

Action Transmittal

Transportation Advisory Board



Committee meeting date: January 7, 2026

Date: December 31, 2025

Action Transmittal: 2026-07

2026 Regional Solicitation Scoring Criteria and Measures Weighting

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: TAC Funding & Programming Committee
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Requested action

Recommend approval of the weighting of criteria and scoring measures for the 2026 Regional Solicitation as shown in the attachment.

Recommended motion

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the weighting of the criteria and scoring measures for the 2026 Regional Solicitation as shown in the attachment for the purpose of release for public comment, with the following changes:

- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion downward from a total of 20% to 10% in the Safety application categories;
- adjustment of the Community Considerations criterion downward from a total of 20% to 15% in all other application categories;
- adjustment of one or more of the three Community Considerations measures to reflect the 10% downward adjustment in the Safety application categories and 5% downward adjustment in all other application categories to be determined by TAC; and,
- adjustment of another criterion and measure(s) in each application category upward by 10% in the Safety application categories and 5% in all other application categories to be determined by TAC.

Background and purpose

The proposed scoring criteria, measures, and weighting were generated through the Regional Solicitation Evaluation process. This process included Special Interest Working Groups comprised of technical staff with expertise in eight special topics, and these groups were responsible for developing the scoring recommendations. The Special Issue Working Groups' recommendations were then reviewed by the Regional Solicitation Technical Steering Committee and Policy Working Group and are now proceeding through the TAC recommendation process.

Relationship to regional policy

TAB develops and issues a Regional Solicitation for federal funding. The overall purpose of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation process was to update the structure, criteria, and measures to reflect the newly adopted Imagine 2050 Regional Development Guide and 2050 Transportation

Policy Plan. The criteria and measures weighting proposed in this action transmittal reflects the recommendations of the Policymaker Work Group, Technical Steering Committee, and Special Interest Working Groups to implement the policy and direction of the 2050 plans in the Regional Solicitation.

Committee comments and action

At its December 18, 2025, meeting the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommended the weighting of the scoring criteria and measures for the 2026 Regional Solicitation as shown in the attachment, but with a reduction in weighting for Community Considerations from 20% to 10% for the Safety application categories and from 20% to 15% for all other application categories. Redistribution of the reduced score weighting among the Community Considerations measures and to measures that should be increased by the 10% for Safety and 5% for the other categories was not discussed or recommended as part of the motion.

The rationale for the reduction was that at its December 12, 2025, meeting, the Regional Solicitation Technical Steering Committee had favored this redistribution, though it was countered that this was based on an informal vote of 7 to 5 in a meeting with incomplete attendance. In addition, the Regional Solicitation Policy Working group discussed this issue at its December 17, 2025, meeting and directed that the distribution should be 20% for the Community Considerations criterion, except for the Safety application categories, which the Policy Group directed should be at 15%. However, because the action transmittals had already been prepared and mailed for the Funding & Programming Committee for its meeting on December 18, 2025, this policy direction was not reflected in the materials mailed and the Funding & Programming Committee chose a different allocation as reflected in the motion.

Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Scheduled)
TAC Funding & Programming Committee	Review and recommend	December 18, 2025
Technical Advisory Committee	Review and recommend	January 7, 2026
Transportation Advisory Board	Review and approve	January 21, 2026

Safety

Criteria and Measures	Proactive	Reactive
Connection to Existing Safety Planning Efforts	30	20
Connection to existing safety planning efforts	30	20
Expected System Risk Reduction in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes	15	-
Crash Modification Factor (CMF)	15	-
Expected Reduction in Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes	-	35
Crashes reduced (Benefit/Cost ratio)	-	35
Fatal and Serious Injury Crash History	15	5
10-year crash history of fatal and serious injury crashes	15	5
Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles	20	20
Project-based pedestrian safety enhancements and risk elements	20	20
Community Considerations	20 10	20 10
Community data and context	6.6 TBD	6.6 TBD
Community need and future engagement	6.7 TBD	6.7 TBD
Community benefits	6.7 TBD	6.7 TBD
Subtotal	100 90	100 90
Uncommitted	10	10

Regional Bicycle Facilities

Criteria and Measures	Regional Bicycle Facilities
Regional Bicycle Priorities	30
Identified network priorities	30
Connection to Key destinations	10
Connection to key destinations	10
All Ages & Abilities Design	20
Facility type	10
Design features and roadway crossings	10
Safety	20
Connection to existing safety planning efforts	5
Safety improvements for people outside of vehicles	15
Community Considerations	20 15
Community data and context	6.67 TBD
Community need and future engagement	6.67 TBD
Community benefits	6.67 TBD
Subtotal	100 95
Uncommitted	5

Transit

Criteria and Measures	Expansion	Cust Exp ¹
Service/Facility Provided Must be Effective for Transit Market Area	30	-
Transit Market Area Alignment	10	-
Regional Transit Performance Guidelines	20	-
Ridership	20	20
New annual riders	20	-
Total existing annual riders	-	20
Access to Transit Facilities	-	15
Multimodal connections and ADA accessibility	-	15
New Coverage	10	-
New service hours by population within service area	10	-
Access to Transit Facilities	-	15
Multimodal connections and ADA accessibility	-	15
Connection to Key Destinations	10	-
Connection to key destinations	10	-
Safety and Security	-	15
Safety and security for transit riders and people accessing transit facilities	-	15
Transit Needs-based Determination	10	-
Demographic and roadway delay/reliability data	10	-
Customer Comfort and Ease of Use	-	15
Comfort for transit riders and overall ease of use of the transit system	-	15
Community Considerations	20 15	20 15
Community data and context	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Community need and future engagement	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Community benefits	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Subtotal	100 95	100 95
Uncommitted	5	5

¹ Transit Customer Experience

Roadways

Criteria and Measures	Mod ²	CMS ³	Bridge	Interchange
Multimodal/Complete Streets Connections	40	10	15	10
New or improved multimodal connections	40	10	15	10
System Resilience	-	-	45	-
Detour length	-	-	15	-
Detour impact	-	-	15	-
Bridge posting for load restrictions	-	-	15	-
Anticipated Delay Reduction	-	15	-	10
Cost effectiveness of delay reduced	-	15	-	10
Regional Priorities for Reliability & Excessive Delay	-	25	-	20
2050 TPP map for Reliability	-	10	-	10
2050 TPP map for Excessive Delay	-	10	-	10
Intersection Mobility and Safety Study priorities	-	5	-	-
Safety	30	20	10	30
Connection to existing safety planning efforts	10	10	-	10
Safety for people outside of vehicles	10	5	10	10
Safe System approach	10	5	-	10
Freight	5	5	5	5
Regional Truck Corridor Study tiers	5	5	5	5
Natural Systems Protection and Restoration	5	5	5	5
Flood, stormwater, other environmental benefits	5	5	5	5
Community Considerations	20 15	20 15	20 15	20 15
Community data and context	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Community need and future engagement	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Community benefits	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD	6.67 TBD
Subtotal	100 95	100 95	100 95	100 95
Uncommitted	5	5	5	5

² Modernization

³ Congestion Management Strategies

Environment

Criteria and Measures	TDM ⁴
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction	30
Average weekday users and miles shifted to non-SOV vehicle travel or trip reduction	30
Connections to Jobs, Educations, and Opportunity	25
Connections to jobs, education, and other opportunities	25
Project Effectiveness Evaluation	20
Plan and methods to evaluate project outcomes	20
Innovation	5
Completely new, new to the region, or serving new communities	5
Community Considerations	20 15
Community data and context	6.67 TBD
Community need and future engagement	6.67 TBD
Community benefits	6.67 TBD
<i>Subtotal</i>	100 95
<i>Uncommitted</i>	5

⁴ Travel Demand Management