MPO Project Selection Process

- Kickoff Meetings
- Project Idea Report
- Concept Report
- Technical Report
- Project Priority List
- Priority List Approval
- TIP Approval
Kickoff Meeting

- Every two years MPO staff review with the MPO committees the process for selecting projects to be awarded transportation funds
- MPO RPC created a process for MPO TAC to technically review projects
- MPO TAC creates priority list and recommends it to MPO RPC
- MPO RPC reviews MPO TAC recommendations and makes final priority list
Funding

MPO selects projects for MPO Exchange, MPO Federal, and UC Trans Tax

Funding includes:
- Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality | $8m
- Transportation Alternatives Program | $1m
- MAG Small Area Program | $1m
- MAG State Exchange Program | $21m
- Utah County Transportation Sales Tax | $65m

Total draft funding | $96m
- Final numbers in the Spring
Eligible Projects

- New roads
- Widening projects
- Intersection improvements
- Active transportation
- Airports

- Road projects must be on state functional class map
- All capacity projects must come from the municipal transportation or agency plans
- All capacity projects must be listed or supported in the Regional Transportation Plan

Regional transportation studies
- New transit service and programs
- AQ reduction programs
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

Kickoff
Explain process
& calendar to committees
Project Idea Report

Submit draft Project Idea report

Review draft with MPO staff

Submit Final Project Idea Report

Report includes:
- General description
- Draft cost
- Cover letter signed by leader
- Supporting maps, diagrams, charts, etc.
- In General Plan/leadership letter
Project Idea Report

**Jan 6**  
Sponsors present to MPO TAC for their review and scoring

**Feb 6**  
MPO RPC reviews TAC scores

- Project Idea Report must be scored to move to Concept Report
- Sponsors with low scoring idea projects should weigh the time and costs of completing a Concept Report
Concept Report

Concept Report is technical and can be time consuming (some hire outside help)

The report includes:
- Detailed description
- Purpose and need
- Congestion benefit
- Number of users
- Air quality benefit
- Detailed cost estimate

Feb 13: Submit draft Concept Report
Feb 18-21: Review draft with MPO staff
Mar 5: Submit final Concept Report
Technical Report

MPO staff reviews each report and gives each project a technical score.

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

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

The MPO TAC holds a Field Review of the projects

- Review generally last a whole day
- Sponsor are responsible to present each concept in the field
- Allows participants to get a better understanding of the project
- Projects not visible in the field are presented at the next meeting

April 20
Project Priority List

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

MPO TAC uses the following to create a draft Project Priority list:
• Project Idea TAC Score
• MPO Staff Technical Score
• Field Review

Each member shall have one representative scoring individual projects

The final draft list is 25% MPO Staff Technical Score, 75% MPO TAC Score

MPO TAC finalizes the list and makes their recommendation to MPO RPC
Project Priority List Approval

- **May 7**: MPO RPC is presented the draft Project Priority List
- **Jun 4**: MPO RPC discusses priority order and approves final Project Priority List

- Final priority list is used to fund projects until the next selection process
- Amendment process can be used to add projects to list
- FHWA reviews CM/AQ projects
TIP Approval

- Project Priority List is used by MPO staff to create draft TIP
- Available funding applied to highest ranked projects until exhausted
- Local projects with higher scores receive exchange and county funds first
- UDOT and UTA projects receive federal funds first

MPO TAC reviews draft TIP and makes recommendation to MPO RPC
MPO RPC approves final TIP
Questions?

The MAG Project Selection Process, reports and applications can be found at:

www.mountainland.org/transportationfunding