

### *TE Finalists for 2011 – Selection and Approval Process*

In February 2011, the TE Program Manager and ODOT Local Government Section staff identified 31 projects as finalists and sought concurrence from the TE Advisory Committee. The primary factors were:

- **Technical Rating**—a composite of scores and comments from ODOT staff in the Region offices and Local Government Section, and ODOT subject area specialists.
- **Local Support**—a composite of response from the general public during the comment period (Dec. 5, 2010 to Jan. 28, 2011) and priorities expressed by Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Secondary considerations included the project’s relation to:

- Adopted TE “Focus Areas” for 2010
- Prior or planned transportation investment in the vicinity

There were 83 projects under consideration. The first step was to include projects in the following priority groups:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i># Projects</i>
1	<u>High</u> or <u>Very High</u> results in both technical rating and local support.	7
2	<u>High</u> or <u>Very High</u> technical rating combined with a <u>Medium</u> or <u>better</u> rating for both local support and Focus Area fit	11
3	<u>High</u> or <u>Very High</u> local support combined with <u>Medium</u> or <u>better</u> technical rating and Focus Area fit.	11
4	<u>Very High</u> technical rating with <u>Medium</u> or <u>better</u> Focus Area fit <i>or...</i> <u>Very High</u> local support with a passing technical rating and <u>Medium</u> or <u>better</u> Focus Area fit	1
5	Projects with best overall ratings to ensure at least three from each ODOT region.	3
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The next step was to exclude projects as follows:

1	<u>Low</u> or <u>Very Low</u> results in both technical rating and local support.	6
2	Various combinations of <u>Low</u> technical ratings, <u>Low</u> local support, recurring technical concerns, or <u>Medium</u> ratings overall with no results higher than medium for any factor.	25
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The last step was to evaluate the remaining projects that had a mixture of high and low ratings.

IN	<u>Medium</u> or <u>better</u> ratings in at least two factors (technical, local support, Focus Areas) with consideration for clarity and completeness of the application, readiness to proceed, and relation to other investments.	10
OUT	Same criteria as above but not as strong overall.	20
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