

Transportation Advisory Board

Regional Solicitation Evaluation: Base Application Structure
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Project Overview

Regional Solicitation Evaluation

- Overall goal is to align the allocation of the region's federal transportation funds through the Regional Solicitation project selection process to help achieve **the goals, objectives, and policies** of the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and Imagine 2050.
- Current modal structure incorporates the 2040 TPP goals, objectives, and policies at the measure level, which can lead to a more complicated application without clear ties to outcomes.

2050 TPP Goals

Equitable
and Inclusive

Healthy and
Safe

Dynamic and
Resilient

Climate
Change

Natural
Systems

Recent Happenings



Special Issue Working Groups for Technical Staff

Role and Structure

- Identify eligible project types
- Develop scoring criteria and measures
- Identify potential funding minimums and maximums

Potential Groups

Safety

Bike/Pedestrian

Transit

Roadway

Climate/GHG/EV

TDM

Equity

Special Issue Working Group Process for Technical Staff

Detailed Work Plan

Early April – Kickoff Meeting with each group

- Follow-up survey to collect initial feedback on criteria and priorities

April 25 – Workshop 1

- Full day completed with morning "open house" format, and separate group meetings
- Developed consensus on criteria, initial discussion on measures, eligibility requirements and funding min/max ranges

May 30 – Workshop 2

- Develop consensus on previous topics, discuss scoring guidance and geographic considerations

TBD – Virtual meetings

- Issue resolution meetings as-needed

Feedback on Structure from Various Groups

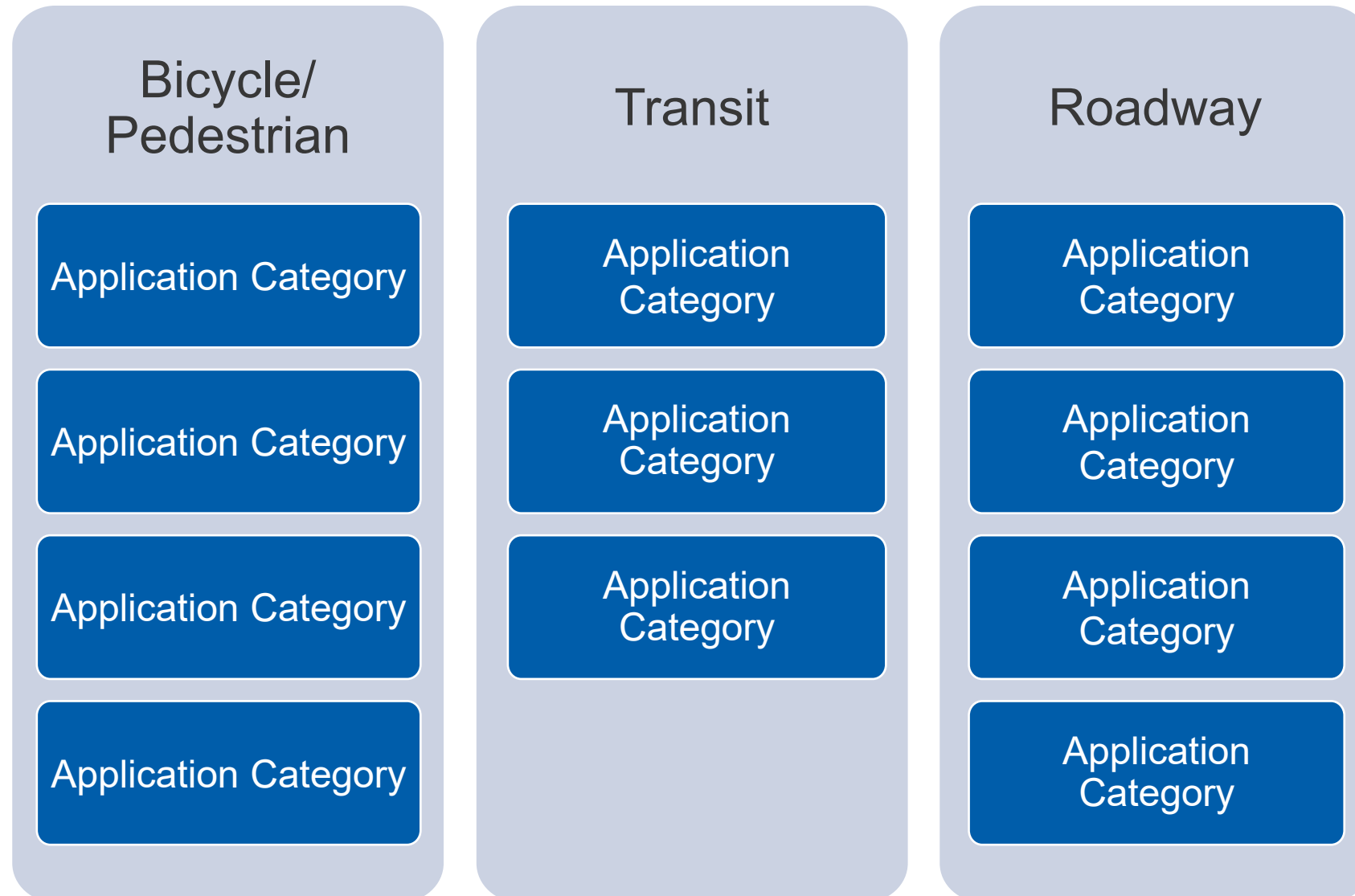
Key Takeaways

- General support for the modal+ hybrid structure, but want some flexibility in the final application categories based what comes out of special issue working groups/measure development (e.g., some application categories may be combined or separated)
- Desire for simplification of the scoring/number of scoring measures
- Greater clarity needed on where a project would apply, and how to address projects that may fit under multiple categories
- Need to retain flexibility to respond to federal priorities and funding changes
- Added in important bridge connection category based on feedback from multiple groups

Structure Tweaks Based on Input



Example Modal Structure



Categories similar to current solicitation, but tweaked to align with 2050 TPP

How do we incorporate other priorities?

- *EV Charging*
- *Travel Demand Management (TDM)*

How do we specifically focus on safety, which is often asked by policymakers?

Proposed Modal+ Hybrid Structure

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(Reg Sol Federal
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Dynamic and Resilient

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Transit Expansion
(Including
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Arterial Bus Rapid
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Transit Customer
Experience

Roadway

Roadway
Modernization

Reliability/
Excessive Delays

Interchanges

Important Bridge
Connections

Environment

EV Charging
Infrastructure

TDM

Regional Data

Regional Modeling/Travel Behavior Inventory

Discussion



Next steps



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1. Special Issue Working Groups
 - Workshop 2 – May 30
2. Technical Steering Committee Meeting – June 24
3. Policymaker Working Group Meeting – July 16
4. Action Item on Structure – August 20
5. Action Items on Application Details – October 15

Discussion Topics



Do you have any questions or concerns about the proposed structure?

Do you have any direction or changes you would like to make at this time?

Are we heading the right direction?

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