

## 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities

# Project Evaluation Criteria

The Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities is a strategic tool used to communicate the agencies current regional transportation priorities to state legislators and congressional members for potential funding opportunities. SRTC is committed to annually updating the Unified List.

<p><b>Economic Vitality</b> <b>30 points possible</b></p> <p>Targets transportation investments aimed at the development of a multi-modal system that enhances accessibility and connections among regional activity centers.</p>	<p>Question 1a (5 points): Does the project provide access within or between two or more regional/local activity centers?</p> <p>Question 1b (5 points): If yes to 1a, does the project either: (A) contain active transportation or transit-supportive elements and improve access in a transit focused, mixed focus, or local activity center; or (B) contain freight-supportive elements and improve access in a freight or mixed focus activity center.</p>	<p>Question 2 (10 points): What is the forecasted 2045 employment density of transportation analysis zones (TAZ) within a 0.25 mile buffer of the project?</p>	<p>Question 3 (10 points): Is the project located on the FGTS? Points scaled based on FGTS classification—T-1 through T-5</p>
<p><b>Cooperation &amp; Leadership</b> <b>30 points possible</b></p> <p>Relates to SRTC's role to provide a regional forum to identify regional transportation needs, establish regional priorities, and develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements.</p>	<p>Question 1 (15 points): Is the project identified in the local TIP (or Transit Development Plan) and/or Comprehensive Plan?</p>	<p>Question 2 (15 points): Is the project identified in other agency plans and/or has it gone through a documented public outreach process?</p>	
<p><b>Stewardship</b> <b>30 points possible</b></p> <p>Emphasizes transportation investments that maximize positive impacts on the human environment while minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment.</p>	<p>Question 1 (10 points): Does the project incorporate electrification or other clean fuel strategies?</p>	<p>Question 2 (10 points): Does the project increase resilience by adding redundancy in areas of limited connectivity?  Note: This question was listed under economic vitality in 2022 Unified List.</p>	<p>Question 3 (10 points): Does the project reduce air quality emissions or VHT/VMT?  Note: This questions relates to the State Vehicle Miles of Travel Targets Proviso.</p>

<p><b>Operations, Maintenance &amp; Preservation</b> 30 points possible</p> <p>Involves strategically investing limited resources to maximize the operations and physical condition of the transportation network.</p>	<p>Question 1 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project incorporate TDM/TSMO solutions or improve capacity without adding travel lanes or roadways?</p> <p>*This criteria directly relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.</p>	<p>Question 2 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project improve NHS pavement/bridge condition or contributes to STA's adopted public transit asset management targets?</p> <p>*This criteria directly relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.</p>	<p>Question 3 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project address a need identified in the SRTMC ITS Architecture Plan, SRTMC Implementation Plan, or local technology plan?</p>	
<p><b>Safety &amp; Security</b> 30 points possible</p> <p>Focuses on designing a safe and secure system for all transportation modes through best-practice design, operational improvements, education and outreach, and technological strategies.</p>	<p>Question 1 (15 points):</p> <p>What countermeasures does the project incorporate to address crashes that result in serious or fatal injury? If the project is a transit project, how does it contribute to STA safety targets? Review collision data to see if countermeasures address existing issues.</p> <p>*This criteria directly relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.</p>	<p>Question 2 (15 points):</p> <p>Is the project identified in a state or local plan, or an approved prioritized list of safety projects?</p>		
<p><b>Quality of Life</b> 30 points possible</p> <p>Aims to improve choice and mobility by providing safe and convenient transportation options for people of all abilities.</p>	<p>Question 1 (10 points):</p> <p>Is the project on the Regional Bicycle Priority Network and does it have a active transportation element(s); or does the project add a new pedestrian connection or feature beyond what is required for ADA compliance?</p>	<p>Question 2 (10 points):</p> <p>Is the project on the Regional Transit Priority Network and does it have a transit-supportive element(s)?</p> <p>Examples include new/enhanced transit, bus stops, AT facilities, pavement work, signal improvements, TSMO improvements.</p>	<p>Question 3 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project extend or fill gap in one of the regional trails, or provide new active transportation connectivity to one of the regional trails?</p> <p>Regional trails: Centennial, Children of the Sun, Ben Burr, Fish Lake, Millwood, and Appleway</p>	
<p><b>Equity</b> 30 points possible</p> <p>Addresses protecting disadvantaged communities from disproportionately high adverse impacts, while equitably distributing the benefits of transportation investments.</p> <p>*These criteria directly relate to the federal planning factor for equity, the Justice 40 initiative, and the state HEAL Act.</p>	<p>Question 1 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project directly benefit residents in an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities?</p>	<p>Question 2 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project incorporate appropriate countermeasures to address safety issues, or contribute to STA safety targets, in an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities?</p>	<p>Question 3 (10 points):</p> <p>Does the project provide access, or increase transit frequency, between an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities and local/regional activity centers?</p>	<p>Question 4* (not scored):</p> <p>Does the project include potential negative impacts to areas of potential disadvantage? If yes, please describe efforts to mitigate these impacts.</p> <p>*Question not scored; asked for informational purposes only. SRTC is actively developing a methodology to evaluate negative equity impacts for future updates to the Unified List.</p>