



Corridors of Commerce DRAFT - Scoring and Prioritization Process

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Project Purpose

To develop and implement a scoring and project prioritization process for the Corridors of Commerce program that complies with the revised law passed by the 2017 Legislature and signed into law.

Available Funding

- MnDOT made the decision to program \$400 M for the next round of Corridors of Commerce project selections.
 - \$300 M in bonds
 - \$50 M in cash from the FY 2018-2019 biennium
 - \$50 M in cash from the FY 2020-2021 biennium
- If the 2020-2021 biennium cash is legislatively changed and is no longer available, MnDOT will cut \$50 M in projects from the selected program.

MnDOT Proposed Construction Commencement Eligibility

- “Project construction work will commence within three years, or a longer length of time as determined by the Commissioner” [161.088 Subd #4 (4)]
- Project construction work must be able to commence within four years of award of funding.

The Legislation Mandated Criteria

- Return on Investment
- Economic Impact
- Freight Efficiency
- Safety
- Regional Connections
- Policy Objectives
- Community Consensus
- Regional Balance

Project Recommendations

- Project recommendations will be taken from the public, stakeholders, and other interest groups via an on-line submission process, once the Project Scoring and Prioritization Process has been adopted.
- MnDOT itself will not be submitting project recommendations for scoring consideration.
- All submitted projects which meet the eligibility criteria of the law must and will be scored.

Criteria Point Scoring

- MnDOT is proposing to award points for seven of the eight legislative criteria.
- The eighth criteria, Regional Balance, has been developed as a funding division criteria that will be applied to the projects after they have been scored and ranked.

Criteria Point Scoring

- The scoring system utilizes the adjacent point system.
- Other than Return on Investment and Economic Impact, all the other scoring criteria have equal points.

Criteria	Total Points Available
Return on Investment	140
Economic Impact	50
Freight Efficiency	100
Safety Improvements	100
Regional Connections	100
Policy Objectives	100
Community Consensus	100
Maximum Total Points	690

The Use of the Decile Approach

- For the scoring in the Return on Investment, Economic Impact, Freight Efficiency, and Safety Criteria, MnDOT is proposing a decile approach be applied.
- In a decile approach, the scoring component outputs from projects in a criteria will all be compared to each other.
- The projects are divided into ten equal groupings (deciles) based upon how they compare to each other.
- Projects then receive the number of points assigned to the decile they fall in with their output.

Final Scoring & Project Selection

- All submitted eligible projects will be scored together and will have their scores summarized and ranked on a single list.
- Each scored project will be geographically classified as either a Metro Area project or Greater Minnesota project.
 - Metro Area geographic projects are considered those projects which are within the geographic boundaries of MnDOT's Metro District and are thus subject to the metro eligibility requirements.
 - Greater Minnesota projects are all those that are not Metro Area projects.

Final Scoring & Project Selection

- Projects scoring the highest on the list will then be awarded funding until either geographic area (Metro or Greater Minnesota) has been awarded its defined percentage of the available program funding that is established in Criteria #8 – Regional Balance.
- The draft percentages in Criteria 8 – Regional Balance are;
 - 50% for the Metro area
 - 50% for Greater Minnesota

Final Scoring & Project Selection

- Once an area's percentage has been reached, no additional projects from that geographic region will be selected regardless of whether they score higher than the other region's projects.
- Projects will then be selected from the list for the remaining geographic area until they reach their threshold and all funding has been awarded.

Tied Final Scores

- Should projects in the same geographic region have a tied score, the following approach will be used to break the tie;
 1. All the projects from that geographic region will be re-scored for the decile scoring criteria without the other region's projects.
 2. Because there are fewer projects, almost all ties should be broken through this process.
 3. If a tie continues to exist, MnDOT will review other options for breaking the tie.

Award Announcement

- After MnDOT has completed the scoring, ranking, and selection of the projects, we will publically announce the funding awards.
- As a part of that announcement, MnDOT will also release the final scores for all the projects

Schedule

- MnDOT is taking public input on the proposed draft process until Wednesday, December 20.
- The goal is to adopt a Corridors of Commerce scoring process before the end of December.
- The project recommendation phase would then begin sometime around mid-January 2018 and will be an on-line process.

Current Schedule

Subject to Change

Activity	Date
Public input on Draft Process	October 31 to December 20
Review and Approve Final Process	December 21 to December 31
Public Recommendation Period Opens	January 15th
Public Recommendation Period Closes	February 2nd
Project Evaluation & Scoring	February – March
Project Award Announcement	End of March

Comments & Questions

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