

**TPB Long Range Plan Task Force:
Regional Criteria to Select a Limited Set of Unfunded Priority Projects
to Improve Performance at a Regional Scale**

The Draft Regional Criteria and Project Assessment information in the table below are drawn from a memo to the Long-Range Plan Task Force dated May 12, 2016. This table also includes information (3rd column) linking the draft criteria with the goals from the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

Staff has proposed that project selection would occur in two phases. In the first phase, a full inventory of unfunded projects (the basis for the All-Build Scenario) would be screened to identify those projects that are deemed to be part of a *Regionally Significant Transportation Network*. Staff has proposed that the Regionally Significant Transportation Network be comprised of: 1) Interstate highways and roadways on the National Highway System; 2) all fixed-guideway transit systems, WMATA’s Priority Corridor Network and bus rapid transit projects; 3) roadways on the TPB’s Regional Freight-Significant Network.

In the second phase, *Regional Criteria* would be used to guide the selection of a limited number of unfunded projects that will represent the TPB’s Regional Priority Projects. The Regional Criteria will be multi-modal and will be grounded in the TPB’s Vision and Regional Transportation Priorities Plan. Unfunded projects that are on the Regionally Significant Transportation Network will be qualitatively assessed (see 4th column) and selected based on their potential to serve one or more Regional Criteria. These priority projects will be anticipated to positively affect the transportation system’s performance at a regional level.

No.	Draft Regional Criteria	RTPP Goal Served	Project Assessment
1	Increase Person Throughput	1. Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options 4. Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety of the Transportation System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Maps of congested travel corridors with low person-throughput. • Assessment: Projects deemed likely to increase person throughput in the above key corridors will be given credit in the selection system.
2	Provide Targeted Congestion Relief	1. Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options 4. Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety of the Transportation System 6. Support Inter-Regional and International Travel and Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Maps identifying facilities/corridors with the heaviest congestion – separate maps for vehicle hours or delay (VHD) and auto person hours of delay (PHD). Comparable measure(s) will be used to identify congested transit facilities/services. • Assessment: Projects deemed likely to relieve congestion in highlighted corridors will be given credit in the selection system.

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3	Increase Non-SOV Travel Mode	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options 2. Promote a Strong Regional Economy, Including a Healthy Regional Core and Dynamic Activity Centers 5. Enhance Environmental Quality, and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: None (Yes/No) • Assessment: Projects aimed at increasing non-SOV travel will be given credit in the selection system.
4	Connect Activity Centers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Promote a Strong Regional Economy, Including a Healthy Regional Core and Dynamic Activity Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Maps of Activity Centers with current and planned road and transit connections. • Assessment: Projects that connect two or more Activity Centers will be given credit in the evaluation system.
5	Improve Access to Environmental Justice Communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options 2. Promote a Strong Regional Economy, Including a Healthy Regional Core and Dynamic Activity Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Maps of Communities of EJ Concern that will also include current and planned road and transit connections. • Assessment: Projects that address transportation challenges of the Community of EJ Concern will be given credit in the evaluation system.
6	Improve Safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Ensure Adequate System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Maps identifying locations with high rates of safety incidents. • Assessment: Projects that specifically alleviate a safety issue identified by member jurisdictions will be given credit in the evaluation system.
7	Address Freight Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Support Inter-Regional and International Travel and Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Map of the Regionally Freight-Significant Network • Assessment: Projects designed to enhance and/or improve freight movement on the Regionally Freight-Significant Network will be given credit in the evaluation system.
8	Improve Non-Motorized Connectivity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options 2. Promote a Strong Regional Economy, Including a Healthy Regional Core and Dynamic Activity Centers 5. Enhance Environmental Quality, and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tool: Under the guidance of the TPB Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, staff will provide: 1) a map of a regional trail network (currently under development) with built and unbuilt facilities and 2) a map of transit stations with constrained walksheds (WMATA's station access improvement study). • Assessment: Projects (packaged in groups) that are deemed likely to increase access to transit stations or close gaps in the regional trail network will be given credit in the evaluation system.