

November 23, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Topics / Approval of Minutes
3. Release Proposed FFY 2022 Transit TIP Amendment for 21 Day Public Review
4. **Release Proposed Changes to the TEC for 21 Day Public Review**
5. Approval of FHWA Requested Changes to MOU
6. MPO Membership
7. District Updates
8. PVTA Updates
9. Other Business

Proposed TEC Changes

- Cover Page – add MEPA information as well as expected advertisement date.
- Section 1c – update Congestion Management Process (CMP) definitions to Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR).
- Section 2d – update definitions to: mostly serves targeted development sites (>50%) and partly serves (25%-50%).
- Section 4b – remove Comprehensive Economic Development (CED's) for 0.5 points and increase Priority Development Area (PDA) from 0.5 to 1 point.
- Section 5a – update definitions to include Regional Safety Compass
- Section 5b – update definitions related to bicycle and pedestrian amenities
- Section 7j – remove Health Impact Assessment and replace with Project Improves Access to Sensitive Receptors, potential points stay the same. 1 point if project is within 0.25 miles and 0.5 points if project is within 0.5 miles of sensitive receptor.



System Preservation, Modernization and Efficiency	Livability	Mobility	Smart Growth and Economic Development	Safety and Security	Environment and Climate Change	Quality of Life	Environmental Justice and Title VI
Improves Substandard Pavement 8	Design is consistent with Complete Streets policies 3	Improves efficiency, reliability and attractiveness of public transit 4	Encourages development around existing infrastructure 2	Reduces number and severity of collisions 7	Preserves floodplains and wetlands 1	Enhances or preserves greenways and blueways 1	Reduces and limits disproportionate impacts on an EJ community 0.5
Improves Intersection Operations 6	Provides multi-modal access to a downtown, village center, or employment center 2	Improves existing peak hour LOS 6	Prioritizes transportation investments that support land use and economic development goals 1	Promotes safe and accessible pedestrian and bike environment 5	Promotes green infrastructure and low impact development to reduce stormwater impacts 2	Improves access to parks, open lands and open space 1	Reduces and limits disproportionate impacts on Title VI community 0.5
In a Congestion Management Process Area 5	Reduces auto-dependency 2	Reduces traffic congestion 7	Provides services to a TOD, TND or cluster development district 0.5	Improves emergency response 4	Reduced impervious surfaces 0.5	Improves access to jobs 2	Improves transit for EJ populations 1
	Project serves a targeted development site 2		Supports mixed-use downtowns and village centers 0.5		Protects or enhances environmental assets 0.5	Preserves historical and cultural resources 0.5	Improves transit for Title VI populations 1
	Completes off-road bike and ped network 3		Improves Intermodal Connections 4		Supports Brownfield redevelopment 0.5	Preserves prime agricultural land 0.5	Creates an EJ Burden -5
			Reduces congestion on freight routes 2		Improves air quality 1	Provides safe and reliable access to education 0.5	Creates an Title VI Burden -5
					Reduces CO2 emissions 1	Supports designated scenic byways 0.5	
					Promotes mode shift 1	Implements ITS Strategies 2	
					Improves fish and wildlife passage 1	Improves Network Wayfinding 1	
					Supports Green Communities 0.5	Improves Access to Existing Sensitive Receptors 1	
					Improves storm resilience 3	Health Impact Assessment 4	
						Length of Time Project has been in queue for TIP funding 1	
Maximum Score	19	12	17	10	16	12	11
							3

**Evaluation Criteria
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Community: Agawam Project Type: Intersection Improvement SID #: _____

Year Project was initiated: _____ MassDOT Design Status: 0%

Cost Estimate: _____ Year of Cost Estimate: _____

Is the project located primarily in an urban area? Yes Roadway Functional Class: Arterial

ADT: _____ Year of ADT: _____ # Lanes: _____ Length (miles): _____

Cost/ADT: #DIV/0! Cost/Lane Mile: #DIV/0! Cost/ADT/Lane Mile: #DIV/0!

MEPA: _____ **MEPA Status:** _____ **Est. Ad Date:** _____

MassDOT Project Name: _____ Insert Name of Project here

Section	Name	Score
1	SYSTEM PRESERVATION, MODERNIZATION AND EFFICIENCY	0
2	LIVABILITY	0
3	MOBILITY	0
4	SMART GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0
5	SAFETY AND SECURITY	0
6	ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE	0
7	QUALITY OF LIFE	0
8	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	0
Grand Total		0
Cost/Point		#DIV/0!

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1 SYSTEM PRESERVATION, MODERNIZATION AND EFFICIENCY					SID #	0	
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	19	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score	
a	Improves substandard pavement	OCI rating less than 48.5 (arterial) or 47.5 (Collector): Poor, and pavement improvements are included in the project – 8 points OCI rating between 48.5 and 69.5 (arterial) or 47.5 and 68.5 (collector): Fair, and pavement improvements are included in the project – 4 points OCI rating greater than 69.5 (arterial) or 68.5 (collector): Good or better – 1 point OCI rating greater than 85 or the project is an intersection improvement or off-road bicycle facility – 0 points	Select one only	Based on Pavement Condition Ratings as defined in current RTP. Attach Photos	8	0	
b	Improves intersection operations (signal equipment upgrades, adaptive signal controls and coordination with adjacent signals, roundabout, geometric improvements, adds turn lanes, improves alignment, improves sight distance.)	Meets or addresses criteria to a high degree - improves multiple locations– 6 points Meets or addresses criteria to a medium degree - improves at least one locations with multiple upgrades – 4 points Meets or addresses criteria to a low degree - improves one location – 2 points Does not meet or address criteria – 0 points	Select one only.		6	0	
c	In a Congestion Management Process Identified Area as identified on the latest version of the CMP-Corridor or Bottleneck Reliability Map	Project will reduce congestion at a Severe location of Severe Unreliability – 5 points Project will reduce congestion at a Serious location of Serious Unreliability – 3 points Project will reduce congestion at a Moderate location of Moderate Unreliability – 1 points Project is defined to be in a Reliable area an area of Minimal congestion or location is not monitored – 0 points	Select one only.	Based on most recent regional CMP data and PVPC Congestion Map	5	0	

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2 LIVABILITY				SID #	0	
				Maximum Points for this Subsection:	12	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
a	Design is consistent with complete streets policies. Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. Applicant must provide supporting documentation that project is consistent with a locally adopted complete	Project is a “complete street” consistent with a locally adopted complete streets policy or plan – 1 point	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Provide plans illustrating facilities provided. MassDOT Project Development and Design Guide FHWA Livability in Transportation Guidebook	3	0
		Project provides bicycle facilities or accommodations – 1 point				
		Project provides pedestrian facilities – 1 point				
		Does not provide any complete streets components – 0 points				
b	Provides multi-modal access to a downtown, village center or employment center.	Provides continuous bicycle access (i.e. bike lanes or bike path) to a downtown or center – 1 point	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Project proponent must provide plans illustrating facilities provided and information on the downtown or village district..	2	0
		Provides pedestrian access to a downtown or center – 1 point				
		Does not provide multimodal access – 0 points				
c	Reduces auto dependency	Project completes a known gap in the bicycle or pedestrian network – 0.5 point	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Project proponent must provide plans illustrating facilities provided.	2	0
		Project provides for a new bicycle facility – 0.5 point				
		Project provides for a new pedestrian facility – 0.5 point				
		Project implements a transportation demand management (TDM) strategy – 0.5 point				
		Does not provide any of the above measures – 0 points				
d	Project serves a targeted development site (Priority Development Area identified in Valley Vision, rail station area, Chapter 40R or 43D or 43E District)	Project mostly serves (> 50%) a targeted development site – 1 points	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Project proponent must provide map of project location, and identify project location in relation to identified targeted development site. Information on special districts should also be provided.	2	0
		Project partly serves (25 - 50%) a targeted development site – 0.5 point				
		Project supports local zoning or other regulations that are supportive of smart growth – 0.5 point				
		Project provides for bicycle or pedestrian access to or within a targeted development site – 0.5 point				
e	Completes off-road bike and pedestrian network (copy of the most recent regional bicycle/trail map is attached.)	Project provides an important link or component of the region’s off-road bicycle and pedestrian network – 3 points	Select one only	Based on Regional Bicycle/Trail Map (provided) or the Regional Bike Linkages Map (proposed pending adoption)	3	0
		Project includes an off-road bike and pedestrian component as part of a road project or a community adopted bicycle sharing program – 2 points				
		Project provides a connection to a regional bikeway/walkway – 1 point				

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3 MOBILITY		SID #		0		
Maximum Points for this Subsection:				17	0	
Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score	
a	Improves Efficiency, Reliability and Attractiveness of Public Transit	Project increases fixed route bus transit service efficiency and attractiveness through design or ITS technology – 1 point	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Identify affected bus service, design features, and/or ITS components	4	0
		Project provides new or improved linkages to adjacent existing or planned public transit stations/stops – 0.5 point				
		Project prioritizes signals for transit vehicles – 1 points				
		Project provides for a dedicated busway – 1 points				
		Project provides for bus bump out – 0.5 point				
b	Improves existing peak hour level of service (LOS)	Source data indicates project improves a location that operates at LOS F in an urban area or LOS E in a rural area – 6 points	Select one only	Attach Functional Design Report or recent planning study.	6	0
		Source data indicates project improves a location that operates at LOS E in an urban area or LOS D in a rural area – 5 points				
		Source data indicates project improves a location that operates at LOS D in an urban area or LOS C in a rural area – 3 points				
c	Reduces traffic congestion without adding unnecessary turn lanes.	Reduces congestion to a high degree – project significantly improves traffic flow for a location in the Regional Bottlenecks Report or Regional Congestion Management Process – 7 points	Select one only	Attach Functional Design Report or recent planning study.	7	0
		Reduces congestion to a medium degree – project improves vehicle storage, installs exclusive turn lanes as warranted, improves access management at more than two locations– 5 points				
		Reduces congestion to a low degree – provides modest improvements such as signal retiming, lane striping, upgraded detection, turn restrictions, or access management upgrades at a single location – 2.5 points				
		Does not reduce congestion – 0 points				

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4 SMART GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					SID # 0	
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	
					10	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
a	Encourages Development around Existing or Enhanced Infrastructure.	Public water and sanitary sewer lines serve the project area. - 2 points For rural areas, project is within a 1/4 mile radius of a village center. - 2 points The community will invest in the expansion of existing public water and sanitary sewer lines or install new infrastructure to compliment the project. - 2 points Or Public water and sanitary sewer lines are within close proximity (within 150 feet) of the project ROW – 1 point For rural areas, project is within a ½ mile radius of a village center – 1 point Public water and sanitary sewer lines do not serve the project area. – 0 points	Select only one	Provide a site map illustrating the project and any related public water or sewer lines or village center.	2	0
b	Prioritizes Transportation Investments that Support Land Use and Economic Development Goals	Project is identified in the most recently adopted Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region – 0.5 points Project serves an area that is targeted as a Priority Development Area (PDA) in Valley Vision Map – 0.5 1 point Project serves an area that is targeted as a Priority Protection Area (PPA) in Valley Vision Map - (-1 point)	Select if applicable.	Submit plan excerpts	1	0
c	Provides service to a Transit Oriented District (TOD), Traditional Neighborhood District (TND), and Cluster or Open Space Development District	Project serves an area that is identified in an existing or planned transit oriented development, traditional neighborhood development, cluster or open space development district in an adopted plan	Select if applicable	Submit plan excerpts referencing the appropriate district.	0.5	0
d	Support Mixed-Use Downtowns and Village Centers	Project serves an existing or planned mixed use downtown or village center	Select if applicable	Identify the downtown	0.5	0
e	Improves intermodal accommodations/connections to transit (project enhances access, amenities, or service to an existing transit intermodal center or pulse point.)	Meets or addresses criteria to a high degree – project enhances service for three or more transit routes– 4 points Meets or addresses criteria to a medium degree – project results in multiple upgrades for one or two transit routes – 2 points Meets or addresses criteria to a low degree - project enhances service for a single transit route – 1 points Does not meet or address criteria– 0 points	Select one only	Include most recent PVTA route ridership data.	4	0
f	Reduces Congestion on Freight Routes	Project will reduce congestion on roadways with more than 5% trucks per day – 1 point	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Attach Truck Count	2	0

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4	SMART GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				SID #	0
	Maximum Points for this Subsection:				10	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
		Project implements a strategy identified in the State or Regional Freight Plan – 1 point				

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5 SAFETY AND SECURITY					SID # 0	
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	
					16	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
a	Reduces Number and Severity of Collisions	Project includes ITS elements that will reduce crashes or adds/improves guardrails.		Identify specific ITS components	1	0
		A roadway safety audit has been completed for the project.	Select if applicable	Submit RSA report	2	0
		Project addresses a safety problem as identified in the PVPC "Top 100" High Crash Intersections Report, Top 25 High Crash Roadway Segments or is identified as a High Bicycle or Pedestrian Crash Cluster by MassDOT - 4 points	Select one (if applicable)	Submit report excerpts. Documented crashes per Million Entering Vehicles/Million Vehicle Miles	4	0
		The location has a history of lane departure crashes as defined in the Regional Safety Compass and the project will remove hazardous objects such as utility poles and trees from the roadside – 4 points				
		The location has a history of lane departure crashes as defined in the Regional Safety Compass and the project will install rumble strips, improve visibility through enhanced edge lines, or enhance pavement to improve skid resistance – 2 points				
		The location has a crash rate greater than the state or district average. – 2 points				
b	Promotes a Safe and Accessible Pedestrian and Bicycle Environment through amenities such as bike racks, lockers, off-road bike lanes, connections to bike paths, bike-sharing infrastructure, new street furniture, wayfinding signs, public transit shelters, bollards or other items as approved by the TIP Subcommittee.	Project includes bike safety improvements – 2 points	Select if applicable Select one (if applicable)	Identify the safety-improvements-amenities	5	0
		Project includes pedestrian safety improvements – 2 points				
		Project provides bike amenities, such as bike racks or lockers, off road bike lanes, connections to bike paths, or bike sharing infrastructure – 1 point				
		Project adds more than 3 amenities - 5 points				
		Project adds 2 or 3 amenities - 3 points				
Project adds 1 amenity - 1 point						
c	Improves Emergency Response	Project is identified as an existing or planned priority emergency response route by one or more Local Public Agencies and is projected to decrease response times for EMS, fire, and police agencies – 2 points	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Attach EMS plan excerpts or other documents	4	0
		Project improves an evacuation route to, or in proximity to, an emergency support location – 2 points				

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6 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE					SID #	0
Maximum Points for this Subsection:					12	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
a	Preserves Floodplains and Wetlands (310 CMR)	Project is not located in a floodplain.	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Submit floodplain map.	0.5	0
		Project is not located in an existing wetland			0.5	0
b	Promotes Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development to Reduce Stormwater Impacts	Project involves use of green infrastructure or low impact development (LID) best management practices (BMPs) to reduce stormwater impacts. Eligible BMPs include: rain gardens, green streets, tree box filters, bioretention areas, sheet flow runoff, permeable pavement, vegetated swales, engineered soils for expanded root growth, and measures to improve infiltration	Select if applicable	Identify best management practices	2	0
c	Reduces Impervious Surfaces	Project reduces impervious surface area, or reduces stormwater runoff discharge rate and volume, from pre-existing conditions.	Select if applicable	Identify design features	0.5	0
d	Protects or Enhances Environmental Assets	Project will improve high priority regional environmental assets or enhance protection of Priority Protection Areas (PPAs) identified in Valley Vision.	Select if applicable	Identify affected assets from map	0.5	0
e	Supports Brownfields Redevelopment	Project serves a brownfield redevelopment site. Or Project helps to implement an adopted brownfield redevelopment plan	Select one only, if applicable	Supply map	0.5	0
f	Improves Air Quality Major improvements include projects that demonstrate significant reduction in single occupant vehicles. Minor improvements include reductions in vehicle idling.	Project includes major elements improving air quality – 1 point	Select if applicable	Show CMAQ Analysis (PVPC). The level of improvement based on CMAQ analysis shall be considered in determining major and minor improvements.	1	0
		Project includes minor elements improving air quality – 0.5 point				
		Project has no significant air quality impact – 0 points				
		Project has negative air quality impacts – (-1) points				
g	Reduces CO2 Emissions	Project significantly reduces CO2 emissions – 1 point	Select one only.	Provide information documenting CO2 reduction strategy, for example, purchase of fuel efficient or electric vehicles or LED traffic lights or solar panels or wind generators.	1	0
		Project modestly reduces CO2 emissions – 0.5 point		Provide Greenhouse Gas Analysis (PVPC)		
		Project has no significant CO2 emissions impact – 0 points				

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6 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE					SID # 0	
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	
					12	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
		Project increases CO2 emissions impacts – (-1) points				
h	Promotes Mode Shift	Project will provide significant reduction in single occupancy vehicle trips through a shift to another transportation mode (i.e. bicycling)	Select if applicable	Identify how project will accomplish mode shift.	1	0
i	Improves Fish and Wildlife Passage	Project includes stream crossing or culvert improvements designed to improve fish and wildlife passage, in accordance with Massachusetts River and Stream Crossing standards MA Stream Crossings Handbook	Select if applicable	Identify design features in accordance with Massachusetts River and Stream Crossing Standards.	1	0
j	Supports Green Communities	Project is located in an approved Green Community, in accordance with the MA Green Communities Act	Select if applicable	See MA Green Communities map Link to MA Green Communities Map	0.5	0
k	Improves Storm Resilience	Project addresses a flooding problem or increases resilience of the transportation system to floods – 1 point Project improves storm flows by enlarging culverts or stream crossings, where there is demonstrated likelihood of extreme weather damage, while improving fish and wildlife passage – 2 points Or The Project incorporates stormwater BMPs or implements improvements that meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements – 2 points	Select all criteria that apply to project.	Document BMPs	3	0

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7 QUALITY OF LIFE					SID #	0	
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	11 10	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score	
a	Enhances or and Preserves Greenways and Blueways	Project is adjacent to, AND incorporates enhanced public access or trails or protection related to a designated National Scenic River (Westfield River), National Blueway (Connecticut River), the Baystate Greenway, a National Scenic Trail, a National Recreation Trail, or regional greenway as identified in the Pioneer Valley Greenways Plan	Select if applicable	Identify the designated greenway or blueway, and the public access or land to be protected	1	0	
b	Improves Access to Parks and Open Space	Project improves the public's direct access to identified municipal or state parks and/or open space	Select if applicable	Identify the park, and/or open space	1	0	
c	Improves Access to Jobs	Project will serve an existing or planned area identified as a major employment center in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. 2013 CEDS	Select if applicable	Identify the major employment center	2	0	
d	Preserves Historical and Cultural Resources	Project itself involves preservation of property designated as a National Historic site or in National Historic District, or is a Historical or Cultural resource as defined by state, local, or federal inventories.	Select if applicable	Identify property and source of listing.	0.5	0	
e	Preserve Prime Agricultural Land	Project will not decrease the amount of adjacent farmland in active agricultural production Project makes financial contribution to farmland preservation fund to mitigate impacts to active farmland	Select if applicable	Utilize aerial photos to identify lands in active agricultural production	0.5	0	
f	Provide Safe and Reliable Access to Education	Project includes design elements to improve safety and/or access (regardless of mode) to an existing or planned educational facility (sidewalks, traffic calming measures, crosswalk signals) Project helps to implement an accepted Safe Route to School or the recommendations of a Safe Route to School study Safe Routes to Schools	Select if applicable	Identify the educational facility and the design elements	0.5	0	
g	Support Designated Scenic Byways	Project implements a recommendation of a Corridor Management Plan for a designated National or State Scenic Byway Link to MA Scenic Byways Map	Select if applicable	Identify the recommendation and Corridor Management Plan	0.5	0	
h	Implements ITS strategies other than traffic signal operations	Project includes ITS equipment (e.g. variable message signs) – 2 points No proposed ITS equipment – 0 points	Select one only	Improves traffic flow as identified by an identified ITS strategy for the municipality or state	2	0	
i	Improve Network Wayfinding/Retro-reflectivity	Project includes improved wayfinding signage – 1 point Project upgrades existing signs to meet current retro-reflectivity standards – 1 point	Select only one		1	0	

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7	QUALITY OF LIFE					SID #	0
					Maximum Points for this Subsection:	11 10	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score	
j	Health Impact Assessment	A health impact assessment was completed for the project per MassDOT guidelines - 1 point	Select one if applicable	Attach completed analysis	1	0	
k	Length of Time Project has been in queue for TIP funding	----- < 3 years - 0 points ----- 3 - 5 years - 0.5 points ----- > 5 years - 1 point	Select Only One	Length of time calculated from date of the first TEC review for the project	1	0	

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8 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		SID #		0		
Maximum Points for this Subsection:				34	0	
Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score	
a	Reduce and Limit Disproportionate Impacts on EJ Communities	Project is located within one or more identified Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas, has no adverse impacts projected, and will reduce travel time to work	Select if applicable	Identify project on EJ map	0.5	0
b	Reduce and Limit Disproportionate Impacts on Title VI Communities	Project is located within one or more identified Title VI Areas, has no adverse impacts projected, and will reduce travel time to work	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	0.5	0
c	Improve Transit or pedestrian connections for EJ Populations	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, an environmental justice area and will provide new transit or pedestrian access – 1 points	Select one only.	Identify project on EJ map	1	0
		Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, an environmental justice area and will provide improved transit or pedestrian access – 0.5 points				
		Project provides no improvement in transit or pedestrian access or is not in an environmental justice area – 0 points				
d	Improve Transit or pedestrian connections for Title VI Populations	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide new transit or pedestrian access – 1 points	Select one only.	Identify project on Title VI map	1	0
		Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide improved transit or pedestrian access – 0.5 points				
		Project provides no improvement in transit or pedestrian access or is not in a Title VI area – 0 points				
e	Reduce Burdens on EJ Areas	Project creates a burden or negative impact in identified EJ Area	Select if applicable	Identify project on EJ map	-5	0
f	Reduce Burdens on Title VI Areas	Project creates a burden or negative impact in identified Title VI Area	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	-5	0
g	Project results in improvements in a disadvantaged community. (See disadvantaged community categories.)	Community meets disadvantaged threshold in 3 or more categories - 1 point	Select one only.	Identify project on Disadvantaged Community map	1	0
		Community meets disadvantaged thresholds in 1 or 2 categories - 0.5 point				