Background

- TIP lists all funded regional transportation projects

- MPO selects projects for state exchange funds, MPO federal funds and county transportation sales tax funds

- Eligible regional projects include; new roads and widenings, active transportation, ITS, transportation studies, transit, and AQ reduction programs

- MPO RPC has created a process for MPO TAC to conduct a technical review of submitted projects

- MPO RPC reviews and finalizes the MPO TAC work
Eligible Projects

- Projects must be on or supported in the Regional Transportation Plan
- New roads, widenings, intersection improvements on roads on the Utah State Functional Class Map
- Active transportation (trails, ped, bike)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (cameras, counters, sensors, traffic management)
- Regional transportation studies
- New transit service and programs
- AQ reduction programs
Selection Process Milestones

- **Kickoff**: Explain process & calendar to committees
- **Project Ideas**: Proposed projects review by TAC
- **Concepts**: Detailed report of need, costs, benefits, AQ
- **Technical Report**: MPO staff technical scoring of all concepts
- **Priority List**: Score projects, place in ranking list by TAC
- **Priority Approval**: Approval of final priority list by RPC
- **TIP Approval**: Match funding with projects, finalize TIP

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Kickoff Meeting

- Every two years MPO staff review with MPO TAC and RPC the process for selecting projects to be awarded transportation funds.

- Funding includes:
  - Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CM/AQ & 2.5) | $6.4m
  - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) | $940k
  - MAG Small Area Program | $740k
  - MAG State Exchange Program | $16.7m
  - Utah County Transportation Sales Tax | $19.0m

- Total draft funding | $43.8m
  - Final numbers in the Spring
Project Idea Report

- The first step is to complete a draft Project Idea report
  - Then review draft with MPO staff
  - Then submit Final Report

- Report includes:
  - General description of project, draft cost
  - Supporting maps, diagrams, charts, etc.
  - A cover letter signed by a leader (due with final)
  - Proof project is supported by general plan or leadership letter (due with final)

- Next present to MPO TAC for review and scoring

- Once reviewed and scored, MPO RPC reviews TAC scores
Project Idea Dates

Dates to remember

• Dec 1, 2017 | Draft Project Idea Report due
• Dec 4-7 | MPO staff review with sponsors
• Dec 15 | Final reports due
• Jan 8, 2018 | MPO TAC Project Ideas Scoring
• Feb 1 | MPO RPC update and review
Concept Report

- Project Idea Report must be completed and scored to move to Concept Report
- Sponsor of low scoring Project Idea project should weigh the time and costs associated with Concept Report before proceeding
- Concept Report is technical and can be time consuming (some hire outside help)
- The report includes a detailed description, purpose and need, benefits such as congestion, number of users, air quality, as well as a detailed cost estimate
MPO staff reviews each report to give the project a technical score.

Scores are based off section 3 of the Concept Report.

Different project types score well in one ranking category and not well in another.

Ranking categories include:
- Congestion Relief
- Mode Choice
- Environmental Quality
- Safety
- Other

Once scored, MPO staff disseminate results to the MPO TAC committee for review.
Field Review

• The MPO TAC members should attend the Field Review of the projects

• Review generally last a whole day

• Each sponsor will be responsible to present each project concept on the review

• Allows participants to get a better understanding of the project

• Projects not visible in the field will be presented at the Project Priority List Meeting
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**Concept Report Dates**

**Dates to remember**

- Feb 9, 2018 | Draft Concept Reports due
- Feb 12-15 | MPO staff review with sponsors
- Mar 8 | Concept Reports due
- Mar 29 | MPO Staff Technical Score List published
- Apr 9 | MPO TAC Field Review (all day)
Project Priority List

- MPO TAC next meets to consider each project on its technical merits

- MPO TAC shall use the following to aid their decision of a draft Project Priority list:
  - Project Idea TAC Score
  - MPO Staff Technical Score
  - Field Review

- Each committee member shall have one representative scoring individual projects

- Once list is complete committee shall make recommendation to MPO RPC
Project Priority List Approval

- The draft priority list is next presented to the MPO RPC.
- MPO RPC will have a month to review the MPO TAC work and recommendations.
- MPO RPC will next meet to discuss any changes to the priority order and make a final approval of the list.
- The final Project Priority List will be used to fund projects until the next selection process, two years later.
- Amendment process can be used to add projects to list.
TIP Approval

- The approved Project Priority List is used by MPO staff to create the draft TIP
- MPO staff applies available funding to highest ranked projects until exhausted
- Higher scoring projects receive state and county funds first, UDOT and UTA projects receive federal funds first
- TIP public comment period is 30 days
- MPO TAC reviews draft TIP and makes recommendation to MPO RPC
- MPO RPC approves final TIP
Approval Dates

- Apr 23, 2018 | MPO TAC Project Priority List creation
- May 3 | MPO RPC update and review of priority list
- Jun 7 | MPO RPC Project Priority List approval
- Jun 28 | MPO staff create draft TIP
- Jul 1-30 | TIP Public Comment Period
- Aug 23 | MPO TAC TIP recommendation
- Sept 2 | MPO RPC TIP approval
Questions?

• Project Priority Report can be found at:
  • [www.mountainland.org/transportationfunding](http://www.mountainland.org/transportationfunding)

• An email will be sent to MPO TAC and MPO RPC later this week