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Transportation Improvement Program Schedule 2026-2027

For the Development of the 2028-2031 TIP

DATE	ACTION
September 2026	MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering (OTE) conducts statewide solicitation for federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) safety candidate projects.
October 2026	APO begins solicitation for locally sponsored Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects.
October 2026 – January 2027	MnDOT District 3 State Aid Engineer begins solicitation for Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects.
Oct. 1, 2026	Transportation Alternatives (TA) solicitation opens with Letter of Intent process.
Oct. 1, 2026	MnDOT District 3 establishes the Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) development process/guidelines at the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3) meeting.
Oct. 1, 2026	**MANDATORY** TA, Carbon Reduction Program, and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) workshop to be held in Baxter.
Oct. 5, 2026	**MANDATORY** TA, Carbon Reduction Program, and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) workshop to be held in Saint Cloud.
Oct. 19, 2026	**DEADLINE** for HSIP* applications for projects within the Saint Cloud APO's planning area.
Oct. 29, 2026	APO TAC reviews and recommends HSIP projects for Policy Board approval. A preliminary ranking of reactive HSIP projects will be developed and recommended for Policy Board approval.
Oct. 30, 2026	**DEADLINE** for TA Letter of Intent submittals.
November 2026	MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT) develops preliminary list of transit capital projects.
Nov. 12, 2026	APO Policy Board will sign off on HSIP applications submitted within the APO's planning area. This information will then be forwarded on to

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	MnDOT OTE on behalf of the MPO.
Nov. 20, 2026	Commence full application phase for TA solicitation.
Nov. 25, 2026	**DEADLINE** for HSIP project application submittals to MnDOT OTE. All applications within the APO's planning area MUST include a letter of support from the APO's Policy Board.
Jan. 8, 2027**	**DEADLINE** for STBGP, APO-Managed CRP, ATP-3 Managed CRP, TA, and PROTECT project application submittals.
Jan. 21, 2027	Preliminary review of project application submittals by Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership.
Jan. 28, 2027, OR Feb. 4, 2027	APO TAC reviews, ranks, and develops a list of regional transportation priorities based off locally sponsored STBGP, TA, and CRP projects submitted to be recommended for Policy Board approval.
Feb. 11, 2027	APO Policy Board will approve draft APO prioritized project list for the locally sponsored STBGP, TA, and CRP projects to be incorporated by the Central Minnesota ATP.
Feb. 16 – Feb. 19, 2027	Solicitation begins for financials/fiscal plans and Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for APO agencies and jurisdictions.
March 2027	MnDOT District 3 completes draft four-year construction program.
March 8, 2027	APO staff begin coordination with Metro Bus on 2031 transit project development.
March 3, 2027	ATP's TA Committee evaluates, scores, and ranks TA projects at a meeting in Saint Cloud.
March 17, 2027	Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) Development Committee meets in Baxter to merge regional priorities and develop the draft ATIP.
March 26, 2027	**DEADLINE** for financial/fiscal constraint/ALOP information for APO agencies and jurisdictions.
April 1, 2027	APO staff will submit a draft TIP project list to MnDOT District 3 to be included in the draft ATIP. Inform OTAT and MPO coordinator as well.
April 1, 2027	Central Minnesota ATP reviews, modifies, and approves the draft ATIP at a meeting in Baxter.
April 15, 2027	MnDOT District 3 submits the ATP's approved draft ATIP to MnDOT Office of Transportation System Management (OTSM).
May 2027	OTSM develops the draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
May-June 2027	Public review and comment of the draft STIP.

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May 7, 2027	APO submits draft TIP to MnDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for comment and review.
May 27, 2027	APO staff presents draft TIP to TAC for recommended approval to begin 30-day public comment period.
June 10, 2027	APO staff presents draft TIP to Policy Board for approval to begin 30-day public comment period.
June 17, 2027	Central Minnesota ATP reviews and comments on the draft STIP.
July 2027	MnDOT District 3 submits comments regarding draft STIP to OTSM.
July 14, 2027	**APO staff submit draft TIP to 30-day public comment period.**
August-September 2027	MnDOT approves draft STIP and submits to FHWA/FTA.
Aug. 26, 2027	APO TAC reviews final draft of the TIP.
Sept. 9, 2027	APO Policy Board approves final draft of the TIP.
Sept. 10, 2027	APO submits TIP documents to MnDOT for inclusion into the ATIP and STIP.
September-October 2027	FHWA/FTA make findings and accepts for funding.
November-December 2027	FHWA/FTA approve the STIP.

All HSIP applications for projects occurring within the APO's planning area are due to the APO (c/o Vicki Johnson) by no later than **NOON on Monday, Oct. 19.*

*** All STBGP and APO-Managed CRP applications are due to the APO (c/o Vicki Johnson) by no later than **3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2027**. Late applications will not be accepted. All ATP-3 Managed CRP and PROTECT applications as well as TA applications are due to Jeff Lenz at MnDOT District 3.*

This schedule is consistent with the approved Central Minnesota ATP 2028-2031 STIP development timeline. Dates and deadlines are subject to change. APO staff will do its best to notify all agencies and jurisdictions of changes and will send out an updated schedule as soon as changes have been verified by MnDOT.

Please contact Vicki Johnson at 320-252-7568 ext. 203 or **ikeogu@stcloudapo.org** if you have any questions, comments, or concerns on this schedule once adopted.