



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** STP Project Selection Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** August 21, 2024

**Subject:** STP Shared Fund Methodology and Call for Projects Schedule

**Action Requested:** Approval

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Over the last several months, the committee has received and discussed proposals from staff for minor modifications to the FFY 2026 – 2030 STP Shared Fund methodology. Those proposals have been incorporated into the draft application booklet for committee consideration and approval ahead of the call for projects that is scheduled to begin in October 2024.

The draft application booklet includes scoring changes in three sections:

Household/Job Impacts: On page 19 of the draft booklet, language has been revised to reflect that jobs and households will be scored separately. The total number of jobs within each project's travel shed will continue to be calculated in the same manner as past program development cycles but will be converted to a score out of 5 points and indexed to all other submitted projects. The households component of the score will be calculated by comparing the number of households within each project's travel shed to the total households with each project area. This score will also be converted to 5 points and indexed to all other submitted projects. Both scores will be combined for a total of up to 10 points.

Transit Station, Yard, or Terminal Improvement Projects: Starting on page 38 of the draft booklet, language has been revised in the improvement score section for yard or terminal projects. The efficiency component of the score will be determined by considering the percent decrease in non-revenue miles as a result of the project and normalized by the total length of the rail line. Previously, this component considered the percent decrease in non-revenue trips.

Resilience Planning Factor: Starting on page 45 of the draft booklet, language has been added to enhance the scoring for inclusion of resilience elements in projects. Projects that are located where there are higher flood and heat exposure scores from the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) climate vulnerability assessment will receive more points for inclusion of eligible resilience elements that address the vulnerability than those located where the TRIP

vulnerability scores are lowest or that include resilience elements that are not directly related to the vulnerabilities.

Other Changes to Booklet: On page 11 of the draft application booklet, one of the examples of plans supporting project types has been stricken because the online resource for this example is no longer available. The draft application booklet also includes updated dates and links to online resources for applicants. These updates are not tracked within the draft document. A small number of resource links need to be reestablished due to recent changes to CMAP's website. These links will be added where noted prior to publication of the final application booklet.

Selection Process Timeline: The tentative schedule for the upcoming call for projects is also included in the draft application booklet (page 55). Staff proposes opening the call for projects on Monday, October 21, 2024 and accepting applications through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024. Staff review and scoring of applications is proposed to occur in January and February 2025, with preliminary scores available to applicants in March 2025, followed by a staff recommended program in April 2025. A public comment period is anticipated in April 2025, followed by consideration of approval by the Project Selection Committee in May. Once approved, TIP changes incorporating the program will be prepared for Transportation Committee review and final approval by the MPO Policy Committee in June 2025.