

**NACOG Scoring Criteria for High Priority Project List**

Category	Description	Potential Specific Scoring Criteria	Weight (High/Medium/ Low)	Score Value (Number of Points out of 100)
<b>Local Participation and Leveraging</b>	Legislators tend to favor projects that can show local financial contributions or “local skin in the game”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project or plan demonstrates local commitment and financial leveraging in the form of cash contributions and/or grant funding (awarded)</li> <li>• Amount of local contribution (optional): _____</li> <li>• Local contribution as a percentage of the total project (required): Offer three check-boxes: 15% or higher, 10%, 5.7% _____</li> </ul>	Medium	Category Points = 10 15% or higher = 10 points 10% = 5 points 5.7% = 2.5 points None = 0 points
<b>Demand/Project Need</b>	Provide a brief description below that demonstrates the project or plan’s need based on usage and/or demand.  Example data includes: Average daily traffic, vehicle-miles traveled, average daily truck traffic, truck-miles traveled, pavement condition.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Project is listed in state, regional, or local plan/study(ies). Project has consistently ranked highly as BUILD grant application or other discretionary grant application, but hasn't been awarded funding? (Yes or No)</li> <li>2) Travel demand on the roadway is higher than nearby routes or other high-stress factors exist on the roadway (Yes or No)</li> <li>3) Project or plan provides an alternate route or increased emergency access to an isolated or rural area. (Yes or No)</li> <li>4) Provide context for how this project or plan rises to the level of a priority need within the community and region. (Descriptive Response)</li> </ol>	High	Category Points = 20 1) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points 2) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points 3) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points

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<b>Connectivity</b>	Provide a description of how the project or plan will improve access to industry, employment centers, agriculture; links between towns and cities; link for travel across the region and/or state; access to state and national parks, monuments and recreation areas, wildlife and recreational opportunities; access to schools, colleges and universities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will roadway improve interstate, state, region and/or county highway connection? (Yes or No)</li> <li>2) Will project or plan result in greater through traffic service? (Complete a corridor or fill a gap in the road network) (Yes or No)</li> <li>3) Will the project or plan tie together or span across towns, communities, or sub-regions where either no or limited connections exist? (Yes/No)</li> <li>4) Will roadway be on or become a regionally significant roadway for a community/ies or developed areas. e.g., parkway, alternate route, collector, etc. (Yes or No)</li> </ol>	High	Category Points = 20 Sub-points: 1) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points 2) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points 3) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points 4) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points
<b>Economic and Social Benefits</b>	Describe how the project or plan serves or improves connections to existing or planned public, county and regional economic areas or government facilities, e.g., post office, school, landfill, library, recreation area, park, central business district, airport/industrial complex, job/housing centers, etc. Describe how the project or plan serves economically challenged communities and/or is intended to be an economic generator.  Example data includes: Number of industrial or manufacturing centers or rural shippers served; Potential to expand existing businesses or attract new businesses and jobs; Reducing impacts of	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will the project or plan serve an existing or planned public, county or regional economic area or government facility? (Yes or No)</li> <li>2) Project or plan compatible with local growth/development policies? (Yes or No)</li> <li>3) Project or plan supports the revitalization of dormant economic generators (past or potential) that have been idled due to challenges such as changes in technology, market conditions, environmental</li> </ol>	High	Category Points = 20 Sub-points: 1) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points 2) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points 3) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points 4) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points

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	<p>tourism-based congestion on local communities; Number of schools, Number of hospitals/urgent cares, Number of churches, Number of parks served.</p>	<p>concerns, access disconnection, etc. (Yes or No) 4) Will project or plan provide or increase access to critical community destinations or social service locations (schools, hospitals/urgent cares, mental health providers, churches, parks)? (Yes or No)</p>		
<b>Safety</b>	<p>Please describe how the project or plan improves the safety of the transportation system. If applicable, describe how the project implements one of the FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures or recommendations from the NACOG Rural Strategic Transportation Safety Plan.</p> <p>Example data includes: Number of incidents, number of injuries, number of fatalities.</p>	<p>1) Project or plan addresses a specific location with identified safety deficiencies. (Yes or No) 2) Project or plan implements safety countermeasures to enhance safety for system users. (Yes or No)</p>	Medium	<p>Category Points = 10 Sub-points: 1) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points 2) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points</p>
<b>Alternate Modes</b>	<p>Describe how the project or plan contains pedestrian, bicycle, transit treatments beyond existing facilities; enhances connectivity between modes or gaps in existing facilities; and/or supports facility or transit upgrades to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Proposed elements must be integral to the broader infrastructure project to expand use to all system users.</p>	<p>1) Project or plan provides tangible improvement to, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, safety, mobility, or convenience. <i>And/or (10 points can go to item 1 if no transit elements involved and vice versa)</i> 2) Project provides tangible improvement to bus facilities, safety, mobility or convenience</p>	Medium	<p>Category Points = 10 1) Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points 2) Yes = 5 points No = 2.5 points</p>

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<b>Past Agency Maintenance Expense</b> (For Design/Construction Projects Only. Do Not Include for Planning Projects)	Please provide a narrative that demonstrates the total cost, cost per vehicle mile, and/or cost per mile of maintenance expenses.  Example data: Total maintenance cost, cost per vehicle mile, cost per mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do roadway maintenance costs exceed the State average maintenance costs, and/or exceed local or regional maintenance costs for comparable roadways? (Yes or No)</li> </ul>	Low	(Do Not Include for Planning Projects) Category Points = 5 Yes = 5 points; No = 2.5 points
<b>Project Readiness</b> (For Design/Construction Projects Only. Do Not Include for Planning Projects)	As it applies to impacting the project's scope, schedule or budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project include/require ROW acquisition?</li> <li>Will project include/require utility relocation by project sponsor?</li> <li>Will project include/require environmental clearances?</li> <li>Provide description of other impacts/risks below</li> </ol>	Low	(Do Not Include for Planning Projects) Category Points = 5 1) Yes = 0 points; No = 1.5 points 2) Yes = 0 points No = 1.5 points 3) Yes = 0 points No = 1 points 4) Yes = 0 points No = 1 points
<b>Support for Planning Project</b> (For Planning Projects Only. Do Not Include for Design/Construction Projects.)	Please describe and/or demonstrate support for the proposed planning project. This can include letters of support, formal action by the local board/council, other documentation of community support. You may provide links in Section 5, or email documents directly to Mandia Gonzales at <a href="mailto:mgonzales@nacog.org">mgonzales@nacog.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project has demonstrated local planning support to indicate that, though conceptual or in the planning phases, this project has local support and that a planning study could move forward, if funded. (Yes or No)</li> </ul>	Medium	Planning Projects Only Category Points = 10 Yes = 10 points; No = 5 points