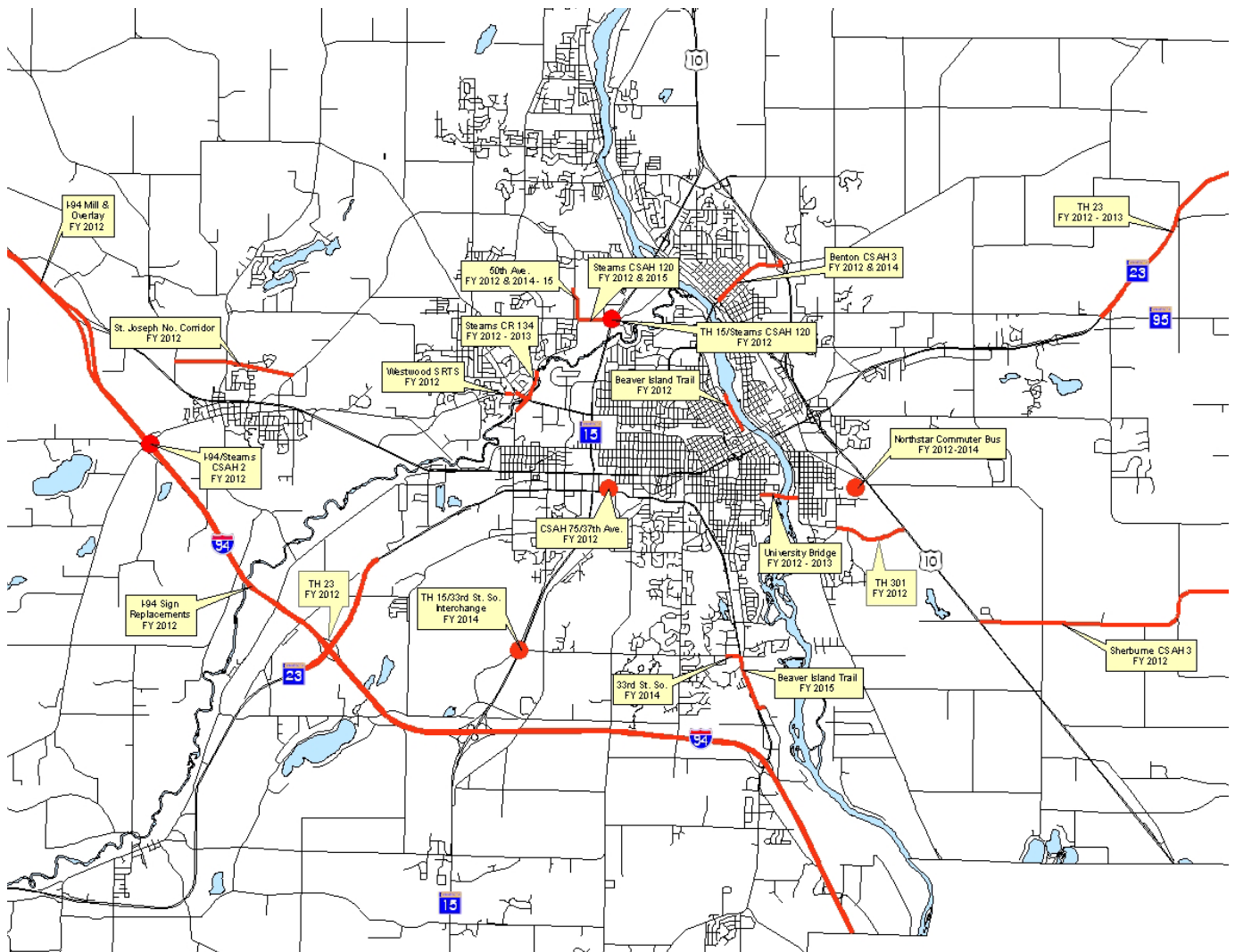




St. Cloud Metropolitan Area 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



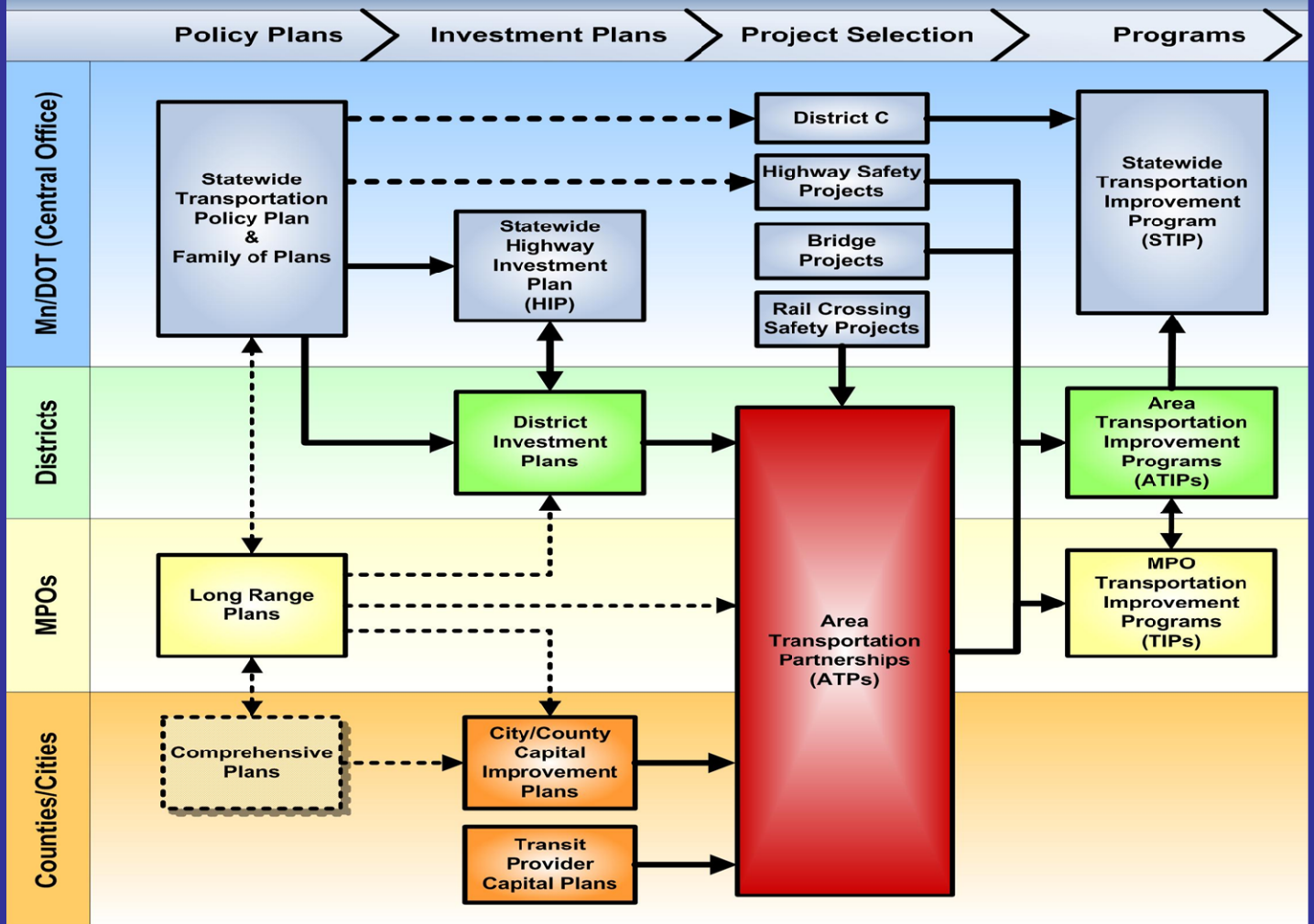
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



What is a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

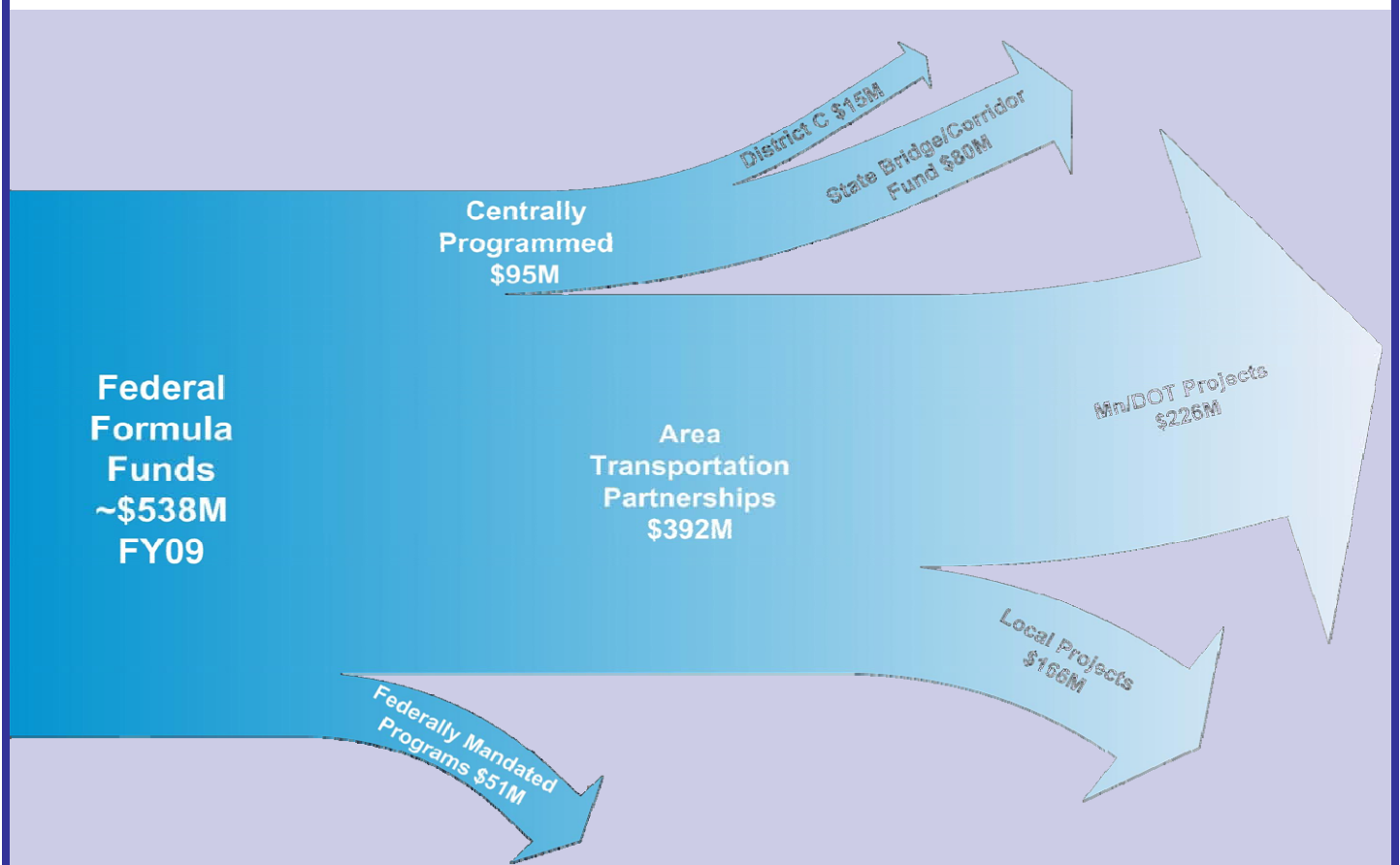
- A local, state, and federally approved document of staged, multi-year transportation improvements for the St. Cloud Metropolitan Area.
- A five (5) year document that is updated and approved by the APO, state and federal agencies, and public transit operators every year.
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as the APO, and transit providers are required to have a minimum of four (4) years represented in their TIP/STIP documents. The APO TIP is on a rotating 5-year/4-year cycle because the APO programs two (2) years of federal funds every other year.
- The St. Cloud metropolitan area TIP document includes projects from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) District 3 projects in the APO planning area, St. Cloud Metro Bus projects, and local federal projects. Local projects that are fully funded by a township, city, or county are **not** included in the APO TIP.
- In non-attainment and maintenance areas for transportation related pollutants, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the APO make a conformity determination on any new or amended project in a TIP to meet state and federal air quality requirements. St. Cloud has been designated a maintenance area for air quality.
- Projects included in the TIP must be consistent with APO's Transportation Plan.

Planning & Programming



How are Projects Programmed into the TIP?

- The TIP development process begins 90 days before the end of each year (early October).
- Projects originate from three main areas: 1) TSM, 2) Transportation Plan, and 3) implementing agencies that submit projects.
- Projects are presented to the APO Policy Board and the public for initial review and comment. Projects not meeting the minimum qualifying criteria are eliminated from consideration.
- Eligible projects are grouped into six categories: roadway and bridge; railroad and safety; enhancement; transit; right-of-way acquisition; and, corridor & environmental studies.
- Projects meeting the minimum qualifying criteria are then prioritized by the APO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) into one intermodal project list. Prioritization considerations include the following:
 - Technical engineering criteria developed by the ATP;
 - APO non-technical considerations including public involvement, project deliverability, regional benefit, funding equity and non-vehicular accommodations;
 - APO sub-targeted local federal funding available, and other planning factors.
- TAC membership consists of technical representatives from three counties, six municipalities, three townships (depending on their desires), St. Cloud Metro Bus, Mn/DOT and APO staff. A listing of implementing agencies and TAC membership are included in Appendix A of the TIP.
- A prioritized list is then forwarded to the APO's Executive Board and APO Policy Board for approval or modification. The prioritized list is presented for review, comment and approval at a public informational meeting. Appendix C outlines the process and criteria for prioritizing APO TIP projects in greater detail.



Summary of Funding Distribution for Regionally Significant Projects by Jurisdiction or Agency

	Metro Bus	Benton County	Stearns County	City of Sartell	City of St. Cloud	City of St. Joseph	Mn/DOT District 3
2012	\$15,160,159	\$202,000	\$2,985,104	\$0	\$4,144,904	\$0	\$64,299,699
2013 ^{#3}	\$20,331,571	\$0	\$1,030,093	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,402,875
2014	\$15,516,878	\$130,137	\$0	\$172,000	\$16,364,250	\$220,000	\$21,252,875
2015	\$14,103,490	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$192,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$20,252,875
Totals <small>#1, #2, #3, #4</small>	\$65,112,098	\$332,137	\$5,015,197	\$364,000	\$21,109,154	\$220,000	\$139,208,324
% of Total	28.1%	0.1%	2.2%	0.2%	9.1%	0.1%	60.2%

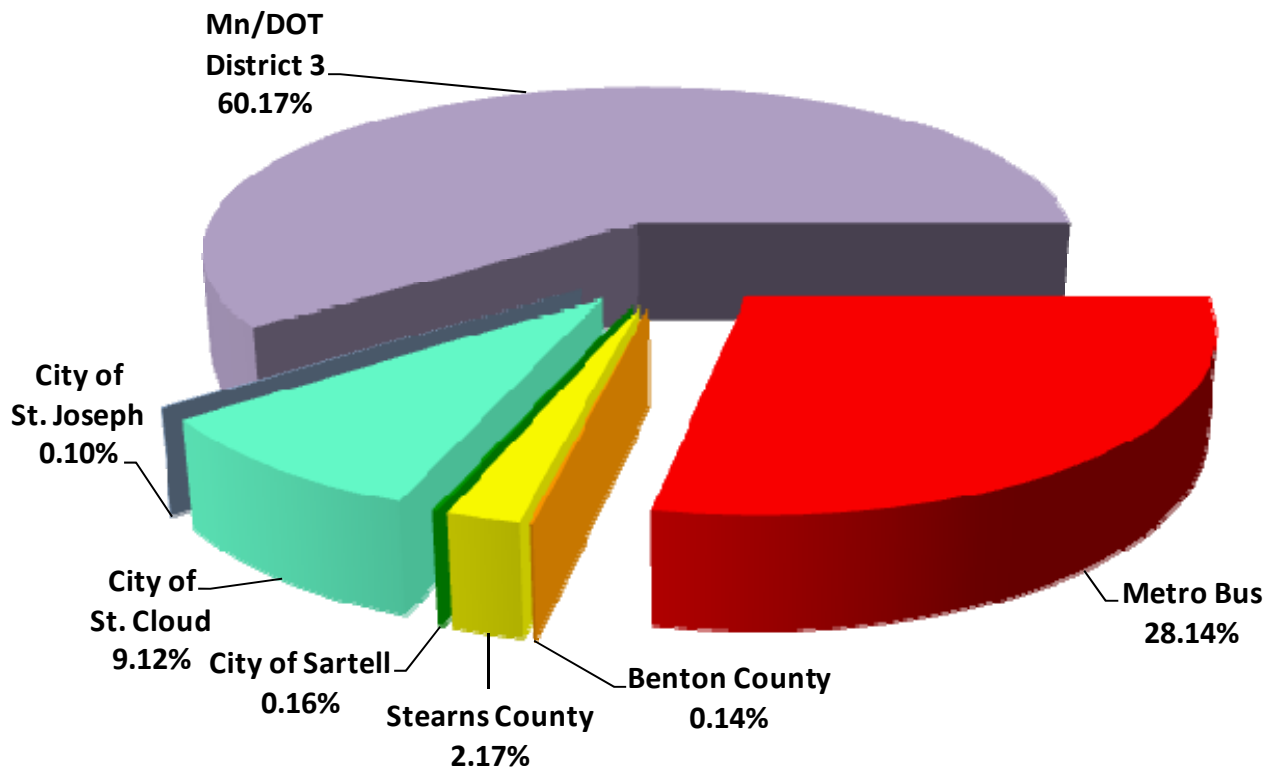
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Percentage of Total Funding by Agency



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Information on locally funded projects may be obtained from the individual jurisdiction's Capital Improvement Program.

Summary of Funding Distribution for Regionally Significant Projects by Project Type

	Transit	Road & Bridge	Planning/ Studies	HSIP (Safety)	Non- Motorized	District Set-a-Sides
2012	\$15,160,159	\$49,468,832	\$0	\$2,782,875	\$3,050,000	\$16,330,000
2013 ^{#3}	\$20,331,571	\$10,424,537	\$0	\$2,522,875	\$0	\$21,485,556
2014	\$15,516,878	\$17,756,250	\$130,137	\$3,322,875	\$0	\$16,930,000
2015	\$14,103,490	\$1,192,000	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$20,252,875
Totals ^{#1, #2, #3, #4}	\$65,112,098	\$78,841,619	\$130,137	\$8,628,625	\$3,650,000	\$74,998,431
% of Total	28.1%	34.1%	0.1%	3.7%	1.6%	32.4%

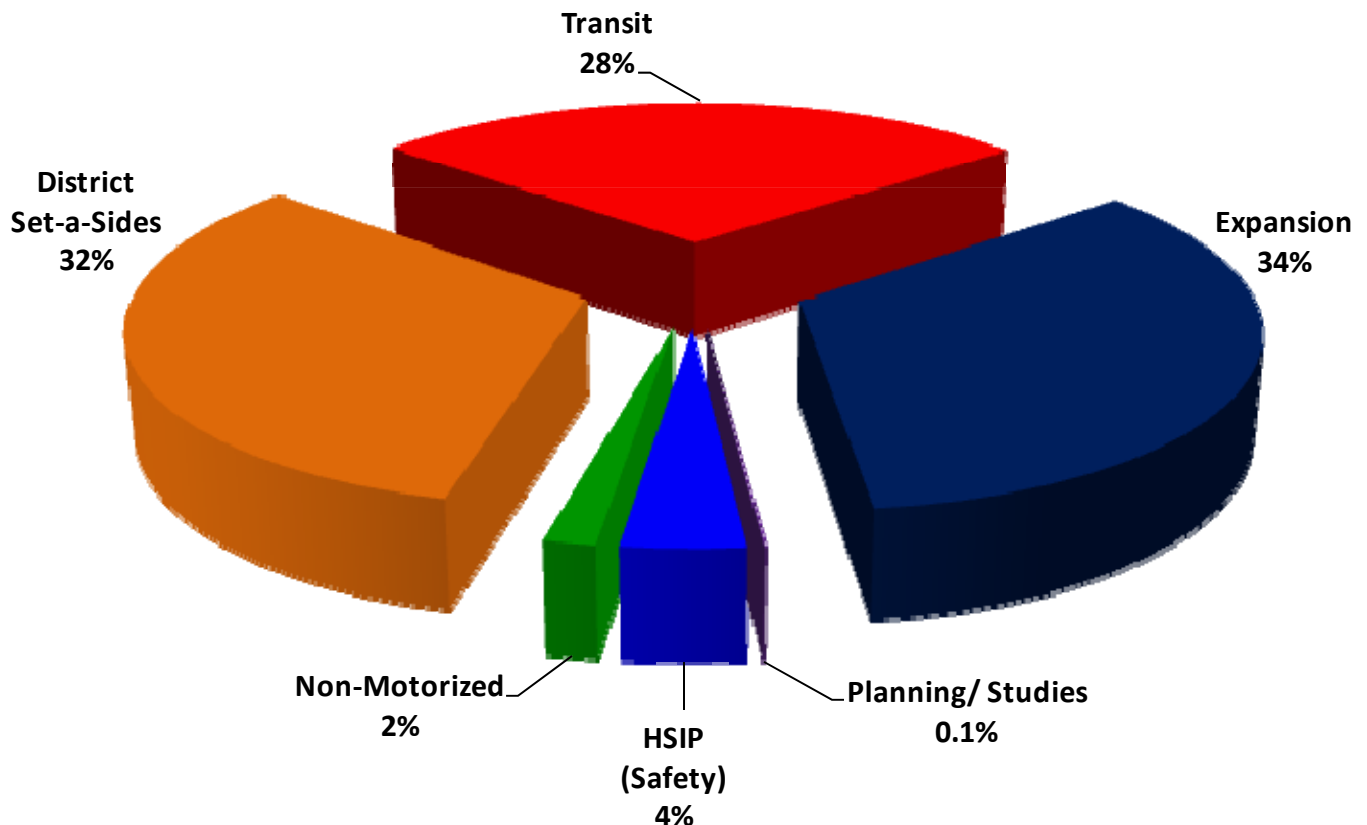
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Highlights of Five Funding Programs in the 2012-2015 TIP

BETTER ROADS FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA—A four year program aimed at significantly improving the pavement condition of Minnesota’s highways. This program is funded by Trunk Highway Bonds held as contingency for unanticipated cost increases in the Mn/DOT Bridge Program, state funds from the Trunk Highway Fund, and available federal funds that include bid savings on recent projects.

Project Example: TH 301 pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation near the State Reformatory in St. Cloud
Total Project Cost: \$265,000

CHAPTER 152/36—Bond funds authorized by the Minnesota Legislature in 2008 for state and local road or bridge improvements. This funding has been made available through initiatives such as the Greater Minnesota Interchange Program.

Project Example: TH 15 & Stearns CSAH 120 Interchange in Sartell/St. Cloud
Chapter 152/23 Funds: \$10 Million (In addition to \$4.5 Million DIP funding)
Total Project Cost: \$17.5 Million

DESTINATION INNOVATION PROGRAM (DIP) — A funding program designed to allow Mn/DOT to capitalize on opportunities to deliver innovative and creative proposals supported by Mn/DOT’s strategic vision. Funding from this program will be utilized for projects such as Minnesota’s first Diverging Diamond Interchange on Trunk Highway 15 in the St. Cloud Metropolitan Area.

Project Example: TH 15 & Stearns CSAH 120 Interchange in Sartell/St. Cloud
DDI Award: \$4.5 Million (In addition to \$10 Million Chapter 152/36 funding)
Total Project Cost: \$17.5 Million

SAFETY AND MOBILITY INTERCHANGE PROGRAM (SaM)— This program is designed to provide funding for trunk highway interchanges that will relieve traffic congestion and promote traffic safety. SaM grants are funded through a 2010 bond appropriation by the Minnesota Legislature designated exclusively for interchange improvements.

Project Example: TH 10 & Benton CSAH 2 Interchange in Rice (Outside APO Planning Area)
Award: 14.5 Million
Total Project Cost: \$20.7 Million

TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TED)— A cooperatively administered program between Mn/DOT and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) that will provide funding for highway improvement and public infrastructure projects that create jobs and support economic development in Minnesota. Funding for this program was appropriated in the 2010 Chapter 388, Section 2.

Project Example: TH 15 & 33rd St. S. Interchange in St. Cloud
Grant Award: \$ 8 Million
Total Project Cost: \$12.5 Million

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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