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AGENDA ITEM 6a
TAC Meeting
February 5, 2026

DATE: January 27, 2026
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Stephen Luther, Associate Regional Planner
SUBJECT: **Transportation Development Act 2% Bicycle & Pedestrian Set-Aside**

DISCUSSION

The HCAOG TDA Rules and Regulations for the 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian set-aside establish a \$500,000 reserve fund. Beginning in 2014, money was set-aside until the reserve became fully funded which it did in 2023.

In discussion with the Ad-hoc Trail Management Committee, staff is asking the TAC to discuss a proposal to increase the reserve amount to \$1,000,000. As the TAC is aware the reserve amount was established to be used for grant match for significant regional trail projects, or a capital maintenance funding reserve to support unforeseen maintenance needs on the region's ever expanding (but largely un-funded) networks of non-motorized trails. Given the cost escalation that has occurred since 2014 (when the reserve was established), the Ad-hoc Trail Management Committee discussed increasing the reserve to better reflect current costs, should a large maintenance need arise.

Funding the reserve to its full amount could be structured in a similar manner to past practice by splitting the Bike/Ped allocation 50/50 for projects and reserve funds.

Staff is seeking feedback and direction from the TAC on how to proceed with the 2026 Call for Projects.

Option 1: Skip the Call for Projects this year and recommend that the Board set-aside all the 2% Bike/Ped allocation to increasing the reserve. Staff would bring back an amendment to Article 3 of the TDA Rules to formally change the reserve amount.

Option 2: The Call for Projects goes out as normal but the TAC informally agrees the amount available for projects will be split 50/50 (or some other split) to allow the reserve to build up. Staff would return with a formal amendment to the TDA rules.

Option 3: The Call for Projects goes out for full 2% of LTF. TAC provides alternative direction.

Staff will send out a solicitation in February for project requests and will bring the project requests back to the TAC for scoring and a recommendation to the HCAOG Board.