



REGIONAL SOLICITATION EVALUTION SPECIAL ISSUE WORKING GROUP APRIL WORKSHOP

Meeting Information

April 25, 2025

Metropolitan Council—Council Chambers

Workshop Agenda

Morning Session

9:30 am **Welcome and open house—all morning session groups**

Morning session participants arrive for the day. This is an opportunity to learn more about the goals for the workshop and to provide input on primary criteria for other groups.

10:00 am **Morning Special Issue Working Group meetings—Climate Change/GHG/EV, Safety, TDM, and Equity/Community Considerations**

Morning session participants break into their working groups for specific working group discussions.

12:00 pm **Morning session adjourns**

Morning session participants are done for the day.

Afternoon Session

12:30 pm **Welcome and open house—all afternoon session groups**

Afternoon session participants arrive for the day. This is an opportunity to learn more about the goals for the workshop and to provide input on primary criteria for other groups.

1:00 pm **Afternoon Special Issue Working Group meetings—Roadway, Transit, Bike/Ped**

Afternoon session participants break into their working groups for specific working group discussions.

3:00 pm **Afternoon session adjourns**

Afternoon session participants are done for the day.

Overarching goal

Gather special issue working groups to share perspectives and provide recommendations to the Technical Steering Committee and Policymaker Working Group on the details of each proposed application category.

April workshop will focus on getting consensus on primary criteria.

May workshop will focus on consensus on measures, eligibility requirements, funding min/max and initial discussions on scoring guidance, geographic considerations

Key questions

Questions special issue working group participants will think about ahead of the workshop (discussion will move through these questions as time allows):

- The criteria and measures that should be used to evaluate and rank projects within relevant application categories
- Eligibility requirements for relevant application categories, including project types
- The minimum and maximum project funding awards for relevant application categories
- If and how to incorporate geographic considerations within relevant application categories

Participants will have also completed a survey after their kickoff meeting that asked them to:

- Prioritize among potential criteria for each primary application category from a list of potential criteria (based on TPP objectives and policies)
- Identify any critical criteria that is missing for each primary application category (must be able to tie it back to the TPP)
- Agree/disagree with potential eligibility requirements for each primary application category (based on current solicitation, discussions to date)
- Identify other eligibility requirements that should be considered for each primary application category

Activity summary

Attendees will spend approximately 30 minutes in an open house style activity prior to their smaller special issue working group discussions. Survey responses from each working group will be translated onto boards for others to react to. Attendees can move about the room and provide input on any applications categories they are interested in. The input from the open house time will inform subsequent special issue working group discussions.

Following the open house time, attendees will spend the remainder of their time with the special issue working group they are a member of. They will participate in a facilitated discussion to work toward consensus on criteria and initial insights on measures, eligibility requirements, and funding min/max.