

STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:30 AM

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dobbs at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Kama Dobbs, Dan Burke, Leon Rockingham, Jeffrey Sriver, Grant Davis, and Mark Kuchler

Absent: Jeffery Schielke

Non-Voting: Jennifer (Sis) Killen, Heather Mullins, Mark Kane, and Jon Paul Diipla

Absent (NV): Chad Riddle

Staff Present: Laurent Ahiablame, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson (online), Jon Haadsma, Aimee Lee, Martin Menninger, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Sarah Stolpe, Isaura Velez

Others Present: Eric Czarnota, Drew Duffin, Jackie Forbes, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, George Kandathil, Todd Schmidt, Megan Swanson, David Tomzik (online)

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes - November 2, 2023[24-167](#)

Attachments: [STP PSC Draft Minutes 11022023](#)

A motion was made by Leon Rockingham, seconded by Grant Davis, to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023 as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4.0 Active Program Management Reports**4.1 Shared Fund Status Updates**[24-168](#)

Attachments: [FFY24-28 STP-SF Status Report April 2024 Active](#)
[FFY24-28 STP-SF Status Report April 2024 Contingency](#)

Kama Dobbs provided an overview of the STP Shared Fund status reports, which she noted include updates through the March quarterly status update period.

4.2 Regional Accounting Update

[24-169](#)

Attachments: [STP Regional Accounting - April 2024](#)

Kama Dobbs provided an overview of the regional accounting report, which was updated through the previous week. The report included details regarding funding marks that expired on March 31, 2024 that were transferred to the region's redistribution balance according to active program management policies, and a discussion of that redistribution balance. She noted that staff encourages project sponsors to aggressively identify projects that can move forward to obligation in FFY 2024, including contingency projects and projects seeking cost increases, in order to utilize the region's large redistribution balance.

In response to a request for clarification from Mark Kuchler, Ms. Dobbs noted that projects that are included in the shared fund, CDOT's, or any local council's active or contingency programs are those that are eligible to utilize funds, even if those projects are programmed in other federal fiscal years at this time. New projects that have not been vetted through an STP program development process cannot be considered until they have been submitted and evaluated through a call for STP projects.

5.0 FFY 2026 - 2030 Program Development: Methodology Discussion

[24-170](#)

Attachments: [STPPSC MethodologyMemo CriteriaDiscussionProposal April2024](#)

Chair Dobbs stated that after each programming cycle, staff and the committee discuss anything that didn't work in that cycle and any opportunities there are for improvements in the next cycle. She noted that Doug Ferguson would be leading the next program development cycle for the 2026 - 2030 program and invited him to review staff's initial thoughts for that cycle.

Mr. Ferguson provided a summary of staff recommendations for committee discussions regarding project categories, eligibility criteria, and the project selection methodology for the next call for projects cycle that will open in October 2024. He reported that staff has noted several items for discussion: removal or modification of the bus speed improvement project category, incorporation of safety data from safety action plans that are underway, improvements to the efficiency improvement component of transit yard and terminal improvement projects, jobs and households scoring, inclusive growth scoring refinements, and incorporation of ADA transition planning and transportation resilience planning efforts that are currently underway into the scoring.

Chair Dobbs noted that staff is excited to continue to build-up the use of new data in the project selection process.

Grant Davis noted that the committee discussed jobs/households scoring refinements prior to the last cycle and decided not to make any changes and asked if anything had changed to warrant further committee discussion. Ms. Dobbs stated that while nothing has changed, staff continues to receive feedback that there are concerns about this scoring correctly capturing relative jobs and households impacts in less dense portions of the region. Staff believes that being responsive to these comments by having committee discussion is appropriate.

Sis Killen suggested that with the recent release of the PART report and ongoing conversations around that, it may be prudent to accept that there may be a small number, or no, applications for bus speed improvements presently, but the category may become more attractive over time and

probably should not be removed entirely. Chair Dobbs noted that staff agreed and just wants to be sure that the project category is fitting into our funding programs in the right way.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience.

Dave Tomzik from Pace commented regarding committee discussion about Bus Speed Improvement projects that it is likely not a lack of interest in the category driving the lack of applications, but more a lack of project readiness. He added that while there are no projects currently ready to seek implementation funding based on the eligibility criteria for STP, several projects are in the planning stages and that the transit agencies would certainly be interested in how to parse those projects into elements that are appropriate for the funding sources.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.

Chair Dobbs reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Dan Burke, seconded by Leon Rockingham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.. The motion carried unanimously.