

2020 Project Selection Process

Regional Project Evaluation Committee
December 6, 2019



Today's Agenda

- November Project Selection Task Force summary
- Remaining Items for December Task Force meeting:
 - Criteria
 - Project Tracking Policies
- Administrative Items:
 - ROW phase
 - Dual scoring



Project Selection Task Force

November Task Force summary of recommendations / discussion:

- RTCC set-aside retained, converted to 10% of regional funds
- PSRC funds retained
- All other administrative elements retained
- Beginning discussion of criteria



Project Evaluation Criteria

- Specific criteria depending on if the project is located within a Regional Growth Center, Manufacturing / Industrial Center or on a Connecting Corridor

	Points	
	STP	CMAQ
Part 1: Policy Criteria (Category Specific Questions)	75	45
Category A: Designated Regional Growth Centers		
<i>Regional Growth Center Development</i>	30	16
<i>Benefit to the Regional Growth Center</i>	20	12
<i>Circulation within the Regional Growth Center</i>	25	17
Category B: Manufacturing / Industrial Centers		
<i>Development and User Benefit</i>	40	25
<i>Mobility and Accessibility Benefit</i>	35	20
Category C: Corridors Serving Centers		
<i>Benefit to Regional Growth or Manufacturing / Industrial Center</i>	40	25
<i>System Continuity/Long-Term Benefit and Sustainability</i>	35	20
Part 2: Technical Criteria for all Projects		
<i>D: Air Quality/ Climate Change</i>	20	50
<i>E: Project Readiness/Financial Plan</i>	5	5
TOTAL	100	100



Project Evaluation Criteria

- Main elements addressed =
 - Support for housing, employment and the development plans of a center
 - Health and equity
 - Improved accessibility, circulation, mobility and provision of a range of modes
 - Active transportation
 - Safety and security
 - Reduction of emissions
 - Project readiness / feasible financial plan



Project Evaluation Criteria

- Over the last several cycles, improvements to:
 - technical guidance and resources for project sponsors
 - strengthened language related to equity and safety
 - updated CMAQ criteria to incorporate cost / benefit of emission reductions
 - revisions to project readiness and financial plan criteria



Resources Provided

- Materials provided related to:
 - Populations served
 - Areas of opportunity
 - Emissions reduction
 - Financial constraint
 - Basic eligibility requirements
- ❖ Includes:
 - ❖ Guidance documents
 - ❖ Interactive web map
 - ❖ checklists



Project Evaluation Criteria

Task Force discussions to date:

- specific interest in safety, equity and tying to regional outcomes

Equity

- Describe how the project will benefit those groups identified in the President's Order for Environmental Justice, seniors, people with disabilities, those located in highly impacted communities, and/or areas experiencing high levels of unemployment or chronic underemployment

Safety

- Describe how the project remedies a current or anticipated problem
- Describe how the project addresses safety and security



Project Evaluation Criteria

Regional Outcomes

Mobility	Safety	Multimodal system
Air quality and climate	Maintenance and preservation	Active transportation
Support for centers	Health	Equity
Freight		

Feedback for December Task Force meeting?

- Related to equity, safety, or other criteria



Administrative Elements

1. ROW issue: sponsors may request a single phase or PE plus the subsequent phase, but not ROW and CN
 - Issue of PE + CN requested, but a ROW phase exists
 - Staff assessment:
 - Seems inconsistent with the policy
 - ROW timing raised as a significant issue, including TCEs
 - Propose that if a ROW phase exists, even if funded with other sources, only PE or CN should be requested, not both
 - Concern that the ROW phase will impact the CN timing, since PSRC funds are only for two consecutive years



Administrative Elements

2. Dual scoring of projects, under both STP and CMAQ
 - Pros = allows more flexibility in awarding projects by source
 - Cons =
 - concern about inconsistent award parameters
 - confusing information for prioritized contingency lists
 - Staff assessment:
 - If this process is to occur, propose setting parameters around the awarding of funds by source
 - In particular, ensure that CMAQ funds are awarded to the highest ranking CMAQ projects – along with other routine considerations



Draft Schedule

Call for Projects
Workshops

February 3
February 10-14

FHWA Regional Process

Regional FHWA Eligibility Screening Forms Due
Regional FHWA Applications Due to PSRC
Sponsor presentations
RPEC Recommendation meetings

March 2
April 13
April 23-24
May 21-22

FHWA Countywide Processes

Countywide Screening Forms Due
Countywide Applications Due
Countywide Funding Recommendations to PSRC

No later than April 17
TBD
No later than June 23



Draft Schedule

Regional TIP Development

Deadline for all TIP project submittals	June 29, 2019
TPB recommendation meeting	July 9, 2020
Executive Board approves recommendations	July 23, 2020
Draft TIP released for public comment	September 10, 2020
Executive Board adopts 2021-2024 Regional TIP	October 22, 2020
Final state and federal approval	January 2021

