Consideration per the statute (unchanged in HB 2017)

- (e) Whether a proposed transportation project is ready for construction;

- Statute does not specify:
  - How we gauge readiness
  - Minimum/maximum timeline for being ready
    - 3 years from bond sale acts as maximum
  - Property ownership or ability to control
Current rule language

• Consideration
  – (e) Whether a proposed transportation project is ready for construction, or if the Project does not involve construction, whether the Project is ready for implementation.
Challenges under current rules

• Ownership/legal rights to the project site is not addressed

• Design of the project is often conceptual => unknown the extent of permits/approvals needed

• A project being scored as ready may not get underway and can still be eligible for funding
Potential changes based upon feedback

• Ownership
  • Requiring documentation of ownership or control, e.g. deed of trust, or easement, or under contract
  • Time limit to acquire

• Gauging readiness
  • More detailed site plans => less conceptual
  • Provided listing of permits required, and if the project type is eligible, e.g. permitted land use, whether or not wetlands are present or may be present/timeline to acquire

• Timely start on project
  • Maximum time allowed after grant award before progress must be made