2020 DRAFT Grant Award Criteria

Grant Eligibility Requirements
Applications are reviewed on a pass/fail basis on each of the following three requirements. Applications found to not meet each of these requirements will not be scored against the award criteria and will not be awarded a grant.

Instructions: Briefly enter your responses to each eligibility requirement on the Application Form. Attach a letter or resolution of support for the project from your governing body that clearly demonstrates they understand and support the objectives of your proposed project.

1) Clear Transportation Relationship
A proposed project must have a clear transportation relationship and produce transportation benefits. A project must entail analysis, evaluation of alternative scenarios, development of implementation measures, and public involvement that results in a long range transportation plan, land use plan, or other product that addresses a transportation problem, need, opportunity, or issue of local or regional importance.

2) Adoption of Products to meet Project Objectives
A proposed project must include preparation of an adoption-ready product or products that lead to a local policy decision and that directly address the project objectives, such as a transportation system plan, comprehensive plan amendment, land use plan, code amendment, implementation program, or intergovernmental agreement. Projects are expected to include adoption hearings or will be part of a larger project to be adopted.

3) Support of Local Officials
A proposed project must clearly demonstrate that local officials, both the primary applicant and any co-applicants, understand the purpose of the grant application and support the project objectives. A letter or resolution of support from the governing body of all applicants (e.g. City Council, Board of Commissioners, or Transit Board) must be submitted with the application to meet this requirement.

Grant Award Criteria
Applications may receive a total of 110 points.
Up to 100 points are based on an applicant’s written responses to five award criteria. Up to 10 bonus points may be awarded for Project Innovation.

1) Proposed Project Addresses a Need and Supports TGM Objectives
The project clearly and effectively addresses a local or regional transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity and will achieve one or more of the TGM
Objectives.

2) **Proposed Project is Timely and Urgent**  
   **25 Points**

The application demonstrates timeliness and urgency. The project is needed now to:

- address pressing local transportation and land use issues;
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes in federal regulations, state requirements, or regional plans;
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes that were not anticipated in previous plans including growth or lack of growth, changes in land use patterns, or changes in available funding;
- build on, complement, or take a necessary step toward completing or implementing other high priority community initiatives, including supporting a Governor’s Regional Solutions Team priority; or
- resolve transportation- or land use-related issues affecting the project readiness of local, regional, or state transportation projects for which funding is expected to be obligated within the near future.

3) **Proposed Project Approach is Reasonable**  
   **20 Points**

The application demonstrates a clear approach to achieving the expected outcome and results in consideration for adoption. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, the mechanisms and responsibilities for the coordination are clear.

4) **Proposed Project has Community Support**  
   **5 Points**

The application demonstrates that there is local support for the project objectives, a commitment to participate, and a desire to implement the expected outcome.

5) **Proposed Project Sponsor Readiness and Capacity**  
   **10 Points**

The application demonstrates that the local government is ready and able to begin the project within the TGM timetable and that there is local commitment and capability to manage the project considering the complexity of the project, the size of the jurisdiction, and performance on previous TGM projects. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, all of the partners are ready and able to begin and complete the project within the TGM timetable.