

Review Of Applications

Complete applications will be evaluated and assessed based on the following criteria.

Regional Impact (25)

How does the proposed project meet the intent of the RPA 8 TAP to make a regional impact? Upon completion, will the proposed project contribute to the quality of life, utility of the transportation system, or tourism appeal at the regional level versus a local level? What degree of regional planning has been implemented to complete the project?

Network Expansion (15)

Does the project expand the regional network by adding a new facility, or does it replace or reconstruct an existing facility? For example, adding a new trail segment vs reconstructing an existing trail segment. Has the facility received federal transportation funding in the past? Higher scores will be awarded to network expansion projects that have not received federal funding in the past.

Connectivity and Completion of Trail Linkages (15)

To what degree will completion of the proposed project provide connectivity to existing facilities or develop a trail linkage? How does the proposed project tie into existing sidewalk or trail facilities? How does the proposed project contribute toward connecting residents, activity centers, cities, and regions?

Alignment with Local, Regional, or Statewide Planning Documents (15)

What is the relationship of the proposed project to a local, regional, or statewide plan? For example, how does the proposed project align with the RPA 8 Long-Range Transportation Plan and any applicable adopted regional, county, or municipal trail plan?

Federal-aid Highway Project Development Process, Understanding and Capacity (10)

What previous experience does existing project sponsor staff have with the federal-aid highway project development process? Has past performance resulted in successful projects that delivered the projects in a timely and compliant manner? Does existing staff have the capacity to administer the proposed project? Has the project sponsor demonstrated an understanding of the program rules? What strategies will be implemented to deliver the proposed project successfully?

Contribution Toward Safety for All Transportation Modes (10)

How would the proposed project address the safety of all users such as those who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, or travel by other modes? To what degree will the proposed project address any existing safety needs or concerns?

Enhancement of Regional Tourism Benefits (10)

How will the proposed project enhance tourism in the region by attracting visitors from out of the area? What are the economic benefits of the proposed project to the region?

Leverage of Non-Federal Funding Sources (10)

Has all funding been secured? To what degree is the project leveraging non-federal and non-state funds?

Need for the Proposed Project (10)

Why is the project needed in the area and what population will it serve? How will the proposed project satisfy that need?

Addresses High-Need Areas (10)

How does the project impact a high need area such as low-income, transit-dependent, rural, or other areas? How will the proposed project improve the overall mobility of these areas and how has this population been engaged in the planning for the proposed project?

Improve Accessibility (5)

What efforts have been made to go beyond compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 to ensure the proposed project will be accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities?

Long-Term Maintenance Plan (5)

What arrangements have been made to continue operation and maintenance of the proposed project after the project is complete? Has a maintenance fund or an endowment been established?

Project Readiness (5)

How has the project sponsor demonstrated the project is ready for development? How has the project sponsor prepared for the proposed project by resolving any potential obstacles? Will the project proceed without delay upon award of funding?

Points Summary

Criteria	Points
Regional Impact	25
<u>Network Expansion</u>	<u>15</u>
Connectivity and Completion of Trail Linkages	15
Alignment with Local, Regional, or Statewide Planning Documents	15
Federal-aid Highway Project Development Process, Understanding and Capacity	10
Contribution Toward Safety for All Transportation Modes	10
Enhancement of Regional Tourism Benefits	10
Leverage of Non-Federal Funding Sources	10
Need for the Proposed Project	10
Addresses High-Need Areas	10
Improve Accessibility	5
Long-Term Maintenance Plan	5
Project Readiness	5
Maximum Score	<u>145</u> 130