

To: Minneapolis City Council
Minneapolis Public Works
Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Hennepin County

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: April 6, 2016

Subject: Regional Solicitation Recommendation

Regional Solicitation Recommendation

The Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) hosted both Minneapolis Public Works and Metropolitan Council staff with the purpose of learning more about the annual Regional Solicitation process for federal funding for transportation projects. We support many of the city's proposed projects that will include pedestrian improvements. However, we would like to see local government take advantage of funds available for a pedestrian-driven project.

As such, the PAC established a working group to examine potential projects. The following considerations steered our discussion:

1. Likelihood that we can get to a concept design by June.
2. Scoring criteria
3. Minneapolis pedestrian priorities
4. Equity
5. Transit

Whereas Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis stated goals include improving pedestrian safety and promoting walking for transportation and health, the PAC resolves to recommend Hennepin County put forth a proposal for addressing the Complex Intersection at Excelsior Boulevard and Lake Street, also known as the West Lake project.

In addition, the PAC looks forward to working with Hennepin County and the city of Minneapolis to prepare future proposals for pedestrian-driven projects by four general categories:

1. Sidewalk widening
2. Sidewalk gap
3. Bump outs
4. Complex Intersections