

Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee

Meeting date: September 10, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3 (Attachment A)

Continued Discussion on the Draft 2029-2032 TIP Application Questions

Agenda item type: Informational Briefing

Summary

Continued discussion on the potential application questions for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, Regional and Subregional Share calls for projects.

Background

At the August meeting, staff reviewed the proposed questions as provided in the agenda materials. Those in attendance were able to ask questions and/or provide feedback virtually via a whiteboard through the Mentimeter application.

Attachment 1 outlines the comments received in August and a DRCOG response, if warranted. Attachment 2 outlines the TIP application questions as presented in the previous calls for projects, the draft application questions as presented in August, and any proposed adjustments based on the discussions and outcomes of the August meeting.

For those who were not in attendance at the August meeting or are looking for a reminder on the application questions layout (Attachment 2), below outlines additional information.

Section A – Project Information

- Not weighted or scored and contains basic project information.

Section B – Impact of the Proposed Project

- Scored with a proposed weight of 25%.
- Project location, review of the existing issues, potential benefits, community impacts, and connections to land use and housing.

Section C – Regional Transportation Plan Priorities

- Scored with a proposed weight of 50% in the Regional Share and 60% in the Subregional Share.
- Project's impact to the six proposed 2050 Regional Transportation Plan's investment priorities: reliability, air quality, regional transit, safety, freight and active transportation.

Section D – Project Readiness

- Proposed weight of 15%.
- Review of the sponsor's readiness to apply and receive funding. Questions concerning avoiding pitfalls and roadblocks, match availability, and public outreach to date.

Section E – Regionalism



- Proposed weight of 10% for the Regional Share only. As proposed, this section will remain for the Subregional Share call for projects but not be scored.
- Considers how regional a project is based on proposed yes and no questions in relationship to its location on DRCOG-defined networks.
- The score in this section is proposed to be used as an evaluation metric by the Regional Share Project Review Panel to help determine how regional one submittal is over another.

Additional proposed application features.

Additional features of the proposed application questions include:

- The application intends to continue the use of yes and no checkboxes in most sections. In general, a checkbox marked yes is positive and can be used by those scoring to assist in developing a final score.
- Questions contain the text “when fully constructed”. Applicants should respond to the question as if their proposed project is being constructed, even if they are only applying for pre-construction funding.
- Each set of Regional Transportation Plan investment priority questions contains a special question pertaining to applications that are for a study only. This is included because a majority of submitted studies may not be able to ascertain the nature and locations of issues to be addressed, and what solutions will be developed in response.
- In some questions, there is underlined text. This is only added to place emphasis for the benefit of the reviewer and will be removed in the actual application.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[August 12 TIP Subcommittee meeting](#)

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

1. August Subcommittee questions received and DRCOG response.
2. Draft application questions (updated for September 10).

For more information

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