



MEMORANDUM

To: STP Project Selection Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: August 9, 2021

Re: Summary of comments for the proposed FFY 2022–2026 STP Shared Fund active and contingency programs

On July 1, 2021 the draft FFY 2022-2026 STP-Shared Fund recommended programs were released for a public comment period that closed on July 30, 2021. Comments were received from three commenters regarding the STP-Shared Fund recommended program and the process used to develop the recommendation. Copies of the [individual comments](#) are available on the call for projects web page at <https://cmap.is/2021callforprojects>.

Project-specific comment

No comments were received supporting or objecting to the inclusion of specific projects in the program.

General comments

From the three commenters, several general comments were received. These comments did not suggest modifying the recommended program.

- Do not expand highways (Gilchrist)
- Target the highest return on investment (Saltzberg)
- Target projects that reduce emissions and climate impact (Saltzberg)
- ADA compliance does not justify the expenditure of funds on reconstruction and widening a road or intersection; focus on projects that narrow roads instead (Saltzberg)
- The multi-modal nature of the projects selected in this round is a notable improvement over the inaugural STP shared fund program (Metropolitan Planning Council)

Methodology comments

The Metropolitan Planning Council offered comments and suggestions on the scoring methodology:

- Based on observations about the range of scores received, suggested that projects with very low scores should not be considered for funding

- Based on observations that for projects considered in multiple project categories, the scores across categories can vary significantly, suggested development of a methodology to assist sponsors in picking a single category that most accurately reflects the project's purpose and goals
- Encouraged continued refinement of the methodology for assessing a project's safety benefits

Staff recommendation

Given that the comments received are focused on the types of projects targeted for funding and the scoring methodologies, staff recommends no changes to the proposed FFY 2022 – 2026 active or contingency programs, and further recommends that these comments be revisited by the committee when discussing potential methodology changes for the FFY 2024 – 2028 program development cycle.

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