

Summary of Project Evaluation Criteria Development

At the July TIP subcommittee meeting the project evaluation criteria workgroup was created to work with H-GAC staff on the details of project evaluation criteria for the next call for projects. The project evaluation criteria workgroup included 11 volunteer members and the officers of the TIP subcommittee. The project evaluation workgroup members are listed in Table below.

TIP Subcommittee Officers	
Loyd Smith	Harris County
Cory Taylor	Chambers County
TIP Subcommittee Workgroup members	
Maureen Crocker	City of Houston
Bruce Mann	Port of Houston
Priya Zachariah	METRO
Robert Benz	TTI
Catherine McCreight	TxDOT-Houston
Scott Ayers	TxDOT-Beaumont
Ken Fickes	Harris Transit
Ricardo Villagrand	City of Mont Belvieu
Larry Beuhler	City of Alvin

Staff convened the workgroup on August 21st to discuss the investment categories, example project types that could be considered in each investment category, and definitions. A summary of the discussions and comments of the workgroup are provided in the bullet points below.

- Define investment categories clearly, being wordy is not a problem.
- Major investments as projects more than \$100 M
- Use the project types as examples.
- Add intermodal hubs and extension of LRT and BRT in the example project types
- More discussion needed for defining total project cost
- Discussed using only costs required going forward

- Also discussed the possibility of including a safety project type in the manage category
- Safety will be considered as part of all projects being considered for funding through the call.
- Members suggested exploring other ways to provide funding opportunities to implement safety projects.
 - Funding safety projects that did not get selected for funding in state HSIP.

Staff continues to work to define total project cost and define example project types in each investment category based on the comments received from the subcommittee members. Revised draft definitions of the investment categories are presented below for discussion.

Major investments: All roadway, freight or transit projects that have a total project cost of \$100M or more. Project costs that have been expended on planning, development or implementation activities of the project by the time project is selected in the call will not be considered toward total project cost.

Expand: All roadway, freight or transit projects that expand the network capacities.

Manage: All roadway, freight or transit projects that improve operations of existing networks.

Maintain: All roadway, freight or transit projects that extend the useful life of the existing networks or improves resiliency of the existing networks.

Active Transportation: All projects that expand, manage or maintain bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that provide alternative choices to essential trip making.