

MPO Policy Board – Ad Hoc meeting

March 25, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom

STBG funding distribution discussion

In attendance: David Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Sandy Spang, John Musteric, Nick Komives, Steve Fine, Mike Pniewski

STP/STBG History (Dave presented):

- \$8-9 million per year in STBG, go out for projects every 2 years
- Some years Toledo may have dominated (2010*, 2012, 2022, 2024), but other years it is more equitable between Toledo and other communities
 - *2010 included ARRA funds
- CMAQ much more balanced
- Reviewed federal aid mileage, 2020 population, and system preservation (lane miles in poor and fair condition)
 - Toledo has 24.92% of FA mileage; 48.1% of population; 58.8% of fair/poor road conditions
- Reviewed TIP application restraints from Ohio MPOs (handout)
- Reviewed Project Scoring Criteria for TIP (STBG round 2024)
 - Includes sections on economic development, livability, interconnectivity, sustainability, system use and performance = totals 100 points

Roundtable Discussion:

- Scoring is tough for smaller communities in interconnectivity because they don't have transit routes
- Need more emphasis on true regional projects, ie interchanges
- Restricting number of projects
 - But if a project is a regional asset (need to define, but an example would be the Anthony Wayne Trail) that it shouldn't count against the City of Toledo
 - Proposal to return points if a project contributes to the region as a whole
- Look at project history (#29 on application) and exempt small projects from the points
- Do not see benefit in increasing the dollar amount of the small projects
- Issue in some areas (outside of Toledo) is with growth to population and industry, and smaller issue with system preservation (maintaining good pavements) as is the case in Toledo
- Maybe beef up the points total for #28 – project is in the TMACOG LRP
- Scale back points in System Use and Performance (from current 60) and apply to other areas, such as economic development
 - Give greater priority and more points to safety
- Points for prospective growth, as well as maybe AADTs have increased

- Make some changes to the scoring and then rescore some previous project rounds and see how the fixes have changed; and then refine.
- Should be prioritize scoring in economic development zones
- Allocate more points to the community's number 1 project (#15)
- Provide consultation on potential projects before the applications are due (TMACOG staff does this but can promote it better)
- Align with other plans (ie TMACOG LRP and CEDS)
 - Email the current CEDS for committee to review (current CEDS is 5 years old, new CEDS to be completed by end of 2025 and be more comprehensive. If Marissa is comfortable sharing anything from the new CEDS development please pass along too.)

Potential changes to scoring:

- Exempt small projects from project history (#29)
- Increase points for greater benefits to public safety
- Increase bonus points for priority project/in LRP
- Increase points if a project has a regional assets
- Shuffling some points around away from emphasis on system use, more towards economic development
- Align projects with other regional plans (ie. TMACOG LRP and CEDS)
- After making changes, then rescore some past projects and see how they compare to the current system.

*Have sponsors self-score all applications, once we reach a certain level then TMACOG only considers the top number of applications from a single sponsor.

Next steps:

- Run through some scenarios and see if they are agreeable, then rescore against some historical projects
- Bring ad hoc back together
- Have scoring changes ready for the full MPO Policy Board meeting in September