

TE and BFPF Prioritization Process and Criteria

Criteria include criteria based on the eight planning factors in SAFETEA-LU as well as two additional criteria related to project feasibility and coordination. The proposed criteria closely resemble existing criteria; however, they have been reduced by half from 20 to 10, with points assigned in such a way as to weight (emphasize) some criteria over others.

- 1) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency. (10 points)
 - Will the results of the project bring new people into the area or make it easier for people to patronize local businesses?
 - Could the project spur additional development in the area?
- 2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. (15 points)
 - Will the project address areas with a high incidence of bicycle or pedestrian crashes?
 - Will the project reduce conflicts between motorists and non-motorists?
 - Will the project provide for a clear delineation of modal travelways (i.e. bike lanes, edge lines, pedestrian crossing pavement markings)
 - Does the project improve travel visibility (site distance) by controlling/removing outdoor advertising?
- 3) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. (5 points)
 - Will the project include infrastructure such as safety lighting or cameras that would deter illegal activity?
- 4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people. (15 points)
 - Will the project provide key connections for commuters to reduce travel time?
 - Will the project provide bicycle/pedestrian connections between communities?
 - Will the project fill gaps within the existing pedestrian/bicycle networks?
 - Will the project provide new infrastructure along collectors and arterials that connect major origins and destinations?
 - Will the project promote the implementation of local transportation and land use plans?
 - Will the project provide a critical link in the pedestrian/bicycle system?
 - Does the project accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians?
- 5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns. (15 points)
 - Will the project enhance the livability of the neighborhood?
 - Will the project result in reduced emissions by encouraging a shift from motorized activity to non-motorized activity?
 - Is the project consistent with planned growth and economic development patterns?

- Does the project enhance the environment through landscaping or other scenic beautification activities?
 - Does the project protect the environment through environmental mitigation of water pollution?
 - Does the project reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity?
 - Does the project protect the environment through archaeological planning and research?
 - Does the project utilize sustainable and energy efficient products or products that decrease runoff?
- 6) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight. (10 points)
- Does the project enhance the connectivity and transfer between motorized and non-motorized modes of transportation?
- 7) Promote efficient system management and operation. (10 points)
- Does the project serve areas of mixed land uses?
 - Will the project experience a high benefit-to-cost ratio? (estimate cost/user)
 - Will the project reduce auto dependency?
- 8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system. (10 points)
- Does the project include replacement or rehabilitation of existing facilities?
 - Does the project preserve historic transportation buildings or other historic sites related to surface transportation?
 - Does the project preserve existing corridors such as abandoned rail corridors?
 - Does the project enhance existing bicycle/pedestrian facilities through signage and pavement treatments?
- 9) Project coordination and timeliness. (5 points)
- Is the project able to be coordinated with other projects in the area?
 - Is this project time-sensitive?
 - Would the construction of this project affect the timing of other projects?
 - Is this funding necessary to complete the project?
 - Is the project eligible for funding from other sources that may result in an overall enhanced project?
- 10) Feasibility. (5 points)
- Will the project have political support?
 - Will the project have community support?
 - Has the sponsoring agency adopted a resolution for local funding support?