



Round 3: Proposed Revisions

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TAC Request

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Pre-Application

Goal: To provide enough project information earlier in the review process to determine if the project will “screen in” to the scoring process. *Page 21-22*

Biennial Schedule/Extended Schedule

Goal: To provide more time for application development and validation review. *Page 6-8*

Project Eligibility (Local Endorsement)

Goal: To ensure local/regional support of projects before scoring process. *Page 15*

No Apparent Concerns

Accessibility Measure

Goal: To expand job access beyond “caps”, which were limiting the narrative on job access for certain jurisdictions. *Page 61*

Land Use and Transportation Measure

Goal: To make measure less qualitative, utilizing an OIPI-developed accessibility tool. *Page 83*

Minor Concerns

Project Eligibility

Goal: To clarify project eligibility relating to SGR project elements, project funding status, and non-contiguous project elements. *Page 9*

- *Concerns*
 - *Defined revisions relate to specific applications.*
 - *What is the definition of “significant” related to SGR?*
 - *Why is there latitude related to fully funded projects exceeding 1 billion?*

Minor Concerns

Project Readiness

Goal: To ensure projects are fully ready to move into PE, RW and CN when funded. *Page 13*

- *Concerns*
 - *Project readiness requirements are a significant investment prior to project funding. What resources are available to applicants to assist in making applications SMART SCALE ready?*

Additional Information Requested

Safety Measure

Goal: To improve measure function related to fatal/injury crashes. *Page 47*

- *Please clarify*
 - *Step 2 of the revised process indicates that the weighting factors have been adjusted to account for certain types fatal/injury data, but does not explain the process for determining the new weighting factors.*

Additional Information Requested

Congestion Mitigation Measure

Goal: To improve measure function focusing on person throughput in relation to project length. *Page 53*

- *Please clarify*
 - *Method is still under development and RRTPO is unable to evaluate the measure revision.*

Major Concerns

Application Limits

Goal: To cap the total number of applications that need to be validated and scored during each cycle. *Page 5*

- *Concerns*
 - *Two-tiered system appears arbitrary. Explanation of process is not available in Technical Guide.*
 - *Population figures appear to be based on 2010 Decennial Census.*

Major Concerns

Application Limits continued

Tier	Localities	MPOs/PDCs/Transit Agencies	Maximum Number of Applications
1	Less than 200K	Less than 500K	4
2	Greater than 200K	Greater than 500K	8

Town of Ashland – 4	Goochland County – 4	New Kent County – 4
Charles City County – 4	Hanover County – 4	Powhatan County – 4
Chesterfield County – 8	Henrico County – 8	City of Richmond – 8
GRTC – 4	RRTPO – 8	RRPDC – 4

Major Concerns

Economic Development – ED.1

Goal: To improve measure function by refining scoring to provide “more reasonable” results. *Page 53*

- *Concerns*

- *Point values in “checklist” are focused on approved or submitted site plans, which may not best represent “future economic development”.*
- *Square footage reduced to “submitted and approved” plans.*
- *Project impacts are buffered based on project types. Buffers seem arbitrary and may benefit by more diverse considerations.*

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- *Concerns*
 - *Economically-distressed areas can receive .5 points within checklist. The the relationship between “economically distressed” and transportation investment is unclear.*



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