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Policymaker Workshop December 18

Policymaker Workshop Overview

44 policymakers and 9 TAC members in attendance.

Attendees worked in groups to determine **how** each TPP Policy or Objective flagged as an investment priority could fit in the application. A total of 31 cards were provided to participants.

Should the policy or objective:

- Become an **application category?**
- Be included in **some other way such as a scoring measure or qualifying requirement?**
- **Not be included** in the solicitation?

Note: Group activity assumes inclusion of both federal funding and Active Transportation sales tax funding

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Background Information

- Peer regions tend to have a modal-focused structure or an outcome-focused structure

- Modal-focused—we know what that looks like for our region (current solicitation structure)

- Outcome-focused—policymaker working group wants to explore what this could look like for our region (goal of the workshop)

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Policymaker Workshop Activity Example Cards

Climate Change

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

OBJECTIVE

The region's transportation system minimizes its greenhouse gas emissions.

POLICY/ACTION

Evaluate and mitigate the greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts of transportation plans and projects.

Dynamic and Resilient

Build out the regional bicycle transportation network (RBTN)

OBJECTIVE

People have better travel options beyond driving alone to meet their daily needs, with a focus on improving travel times, reliability, directness, and affordability.

POLICY/ACTION

Plan and implement a complete bicycle system including local networks that connect to the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network alignments to provide connections between regional destinations and local bicycle networks.

Health and Safety

Reduce deaths and life changing injuries

OBJECTIVE

People do not die or face life-changing injuries when using any form of transportation.

POLICY/ACTION

Work to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries from traffic crashes and incidents on the transportation system by 2050 using the Safe System approach.

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Application Category Themes Summary

- Most groups created a hybrid structure with some modal and some outcome focused categories
- Common application categories included:
  - Safety (7 of 8)
  - Improving Multimodal Travel (8 of 8)
  - Improving Highway Mobility/Reliability (8 of 8)
  - Transit Service Expansion and ABRT (8 of 8)
  - Climate/GHG Reduction (6 of 8)
  - EV Charging (7 of 8)
- 3 groups included a "Repair Harms" category while the rest said to include equity in another way
- Natural Systems were not commonly included as a separate application category
- The following slides detail application categories by theme

Most frequent application categories
(at least 6 of 8 tables)

5 — *Health and Safety* **Reduce deaths and life changing injuries**	**10** — *Health and Safety* **Provide more opportunities to walk, bike and roll**	**12** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Build out the regional bicycle transportation network (RBTN)**	**13** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve local bicycle connections, with emphasis on filling network gaps and connecting to the RBTN**
19 — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Promote and encourage alternatives to driving alone via TDM**	**16** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Expand transit services to a variety of transit markets, including microtransit**	**17** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve high-capacity transit corridors with transitway investments, including arterial bus rapid transit (ABRT)**	**15** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve local pedestrian travel options**
20 — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve connections between modes** *(such as mobility hubs, wayfinding, stop amenities)*	**23** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve highway mobility on corridors with high levels of delay and issues with reliability**	**24** — *Dynamic and Resilient* **Improve transportation options and transit advantages on roadway corridors with delay and reliability issues**	**27** — *Climate Change* **Improve access to EV charging infrastructure**

Most frequent: Not an application category, but use in scoring/rules *(at least 5 of 8 tables)*

1 — *Equitable and Inclusive*
Repair and eliminate disparate and unjust harms

3 — *Equitable and Inclusive*
Ensure community benefits and burdens are distributed equally

29 — *Natural Systems*
Reduce total impervious surface coverage or minimize right-of-way needs

9 — *Health and Safety*
Mitigate and avoid health impacts of nearby transportation infrastructure
(for example, air quality, noise, light)

2 — *Equitable and Inclusive*
Implement shared decision making with historically underrepresented communities

4 — *Equitable and Inclusive*
Improve transportation for people with disabilities that meets and goes beyond minimum ADA standards

30 — *Natural Systems*
Protect and restore natural systems in transportation right-of-way

8 — *Health and Safety*
Provide safe, secure, and welcoming transit facilities

28 — *Climate Change*
Reduce vehicle miles traveled

25 — *Dynamic and Resilient*
Mitigate climate or weather-related impacts through resiliency improvements

Least Consensus

4 — *Equitable and Inclusive*

Improve transportation for people with disabilities that meets and goes beyond minimum ADA standards

11 — *Health and Safety*

Support placemaking that supports community well-being

18 — *Dynamic and Resilient*

Improve transit experience for rider information and fares

22 — *Dynamic and Resilient*

Improve first/last mile freight connections to major highways

26 — *Climate Change*

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

28 — *Climate Change*

Reduce vehicle miles traveled

31 — *All Goals*

Invest in asset management projects that advance as many regional goals and objectives as possible

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Next steps

Next steps:

1. Technical Steering Committee – January 28

2. Special Issue Working Groups Start – April

3. Info item on a base structure recommendation and application categories
   - F&P – February 20 or March 20, pending Policy Work Group direction
   - TAC – March 5 or April 2
   - TAB – March 19 or April 16

Thank You

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