



Sustainability and Public Health Division  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
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Re: Update on the Clean Transportation Pilot Program Solicitation

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pushing out the timeline for the Clean Transportation Pilot Program due to contracting delays during the Round 1 solicitation process and the unknowns about the impact of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The pilot Clean Transportation Funding Program had planned to grant up to \$2 million annually to test and increase adoption of clean transportation technologies statewide.

MnDOT plans to announce the Round 1 of projects selected for funding in early 2022 after the agency executes contracts with all the grantees. For Round 1 of the pilot funding program, MnDOT partnered with non-traditional transportation stakeholders on complex and innovative clean transportation efforts in communities around the state. This was a pilot project because there was a lot of uncertainty about how to deliver these non-traditional transportation projects and we expected challenges.

Contracting has been delayed while we work with grantees and partner agencies to meet all federal requirements (e.g., procurement, vendor selection, and environmental compliance). In many cases, MnDOT is having to develop new processes to meet these requirements.

We are also still waiting to determine the implications of the federal infrastructure bill, specifically the new National Electric Vehicle Formula program that could include up to \$68 million to install EV chargers in Minnesota. It remains unclear how the IIJA will impact future rounds of the Clean Transportation Funding Program.

As a result, the solicitation for the next round of pilot Clean Transportation Funding Program will be delayed until at least fall 2022.

We regret having to delay the Round 2 solicitation but thank prospective applicants for their interest in the program. We look forward to providing additional funding in the future to advance a safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation system in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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