



Project Evaluation Criteria

The SRTC Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities outlines critical investments to improve the performance of the regional transportation system. The Unified List includes a variety of project types supported collectively by members of SRTC with consideration for equity, economic vitality, and safety among other screening criteria that indicate beneficial outcomes to both the state and the region.

30 POINTS

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Targets transportation investments aimed at the development of a multi-modal system that enhances accessibility and connections among regional activity centers.

Question 1A (5 points)

- ▶ Does the project provide access within or between two or more regional/local activity centers?

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?

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?

Question 3 (10 points)

- ▶ Is the project located on the FGTS? **Points scaled based on FGTS classification—T-1 through T-5.*

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COOPERATION & LEADERSHIP

Relates to SRTC's role as a regional forum to identify regional transportation needs, establish priorities, and develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements.

Question 1 (15 points)

- ▶ Is the project identified in the local TIP (or Transit Development Plan) and/or Comprehensive Plan?

Question 2 (15 points)

- ▶ Is the project identified in other agency plans and/or has it gone through a documented public outreach process?

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STEWARDSHIP

Emphasizes transportation investments that maximize positive impacts on the human environment while minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment.

Question 1 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project incorporate electrification or other clean fuel strategies?

Question 2 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project increase resilience by adding redundancy in areas of limited connectivity?

Question 3 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project reduce air quality emissions or VHT/VMT? **This question relates to the State Vehicle Miles of Travel Targets Proviso.*

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OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & PRESERVATION

Involves strategically investing limited resources to maximize the operations and physical condition of the transportation network.

Question 1 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project incorporate TDM/TSMO solutions or improve capacity without adding travel lanes or roadways? **Criteria relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.*

Question 2 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project improve NHS pavement/bridge condition or contributes to STA's adopted public transit asset management targets? **Criteria relates to federal TPM requirements.*

Question 3 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project address a need identified in the SRTMC ITS Architecture Plan, SRTMC Implementation Plan, or local technology plan?

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SAFETY & SECURITY

Focuses on designing a safe and secure system for all transportation modes through best-practice design, operational improvements, education and outreach, and technological strategies.

Question 1 (15 points)

- ▶ Is the project identified in a state, regional, or local safety plan, or an approved prioritized list of safety projects?

Question 2 (15 points)

- ▶ 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?

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QUALITY OF LIFE

Aims to improve choice and mobility by providing safe and convenient transportation options for people of all abilities.

Question 1 (10 points)

- ▶ 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?

Question 2 (10 points)

- ▶ Is the project on the Regional Transit Priority Network and does it have a transit-supportive element(s)? **Examples include new/enhanced transit, bus stops, AT facilities, pavement work, signal improvements, TSMO improvements.*

Question 3 (10 points)

- ▶ 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? **Regional trails: Centennial, Children of the Sun, Ben Burr, Fish Lake, Millwood, and Appleway*

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EQUITY **These criteria directly relate to the federal planning factor for equity, the Justice 40 initiative, and the state HEAL Act.*

Addresses protecting disadvantaged communities from disproportionately high adverse impacts, while equitably distributing the benefits of transportation investments.

Question 1 (10 points)

- ▶ Does the project directly benefit residents in an area of potential disadvantage or an area rated 7 or higher for overall environmental health disparities?

Question 2 (5 points)

- ▶ If yes to question one, has the project gone through a documented public outreach process, or has targeted engagement been conducted, with communities of potential disadvantage?

Question 3 (10 points)

- ▶ 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?

Question 4 (5 points)

- ▶ 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?