

ATTACHMENT 3

EXCERPTS FROM SALEM, OREGON MPO PROJECT SELECTION METHODOLOGY

[Bracketed text is added by Central Lane MPO staff for explanatory purposes.]

Setting these priorities involves: a) considering both local and regional needs; b) recognizing that the TIP must address deficiencies associated with both short-term, small scale improvements as well as major, multi-year, long-range projects; and c) allocating investments among the various modes of transportation.

The process to establish regional transportation investment priorities has been developed by the affected jurisdictions in the SKATS MPO area and is implemented through the decisions of the SKATS Policy Committee. This process represents an important consensus among the jurisdictions in the SKATS MPO area concerning the identification and implementation of priority transportation improvements.

Within the framework of the overall priorities established in the adopted RTSP [*RTP*], a range of criteria have been historically used . . . These criteria are reviewed by the SKATS TAC and Policy Committee each time the TIP is adopted.

As part of the project selection process, the following criteria are considered in a two-tiered process. The first tier is a set of mandatory criteria subject to a Pass/Fail test; the second tier consists of a set of more subjective criteria that are applied to projects that survive the first tier evaluation.

Tier One (Mandatory Criteria)

- Consistency with the RTSP [*RTP*], ODOT and local TSPs
- Affordability within the parameters of financial constraint and available funding
- Obligational ability [*readiness*]
- Sufficiency of funding for completion of the project or specified phase
- Availability of matching funds
- Air quality impacts
- CMS considerations [*congestion management system*]

Tier Two (Subjective Criteria)

- Severity of the problem
- Near-term need
- Modal diversification
- Geographic distribution
- Safety issues
- Perceived cost/benefit outcomes
- Freight issues
- Economic development considerations and opportunities
- Relative overall priority among other candidate projects

The selection of projects takes into consideration the improvement's overall importance, its cost relative to its benefits and the types and amounts of funds available, its eligibility for the various sources of funds, and the total amount of funds available to the SKATS MPO area.