

Regional Solicitation Policy Work Group Meeting #2 Notes

Recap of Meeting #1

1. There was additional discussion on roadway expansion maximum. Changes to the maximum will affect the amount of funding allocated within the Roadway category between applications.
2. Willis change how applicants will consider applying for funding if roadway expansion application has a higher maximum request amount than roadway reconstruction/modernization application.

Transit

1. Consideration of proportionality of funding to the types of transit needed based on priorities for these types in areas in the metro area (e.g., LRT, BRT, county needs, etc.) Areas have different needs and they should not compete for funding at the consequence of each other, but all worthy should receive some level of funding.
2. How are transit projects selected to be applied for looking through equity lens?
3. The transit system is based on spoke system. It doesn't address suburb to suburb needs.
4. There is capacity in the total park-and-ride system. Are there areas with park-and-rides at capacity? What is the corridor capacity for park-and-rides? Cole Hiniker will provide the information.
5. What is the subsidy for cars compared to subsidy for transit route types? The presentation showed the operating subsidy of transit. The operating subsidy doesn't capture capital investment and maintenance. Can we see a comparison of roadway investments along with transit investments in an area shared, since they are working together to provide transportation and should be planned in conjunction with each other? Capture rolling stock cost for roads (vehicles) in cost comparison. Consider ongoing maintenance.
6. Look at affordable housing related to transitways. Encourage placing affordable housing along transitways and where employment is and/or where employment will expand.

Innovative Category

1. What would be the maximum and minimum?
2. Have a technical committee look

Equity

There was limited discussion on Equity at the meeting. Discussion will continue in meeting #3.