

Feedback from Telephone Interviews, Internet Surveys, and Policy Maker Workshop

Common Themes in Agreement

1. Process is data driven and fair
2. Process needs to be streamlined
3. Process is well aligned with current regional policies
4. Minimum project size does not need to be adjusted
5. Funding is awarded in relatively balance way – both geographically and by project types
6. Geographic equity is important, but should not be part of technical criteria
7. Funding for the “A” Minor Arterials should be continued
8. Trail projects should be examined for their connections to the larger systems, not just in isolation
9. Transportation needs are different in the urban core vs. developing/rural areas
10. Important concepts that should be stressed include:
 - a. Multimodal solutions
 - b. Safety
 - c. Cost effectiveness
 - d. Person throughput
 - e. Making connections (roads, trails, housing, transit, jobs, destinations)
 - f. Mobility
 - g. Accessibility

Key Policy Discussion (** = Steering Committee revisions)

1. Surface Transportation Program

- a. **Should the current “A” Minor Arterial funding categories change? Should the funding allocation between the “A” Minor Arterials change?
- b. **Should we accommodate both roadway expansion and reconstruction? How should expansion, preservation, routine maintenance, and reconstruction be defined?
- c. Should routine maintenance be a local responsibility?
- d. Should we consider the transportation needs of urban versus rural area projects differently?
- e. Should bundling of small projects be allowed?
- f. Should the maximum grant size be increased to accommodate larger projects and reduce project fragmentation?
- g. Should we expand the program to include other transit and/or multi-modal projects?
- h. **How should the funding in the Surface Transportation Program be distributed between the categories?
- i. How can regional priorities be better reflected in the solicitation process?

2. Transportation Alternatives

- a. Should both regional and local projects be funded?
- b. Should the maximum grant size be increased to accommodate larger projects and reduce project fragmentation?
- c. How can regional priorities be better reflected in the solicitation process?

3. Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement

- a. If bus replacement is needed, how should it be funded?
- b. How do we address transit expansion versus replacement projects?
- c. Should we expand the program to include other multimodal projects?
- d. How can regional priorities (RSIP) be better reflected in the solicitation process?

4. **Other

- a. How do we ensure that the project elements proposed in the application are constructed?
- b. How do we ensure that the benefits proposed in the application actually occur?
- c. How should funding be balanced between roads and transit?