



DES MOINES AREA MPO


Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

April 2, 2026



APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Public Participation Plan

- 2026 Public Participation Plan draft 45-day public comment period ended February 19.
- Comments of note we received:
 - Increase social media presence
 - Building access for meetings
 - Are all cities required to send reps to Roundtables?
 - Link errors in document



Public Participation Plan Updates

- Clarifies Purpose and Scope of MPO's public participation
- Revises roundtable and committee language
- Addition of *ADA Compliance Facility Checklist* to close loop on FHWA recommendations
- Updates all links to new website and maps
- Broadens toolbox of outreach mechanisms
- Re-centered location of Public Comment Form on website
- Reviewed for any updates needed due to federal changes (none so far)

FFY 2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development

- MPO develops a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) annually.
- MPO member governments and associated agencies receive current TIP projects for review and update.
- Federally funded FFY 2026 programmed projects must have FHWA authorization to proceed by **September 30, 2026**.
- If not, a rollover to FFY 2027 is required.
- Staff will be sending out the TIP status reports in early April.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule

- Schedule for the TIP development process:
 - March: Review current TIP Projects
 - April: Update TIP project list
 - May: Review Draft TIP project list
 - June: Approved draft TIP is due to Iowa DOT
 - TIP Public Input Meeting
 - July: Final TIP review and submission to Iowa DOT

GOAL 3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 3



Creating and maintaining natural resource corridors, natural stormwater management systems, urban forest canopies, and parks embody the concept of natural stewardship. Good land stewardship ensures long-term environmental and economic health, and its effects improve the mental and physical well-being of people. A green infrastructure network gives people access to nature, recreation, quiet, and views. Trees and other green infrastructure mitigate the negative environmental and economic impacts of natural disasters, extreme weather events, and poorly designed developments. Ultimately, green systems make communities more resilient and help to attract people and employers. The transportation system can play a significant role in how Greater Des Moines residents experience the natural environment.

Goal 3

Measure	Base Year	Current	5-YR Target	2050 Target
Person Miles Traveled				
% of non-SOV travel (all trips)	34.4	27.9	40.0	60.0

Drove Alone	Carpooled	Transit	Taxi	Motorcycle	Bike	Walk	Other	WFH
72.1%	7.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%	1.0%	16.8%

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DC LIST

State

SUDAS Bill

- [House File 2667](#): Would restructure SUDAS board. Passed by Senate 28-18

Planning Bill

- [House File 2148](#): Would eliminate smart planning principles. Amended by Senate Local Government Committee. Not yet on debate calendar.

Bike Safety Bill

- [House Study Bill 637](#): Relating to nonvehicular personal transportation. Did not clear first funnel.

Property Tax Bills

- [Senate File 2472](#): Senate Property Tax Bill.
- [House File 2745](#): House Property Tax Bill.

Federal: Tracking Reauthorization



- Transportation Reauthorization Bill development is underway (current bill expires September 30, 2026).
 - Initially, there were signals from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that a bill would be available for markup this spring. This may still happen.
 - However, Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Capito (R-WV) has said a bill may not happen until the summer, and that passing legislation prior to September 30th will be a challenge.
 - Also, there is growing uncertainty about how to pay for the next bill amidst rising oil prices and an insolvent Highway Trust Fund, making a continuing resolution look more likely.

Federal: Annual DC List

- DMDC 2026, the annual trip to Washington DC organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership, is June 3-5.
- MPO is working with members to develop a list of priority transportation projects to be discussed with Iowa's Congressional delegation.
- The DC List includes only projects that are actively seeking funding, along with any important policy initiatives.
- Final draft is available as a handout.

#	Sponsor	Project	Total Cost	Program	Request
1	Altoona, Pleasant Hill	1st Ave. S/NE 70 th St.	\$15,816,702	BUILD	\$14,669,395
2	Ankeny Regional Airport	South Terminal Expansion	\$25,000,000		
3	Bondurant	Central District Transportation Improvements	\$25,000,000	BUILD	\$17,500,000
4	Des Moines	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant	\$16,300,000	Safe Streets for All	\$13,000,000 (awarded; needs signed grant agreement)
5	Johnston Iowa DOT	Highway 141 / Towner Drive Interchange	\$27,674,000	BUILD	\$15,026,809
6	Waukee	University Avenue Area Transportation Improvements	\$43,000,000	BUILD	\$25,000,000
7	Windsor Heights	73rd Street Reconstruction	\$15,100,000	BUILD	\$9,380,000
8	Various / MPO	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant	TBD	Safe Streets For All	TBD

FINAL FUNDING SCENARIO RECOMMENDATION

PHASE	DATE	TIME	POTENTIAL TOPICS
Discovery	October 16	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Scoring Tool • Emphasis on Safety • How to Spread the Peanut Butter
Discovery	November 20	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local funding swap • Other best practices
Discovery	December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Swap Presentation with NCTCOG • Develop Funding Swap Case Study
Discovery	January 22	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief on Funding Swap Case Study • Workshop draft scenarios
Scenarios	February 19	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present refined scenarios for comments and feedback
Review draft scenarios with Policy (February 19) and TTC (March 5).			
Scenarios	March 12	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on committee feedback and comments. • Review and discuss any needed revisions.
Scenarios / Buildout	April 2 / April 16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Final Recommended Scenario
Buildout	May 7 / May 21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorize a series of administrative actions to implement
Buildout	June 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on new online application tool
Buildout	July 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target date to open application window

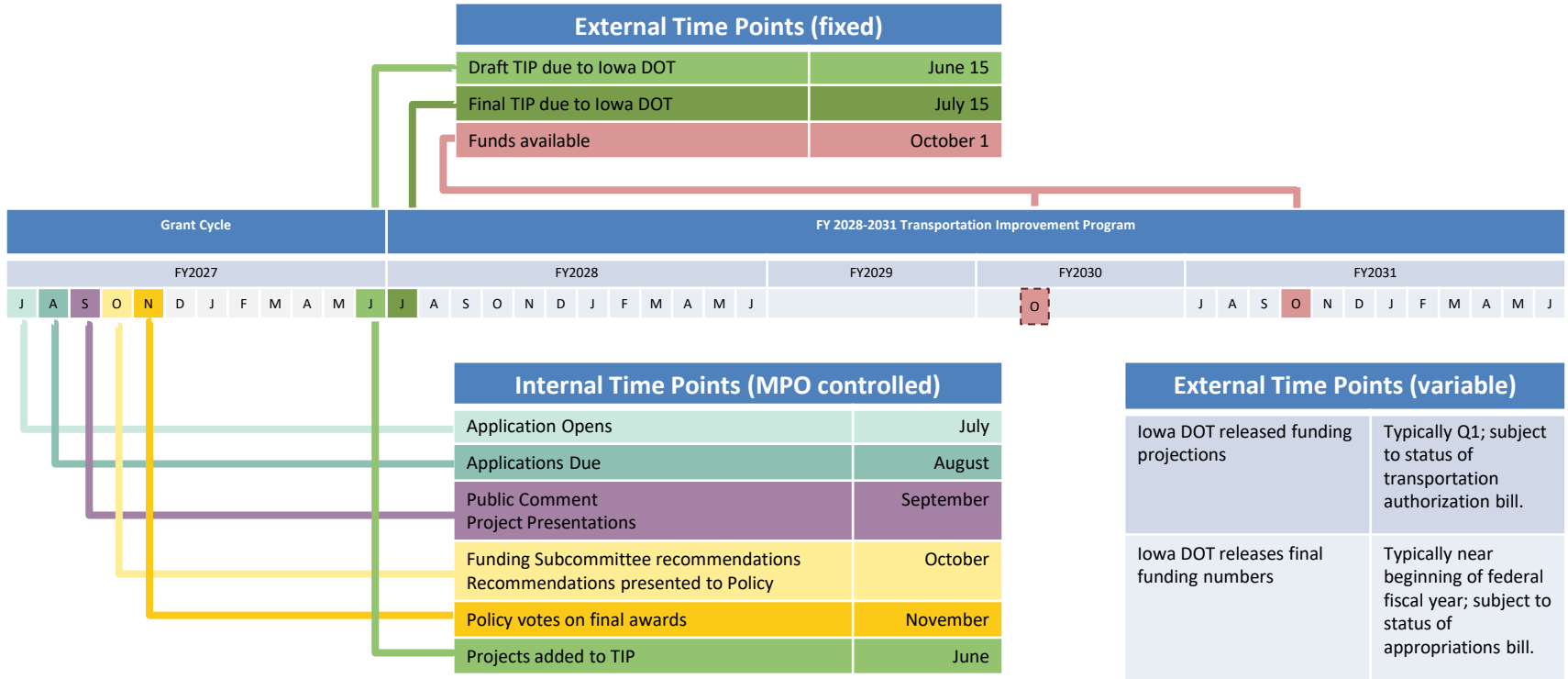
What We Heard

Safety Score	More Weight	Low Minimum	Medium Minimum	High Minimum
Vision Zero Program	Catalyst	Foundation	Leader	Champion
Funding Targets	Limited	Dedicated	Committed	Pillar
Local Swap	Status Quo	More Study	Pilot Program	Strategic Leap

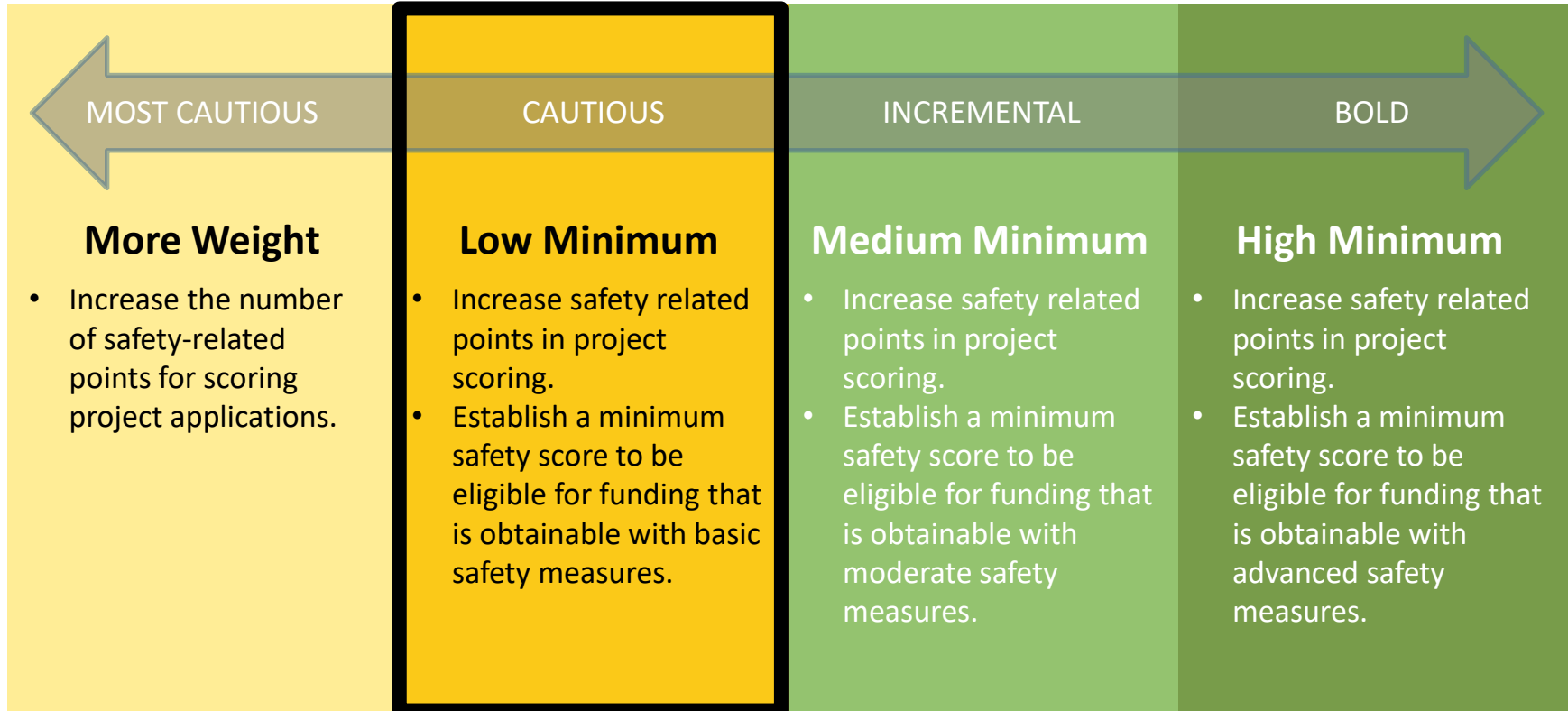
Final Recommended Scenario

- SCHEDULE: Advanced six months to start in July.
- LOW MINIMUM: Increase weight of safety scores and set low minimum score.
- LEADER: Funds 80% of audits and countermeasures – with focus on High and Critical Corridors.
 - Hire regional Vision Zero coordinator.
- COMMITTED: Set safety funding target at 15%.
- PILOT: Hire firm to help set up a pilot program, using funding swap to fund some or all of Vision Zero Program with local dollars.

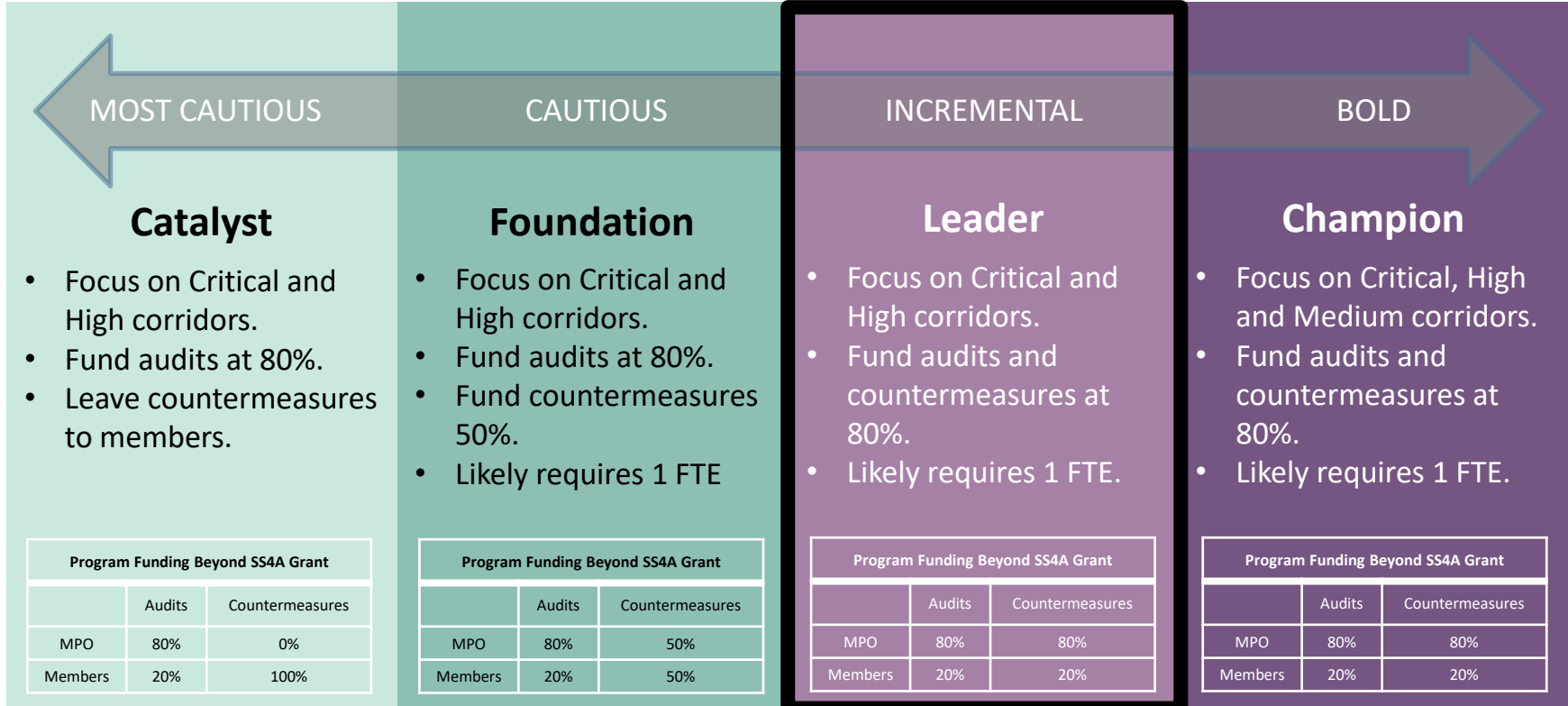
Schedule of Funding Cycle



Variable 1: Weight of Safety Scoring



Variable 2: Vision Zero Program (beyond SS4A funding)



MOST CAUTIOUS

Catalyst

- Focus on Critical and High corridors.
- Fund audits at 80%.
- Leave countermeasures to members.

CAUTIOUS

Foundation

- Focus on Critical and High corridors.
- Fund audits at 80%.
- Fund countermeasures 50%.
- Likely requires 1 FTE

INCREMENTAL

Leader

- Focus on Critical and High corridors.
- Fund audits and countermeasures at 80%.
- Likely requires 1 FTE.

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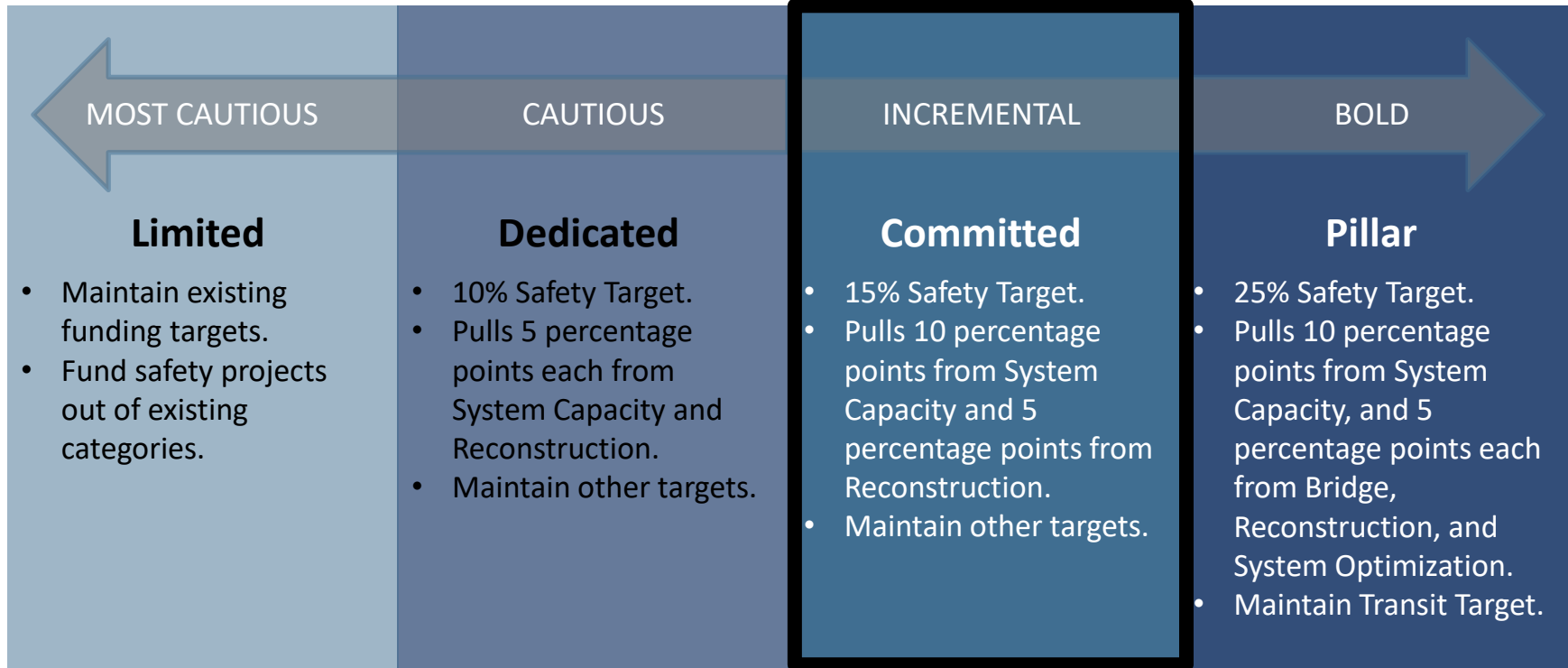
Champion

- Focus on Critical, High and Medium corridors.
- Fund audits and countermeasures at 80%.
- Likely requires 1 FTE.

Annual cost allocation of program scenarios

		Catalyst			Foundation			Leader			Champion		
		Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals
		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 0% Members 100%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 50% Members 50%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 80% Members 20%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 80% Members 20%	
MPO	Member	\$756,000	\$0	\$756,000	\$756,000	\$945,000	\$1,701,000	\$756,000	\$1,512,000	\$2,268,000	\$1,360,000	\$2,720,000	\$4,080,000
		\$189,000	\$1,890,000	\$2,079,000	\$189,000	\$945,000	\$1,134,000	\$189,000	\$378,000	\$567,000	\$340,000	\$680,000	\$1,020,000

Variable 3: Level of Investment



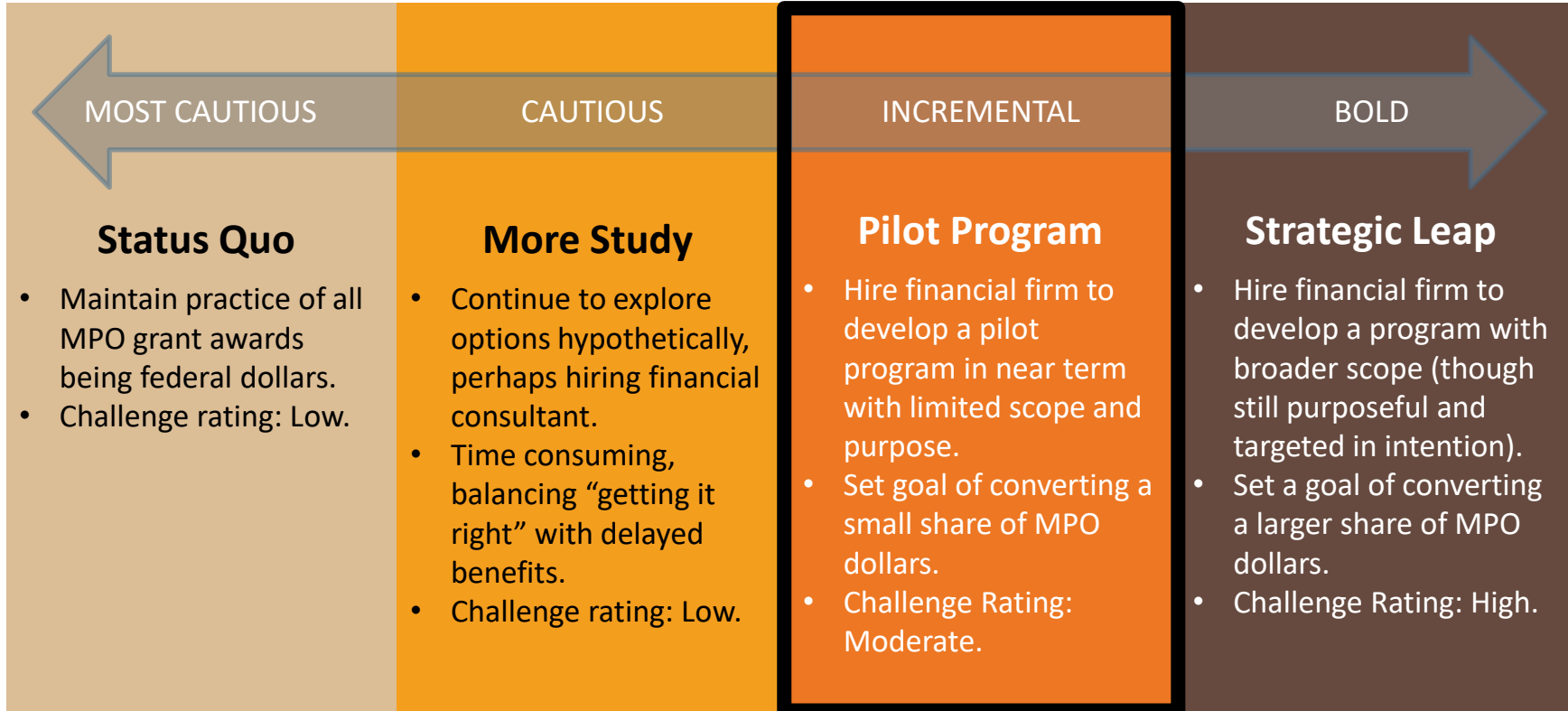
Funding Targets by Scenario

	Limited		Dedicated		Committed		Pillar	
	No Carveout (Current)		Small Carveout		Medium Carveout		Large Carveout	
	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$
System Capacity	30%	\$5,608,500	25% ↓	\$4,673,750	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000
Bridge	20%	\$3,739,000	20%	\$3,739,000	20%	\$3,739,000	15% ↓	\$2,804,250
Reconstruction	25%	\$4,673,750	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000
System Optimization	15%	\$2,804,250	15%	\$2,804,250	15%	\$2,804,250	10% ↓	\$1,869,500
Transit	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500
Safety	NA	\$0	10% ↑	\$1,869,500	15% ↑	\$2,804,250	25% ↑	\$4,673,750

Target Scenarios Applied to Vision Zero Program



Variable 4: Local Swap



Discussion

- Are you all comfortable with moving forward with Final Recommended Scenario?
- Does it sufficiently reflect the priorities put forward by this committee as part of the review process?
- Details will continue to be refined during the Build Out Phase.

Next Steps



The Committee will be asked next month to authorize a series of administrative actions to implement the recommended funding scenario.

- Revision of *Mobilizing Tomorrow* to reflect new funding targets.
- Direction to develop a pilot program for federal funding swap.
- Direction to develop updated Funding Guidelines.
- Establishment of a Vision Zero Program.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

DOLLARS & DONUTS

JUNE 4, 2026
8-9AM



Join MPO staff for a STBG funding training session.
We will walkthrough the updated application
process and demo of the new project scoring tool.

You bring your laptop. We'll bring the coffee & donuts.

**HIGHLY ENCOURAGED FOR ANY STAFF THAT LEADS THEIR
COMMUNITY'S STBG & TAP APPLICATIONS**



Polk County Traffic Safety Campaign

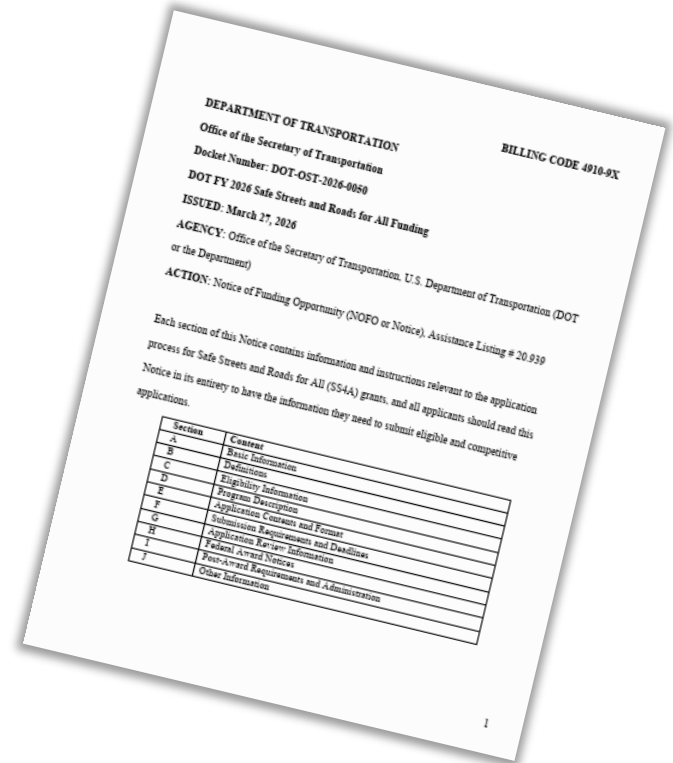
- **Proposed Mission:** To reduce fatal and serious crashes in Polk County by promoting safer behaviors, supporting proven engineering solutions, and coordinating a unified message across all road-safety partners.
- **Proposed Methods:**
 1. **Build a Polk County Traffic Safety Resource Hub:** A centralized platform that houses all partner-created traffic safety materials — info sheets, social media graphics, talking points, seasonal toolkits, and Polk-specific crash data.
 2. **Unite All Partners Under One Campaign Identity & Slogan:** Create a shared Polk County traffic safety brand and slogan so all partners deliver a single, recognizable message; and one trusted source of county-specific data, trends, and messaging.
 3. **Amplify Engineering & Safety Improvements through Storytelling:** Support local roadway safety projects (e.g., redesigns, protected bike lanes, roundabouts, lighting improvements, etc) with simple, accessible public explanations. Share stories of success that identify solutions/progress, and stories of lived experience that identify how tragedy could've been prevented.




← We need your feedback! Complete the partner survey.

SS4A FY26 NOFO

- **Released:** March 27, 2026
- **Applications Due:** May 26, 2026
- **Funding Available:** \$993,488,194
 - **Implementation:** \$687,809,874
 - **Planning & Demonstration:** \$305,678,320



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