



STP-Shared Fund: Lessons Learned

Eligible project types, targeted evaluations, inclusion in plans

January 30, 2020



Actions to date

November 2019

Reaffirmed program goals

No rolling focus for 2021 CFP

Phase 1 substantially complete by application deadline

Proposed 2020 agenda items

January 30 (today)

Changes/additions to eligible project types

Tailoring the project categories for evaluation of individual projects

Inclusion in plans: shift to eligibility criterion

April 30

Evaluation criteria for any additional project types

Consideration of additional scoring criteria

Project readiness

Transportation impact scores

Freight and Complete Streets planning factors

July 16

Inclusive Growth planning factor

Weighting and application of planning factors

Weighting of all scoring criteria

Council Bonus points

Financial Commitment score and partial funding during program development

September 3

Review draft application booklet incorporating changes discussed at previous meetings

October 29

Review final application booklet and training materials for FFY 2022-2026 application cycle

Eligible Project Types

Current types

Road reconstruction

Road expansions

Bridge rehabilitation/reconstruction

Highway/rail grade crossing improvements

Transit station rehabilitation/reconstruction

Bus speed improvements

Truck route improvements

Corridor-level or small area safety improvements

Additions suggested in comments

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Projects to increase transit ridership

Track improvements

Bicycle/Pedestrian

- ✓ Potential to improve safety
- ✓ Potential to increase non-SOV travel
- ✓ Implement ON TO 2050 recommendations

Staff recommends consideration

Bicycle/Pedestrian

What types of bike/ped projects?

- Fill gaps in the regional trails system (similar to TAP-L)
- Fill gaps that are barriers to accessing transit stations/stops (similar to CMAQ)
- Provide grade separation from arterial roadways and/or railroads
- Others?
- Any exclusions?

Increase transit ridership

- ✓ Potential to increase non-SOV travel
- ✓ Implement ON TO 2050 recommendations
- ? Appropriate project types are unknown

Staff recommends continuing current transit project types and conducting research with our regional partners to identify project types that can substantially impact ridership

Track improvements

- Eligible for FTA formula funds
- Difficult to evaluate readiness, transportation impact, and support of planning factors

Staff recommends track improvements remain ineligible

Other project types?

Tailoring evaluations

2019 process

101 evaluations for 71 applications

Evaluated regardless of need in additional categories

Evaluated regardless of inclusion of appropriate scope elements that could make improvements in additional categories

Proposed changes

Require applicant to identify the categories that the project should be evaluated as, based on the project scope

Provide descriptions of the project types as guidance for applicants

Inclusion in plans

2019 “Inclusion in Plans” points

Points awarded	# of projects
7+	55
3	3
0	13

2019 “Inclusion in Plans” points

Of those receiving 0 points:

- 3 were ineligible for other reasons
- 5 answered “no” on application, but were found in plans
- 1 did not request STP-SF
- 3 were submitted by local agencies hoping to advance IDOT-led projects from the out years of the state’s program

Only 1 project was not found in a planning document – that project was for ENG1 only

Proposed changes

Change “Inclusion in Plans” to an eligibility criterion

Reallocate the 10 points to other criteria



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