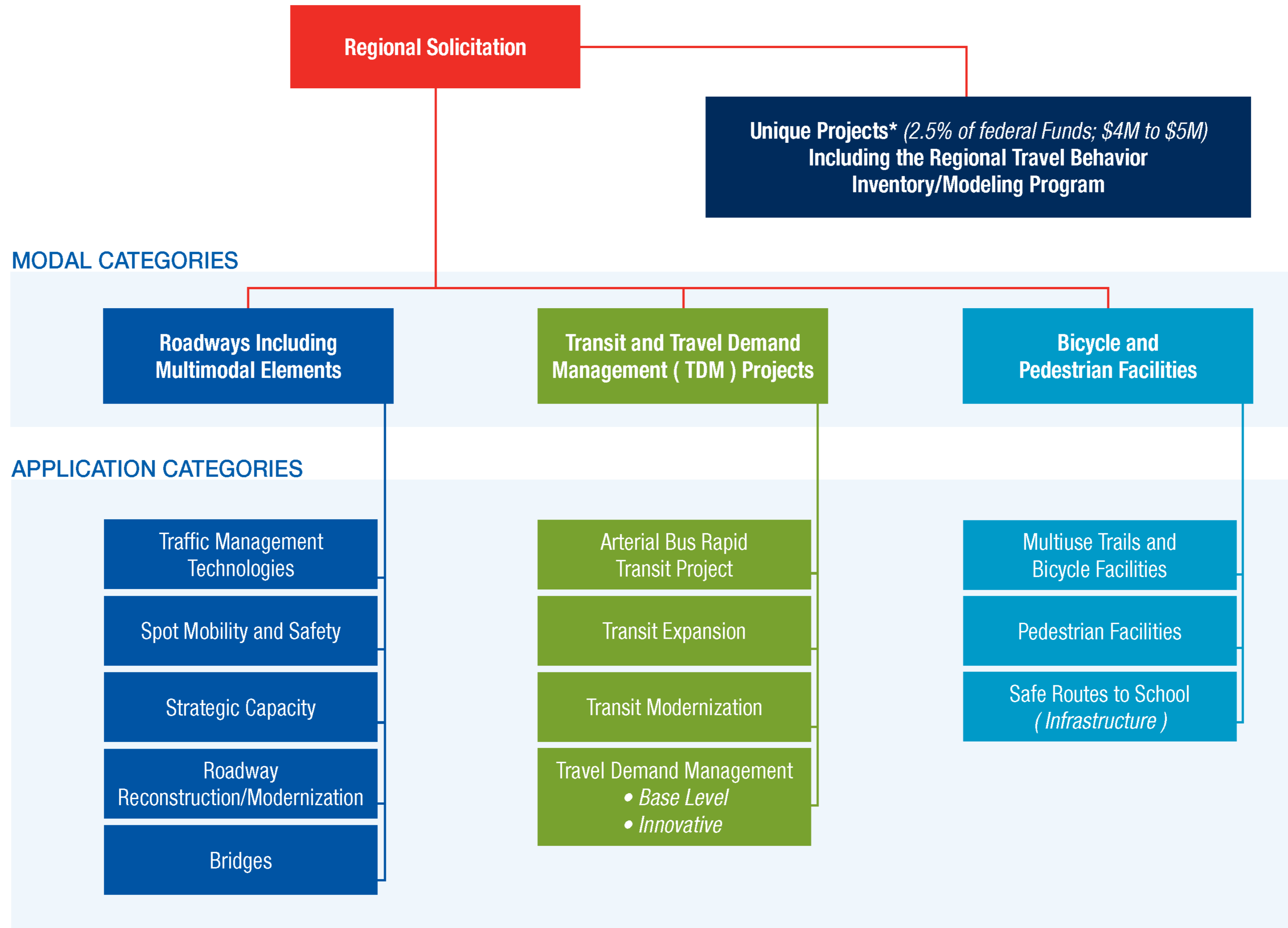


Regional Solicitation Update

Transportation Committee – August 23, 2021



Recommended Application Categories



Regional Solicitation Schedule

- TAB release for public comment in Sept
 - Regional Solicitation applications
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program application
 - Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) changes
 - Regional Bicycle Barriers changes
- TAB approval in Nov
- Transportation Committee and Council concurrence on applications in Dec
- Open application period Feb-April 2022
- Project selection Nov/Dec 2022

Recommended Changes

- New Unique Projects application category
- Updated Equity and Affordable Housing
- Increased safety points in the Spot Mobility and Safety application category
- Updated pedestrian safety measure based on Council's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Unique Project Application Design and Scoring



Regional Solicitation Unique Projects Policy Work Group

- Met five times from April 23 – July 9
- Comprised of TAB volunteers
 - 2 Met Council members
 - 4 County representatives
 - 3 City representatives
 - 5 Citizen or modal representatives
- Provided policy direction to technical staff to develop category details

Recommendations

Two-Step Application Process

Unique Projects	Timeframe
Adopt unique projects draft application and release request for initial project interest	September 2021
Regional Solicitation public comment	Sept – Nov 2021
Initial project interest form due	November 2021
Consultation w/ potential applicants	Nov – Jan 2022
Release final Regional Solicitation	February 2022
Applications due	April 2022
Evaluation	May – August 2022
Project selection	Sept – Nov 2022

Overlap public comment period with initial project interest form

Recommendations (cont.)

Evaluation Criteria Questions

- Criteria are the six primary factors used to evaluate projects
 - How is the project **innovative**?
 - How does the project **reduce adverse environmental impacts** of transportation?
 - How does the project **improve racial equity**?
 - How does the project **support multimodal communities**?
 - How does the project have **regional impact** or how **could it be expanded** to more of the region?
 - How does the project **build partnerships or collaboration**?

Equity and Affordable Housing Measure Changes



2020 Regional Criteria Weighting

Criteria	Roadway Exp.	Roadway Reconst/ Modern.	Roadway System Man.	Roadway Bridges	Transit Exp.	Transit Modern.	TDM	Multi-Use Trails & Bike Facility	Ped. Facility	Safe Routes to School
Role in the Regional System	17.5%	17.5%	12.5%	19.5%	10%	10%	10%	20%	15%	--
Usage	17.5%	17.5%	12.5%	13%	35%	32.5%	10%	20%	15%	25%
Safety	15%	15%	20%	--	--	--	--	25%	30%	25%
Congestion/Air Quality	15%	7.5%	20%	--	20%	5%	40%	--	--	--
Infrastructure Age	7.5%	15%	7.5%	40%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Equity and Housing Performance	10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	17.5%	15%	12%	12%	12%
Multimodal Facilities	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	--	10%	15%	--
Risk Assessment	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	5%	5%	5%	13%	13%	13%
Relationship Between SRTS Elements	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25%
Transit Improvements	--	--	--	--	--	20%	--	--	--	--
TDM Innovation	--	--	--	--	--	--	20%	--	--	--
Total (1,000 Points)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cost Effectiveness (Points)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
TOTAL POINTS	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100

2020 Equity and Housing Scoring

Category	Measure A-1 Engagement (Weight)	Measure A-2 Equity Population Benefits & Impacts (Weight)	Measure B-1 Housing Performance Score (Weight)	Measure B-2 Affordable Housing Access (Weight)	Total Possible Points (Weight)
Roadway Strategic Capacity	20 (2%)	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	100 (10%)
Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization	20 (2%)	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	100 (10%)
Bridges	20 (2%)	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	100 (10%)
Spot Mobility and Safety	20 (2%)	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	100 (10%)
Traffic Management Technologies	20 (2%)	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	100 (10%)
Transit Expansion	60 (6%)	90 (9%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	200 (20%)
Transit Modernization	50 (5%)	75 (7.5%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	175 (17.5%)
Travel Demand Management	40 (4%)	60 (6%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	150 (15%)
Multiuse Trails	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	120 (12%)
Pedestrian	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	120 (12%)
Safe Routes to School	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	40 (4%)	10 (1%)	120 (12%)

Previous Scoring

Equity Measure

- Engagement
 - Describe and map populations
 - Describe engagement and methods
- Benefits & Impacts
 - Describe benefits
 - Describe negative impacts
- Bonus Points

Housing Measure

- Housing Performance Score
 - Score from whole city/township
 - Weighted average for multi-jurisdiction projects
- Affordable Housing Access
 - Describe and map any affordable housing within ½ mile of project
 - Describe access improvements for affordable housing residents

2020 Bonus Points

- In 2020, replaced the geographic multiplier with bonus points
- Bonus points only for projects scoring at least 80% on equity measures
 - 25 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty with 50% people of color
 - 20 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty
 - 15 points for census tracts above regional average for poverty or people of color
 - 10 points for all other areas
- 10 projects received bonus points in 2020, geographically distributed through the region, and 9 were ultimately funded

2020 Scoring Observations

- Many low scoring projects
 - No engagement or future engagement
- Few medium scoring projects
 - Equity populations described and/or engaged, but connected project need not identified
- Few high scoring projects
 - Engagement occurred, and input has influenced project
 - Project need connected to equity population feedback
- Mapping requirements and data needs confusing
 - High effort for 10 points
- Housing Performance Score
 - Not tied to project area

2020 Application Observations

- Storytelling approach is helpful for scorers
- Support application statements
 - Make connection between equity group feedback and project changes
 - Be specific about engagement at all project phases
- Differentiate between general and targeted engagement
 - How do needs and responses differ?
- Narrative should connect equity and affordable housing
- Describe who a project serves
 - Connection to childcare, schools, retail
 - Related access improvements
 - Specify how the project was prioritized or selected relative to engagement
- Learn from SRTS on youth engagement

2022 Proposed Changes

- Measure A: Engagement, 30%
 - Now includes affordable housing
 - More guidance on successful response
- Measure B: Equity Population Benefits and Impacts, 40%
 - Focus on benefits, combined response
 - More guidance on successful response
- Measure C: Affordable Housing Access, 30%
 - Housing Performance Score removed
 - Focused on subsidized affordable housing, with Council-generated maps
 - Applicants encouraged to tell story about other affordable housing
 - Describe connection between residents and destinations

2022 Equity and Housing Scoring

**Overall Weight
Unchanged**

Category	Measure A Engagement (Weight)	Measure B Equity Population Benefits & Impacts (Weight)	Measure C Affordable Housing Access (Weight)	Total Possible Points (Weight)
Roadway Strategic Capacity	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	30 (3%)	100 (10%)
Roadway Reconstruction/ Modernization	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	30 (3%)	100 (10%)
Bridges	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	30 (3%)	100 (10%)
Spot Mobility and Safety	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	30 (3%)	100 (10%)
Traffic Management Technologies	30 (3%)	40 (4%)	30 (3%)	100 (10%)
Transit Expansion	60 (6%)	80 (8%)	60 (6%)	200 (20%)
Transit Modernization	50 (5%)	75 (7.5%)	50 (5%)	175 (17.5%)
Travel Demand Management	45 (4.5%)	60 (6%)	45 (4.5%)	150 (15%)
Multiuse Trails	36 (3.6%)	48 (4.8%)	36 (3.6%)	120 (12%)
Pedestrian	36 (3.6%)	48 (4.8%)	36 (3.6%)	120 (12%)
Safe Routes to School	36 (3.6%)	48 (4.8%)	36 (3.6%)	120 (12%)

Bonus Point Change

- In 2022, bonus points are proposed to apply across equity and housing measures
 - Applications receiving 80% of overall equity and housing criteria points would receive bonus points
- In 2022, bonus reflects Metropolitan Council discontinued use of ACP50
 - 25 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty with 50% people of color
 - ~~20 points for Areas of Concentrated Poverty~~
 - 15 points for census tracts above regional average for poverty or people of color
 - 10 points for all other areas

Overall Regional Solicitation: Outstanding Issues

A. Modal Funding Ranges

B. Minimum and Maximum award amounts

A. Modal Funding Ranges

	Roadways	Transit and TDM	Bicycle / Ped	Total
2003-2018	Range of 48%-68% Midpoint: 58%	Range of 22%-32% Midpoint: 27%	Range of 10%-20% Midpoint: 15%	100%
2020	Range of 46%-65% Midpoint: 55.5%	Range of 25%-35% Midpoint: 30%	Range of 9%-20% Midpoint: 14.5%	100%

Note: 2020 also included a Unique Projects category set-aside of 2.5% (\$4.9M) of the total program for project selection in 2022.

B. Application Category Min. & Max. Awards

Modal Application Categories:	Min Fed Award	Max Fed Award
Roadways Including Multimodal Elements		
• Traffic Management Technologies	\$250,000	\$3,500,000
• Spot Mobility and Safety	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
• Strategic Capacity	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
• Roadway Reconstruction/ Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
• Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000
Transit and TDM Projects		
• Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project	N/A	\$25,000,000
• Transit Expansion	\$500,000	\$7,000,000
• Transit Modernization	\$500,000	\$7,000,000
• Travel Demand Management (TDM)	\$100,000	\$500,000
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities		
• Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities	\$250,000	\$5,500,000
• Pedestrian Facilities	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
• Safe Routes to School	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
Unique Projects	\$500,000	\$4,000,000

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