# Call for Projects Workshop II

TIP Subcommittee Workshop March 17, 2022



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# Meeting Agenda

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  - New Approach
  - Process Overview
  - TPC Guidance Review
  - Workshop Planning Factors:
    - Safety
    - Resiliency
    - Congestion Management
- Future Workshops
  - Planning Factors (continued)
  - Benefit/Cost scoring methodology options
  - Sequencing (of Investment Categories)
  - Project development timeline
  - Readiness criteria (Phase 1)



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#### Process Overview: Four Primary Objectives

- Identify and select projects for funding
- Implement TPC's Guidance
- Start fixing project slippage and avoid funding sweeps
- Start moving toward performance-based project selection



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#### **Process Overview: Tools**

- Investment Categories
- Funding Targets
- Call for Projects Design
  - Application Requirements
  - "Sorting" Process and Criteria
  - Readiness Requirements
  - Timing/Sequence of Investment Categories
  - Planning Factors
  - Quantitative versus Qualitative
  - Relative weighting between planning factors
  - Weighting of planning factors between investment categories
  - Benefit Cost Analysis



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#### Process Overview: Factors & Requirements

- TPC Work Group Guidance
  - Goals
  - Priorities
  - Policies
- Federal Requirements
  - Funding Eligibility
  - Planning Factors
  - Guidance and Emphasis Areas
- State Requirements



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## A New Approach

Planning Factors	Quantitative	Qualitative
Evacuation Routes		
Freight Network		
Avoid/Eliminate at-grade Railroad Crossings		
Planning Coordination		
Connectivity to Jobs		
Transportation Equity (EJ)		
Improvements to existing/addition of new technology		
<mark>Safety</mark>	Х	Х
Congestion Management	Х	Х
Resiliency	Х	Х
Environmental/Ecological		
Multimodal Accommodations/Improvements		
Pavement Condition		

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## Meeting Recap

- Recap
  - Planning factors criteria (Continued)
  - Recap TPC workgroup guidance
  - Revised planning factors criteria
    - Qualitative & Quantitative
  - Benefit/Cost scoring summary (options presented in later slides)



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#### Goals:

- G1: Align with Regional Transportation Plan goals
- G2: Align with Regional Transportation Plan public comments
- G3: Create a resilient transportation network
- G4: Increase the resources available to implement the Regional Transportation Plan with public and private funding partnerships



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#### **Priorities:**

- P1: The reduction and elimination of severe injuries due to vehicle crashes
- P2: Improve safe and reliable goods movement within and through the region
- P3: Focusing on operational improvements and congestion management, including projects that address railroad/roadway safety and delays
- P4: Promote public/private, coordinated planning in high growth areas (areas with high population and/or commercial development growth) to reserve right of way and development of facilities that will avoid future congestion and support continued economic development



#### **Priorities:**

- P5: Recognize the benefit of regional, multijurisdictional projects to the larger transportation network
- P6: Improve access and affordable transportation choices to communities with high concentration of low income, disabled, elderly, or minority households
- P7: Develop a multi-modal transportation network



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#### **Policies:**

- A1: Consider the larger, complete project
- A2: Enhance environmental benefits through the addition of alternative transportation modes
- A3: Highway-funded projects should facilitate essential trip making
- A4: Network access, connectivity, and continuity
- A5: Non-federal sources for aesthetic improvements above and beyond State levels



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#### **Policies:**

- A6: Balance quantitative and qualitative benefits
- A7: Total project cost should be used in a Benefit/Cost analysis evaluation
- A8: Local community support
- A9: Consider projects that implement automated/connected vehicle technology and infrastructure
- A10: Advance projects that have demonstrated their project readiness when possible.



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#### Revised Planning Factors – Discussion Questions

- Does the proposed methodology adequately address TPC guidance?
  - Is the data source readily available?
  - If no, can the response be clearly explained?
    - How should the narrative responses be evaluated?
- Does this work for the region?
  - Does this give an advantage to urban or rural?
- Is the planning factor criterion relevant to TPC guidance?
- Does this criterion or methodology meet federal guidance?



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## **Revised Planning Factors**

Roadway/Freight			
Planning Factors Criteria	TPC Guidance	Evaluation methodology	Evaluation
Safety	G1a, G3c, P1, P2, P2a, A1e, A1f,	Both	<ul> <li>Existing condition (4) <ul> <li>Current fatality and serious injury crash rates (4-quantitative)</li> <li>Projects submitted in an investment category will be scored</li> </ul> </li> <li>between 1-2 (low-high). Projects with fatality crash rate at or below</li> <li>regional average will score 1-point (low) projects with fatality crash rate</li> <li>above regional average will score 2-points. <ul> <li>Projects submitted in an investment category will be scored</li> </ul> </li> <li>between 1-2 (low-high). Projects with serious injury crash rate at or</li> <li>below regional average will score 1-point (low) projects with serious injury crash rate at or</li> <li>below regional average will score 1-point (low) projects with serious injury crash rate above regional average will score 2-points</li> <li>Proposed improvement (6)</li> <li>Narrative explaining how proposed project reduces expected</li> <li>fatality and serious injuries (6-qualitative).</li> <li>The narrative must mention specific safety improvements included in the project scope and crash reduction factors associated with the improvements</li> </ul>

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