



MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 2016

Re: Proposed Change for Highway Improvement Projects in the FFY 2018-22 CMAQ Call for Projects

The next CMAQ call for projects is scheduled for January of 2017. This call will include Federal Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022. In preparation for the call, CMAP staff has been reviewing evaluation techniques and scoring procedures. As background, the scoring process first considers the cost-effectiveness of air emissions reductions for the project, then secondarily considers a set of transportation impact criteria and regional priority criteria drawn from GO TO 2040.

This memo presents a modification for the transportation impact criteria used to evaluate and score highway improvement projects.

Highway Projects Benefitting Bus Service

Currently the additional transportation impact criteria considered for highway projects are travel time reliability, safety, and whether the project is on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) network. These are weighted at 15, 5, and 10 out of 30 total points, respectively. For more details on the criteria see pages 7-9 of the [FFY 2016-2020 Application Booklet](#). In past cycles, staff has also made a note of whether a project also benefits bus service on that highway to help guide the staff recommendation. Staff now proposes that the potential to benefit bus service become a formal part of the scoring. The points awarded to projects on the CMP network would be reduced to 5 points and the projects that benefit an existing bus service could earn 5 points. This holds the total points possible for highway project criteria at 30.

Conclusion

Following discussion with the Project Selection Committee, Bike and Pedestrian Task Force and RTOC, staff will draft the application materials for the January 2017 call for projects to be presented for review at the September 1, 2016 Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting.

Action requested: Discussion