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Measures Description

Introduction

The Community Considerations measures focus on the nearby communities who will both use and be impacted by the project, while other Solicitation measures such as the regional truck corridor priorities, delay reduction and reliability, and safety measures, focus primarily on the project users. The Community Considerations criteria and measures are meant to provide applicants the opportunity to share the story of their proposed project as it relates to the nearby communities it will serve and impact.

The Community Considerations responses should explain:

- Who lives, works, and utilizes destinations near the proposed project;
- How they have been, and will be, engaged on the proposed project, and
- How they will benefit from and be impacted by the proposed project.

Prohibition against Illegal Discrimination

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Measures	Rating/Points	%
A. Community Data and Context Describe the project area's community data and context including using census and other local data to describe who lives, works and utilizes destinations near the proposed project and identify important regional and local destinations the community members access regularly. Relate the community data to the project purpose. Supplement widely available demographic data with community-specific information via additional maps or descriptions.	**Low / Low-Medium/ Medium /Medium-High /High**	**33% (6.7 points)**
B. Community Needs and Future Engagement Describe how the project was identified, and how it addresses a community need. Community needs may be identified through long-range or strategic planning, community surveys, formal or informal meetings and conversations with community members or neighborhood groups, outreach, and other means. Describe any discussion with communities, and how it contributed to identifying the project need. Describe how community engagement will occur throughout the project. Reference the engagement spectrum of public participation (inform, consult, involve, collaborate, empower) and identify levels that apply. Describe and link (if possible) documented organizational structures that support future engagement on the project; these structures could include policies, procedures, financial or staff resources, or other documents.	**Low / Low-Medium / Medium / Medium-High / High**	**33% (6.7 points)**
C. Community Benefits Provide a description of the anticipated project benefits and how these benefits address the needs of the identified communities. Describe how the project will mitigate and address any potential impacts on the identified communities.	**Low / Low-Medium / Medium / Medium-High / High**	**33% (6.7 points)**
Final rating/score		**100%**

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Scoring Rubric

Applicants will receive a High, Medium/High, Medium, Medium/Low, or Low rating for each of the three measures. The expectations should be considered as cumulative, i.e., Medium builds on Low; High builds on Medium. Scoring via this rubric will be based exclusively on the application materials provided.

A. Community Data and Context

The project application…

Low	Medium	High
• Includes general census data on communities. • Has a basic list of important destinations without demonstrating local knowledge. • Has a project area description but lacks community insight or context.	• Has local maps and/or description beyond census data. • Has data or maps that demonstrate detailed knowledge of the nearby communities. • Describes housing and business types near the project including multi-family and affordable housing locations. • Links data to project purpose.	• Has granular, neighborhood-scale data and context on communities. • Identifies community assets and locations (i.e. parks, schools, churches) & significant destination sites validated through engagement. • Has data on how community travels and accesses important destinations and how the project will improve transportation. • Has data on any community history related to the transportation system.

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B. Community Needs and Future Engagement

The project application…

Low	Medium	High
• Does not link past planning and information-gathering work with communities to identify project need. • References planning work that is too broad to practically influence project need. • Does not include description of input and interactions with communities that helped identify the project need. • Does not include description or commitment to future engagement efforts with communities.	• Describes how the project need was identified through planning and information-gathering work with communities. • Describes how input from communities helped identify the project need and purpose. • References engagement spectrum of public participation and identifies future community engagement activities. • Describes how nearby communities will be included in future engagement efforts.	• References documented organizational policies, procedures and commitments that support future engagement with communities on the project, e.g.: - Policy, procedure, and/or budget to compensate engagement participants. - Formal, approved engagement plan. - Project goals that address impacts shaped by community input. - Commitment to financial opportunity for local businesses and contractors. - Advisory committee charter. - Dedicated project engagement staff. - Other governing board or council action demonstrating a commitment to community considerations.

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C. Community Benefits

The project application…

Low	Medium	High
• Does not describe project benefits for identified communities. • Describes benefits in general terms. • Does not acknowledge potential project impacts and how they will be addressed.	• Describes benefits for nearby communities. • Ties benefits directly to community-identified needs. • Describes how benefits were identified through engagement. • Includes mitigation plans for project impacts.	• Describes how project improves access to important destinations identified by community. • Describes how project includes elements to mitigate impacts. • Describes how project improves safe access to priority destinations. • Describes how project adds context-sensitive features beyond transportation needs.