCOG's Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) reviewed the draft TIP at their August 14th meeting.

Attachments:

TIP Summary Presentation to August 28, 2024 ROCOG Policy Board

Draft 2025 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document