



Waco MPO Carbon Reduction Program Proposal Evaluation Notes

Submitting Member _____

Project Location _____

Description _____

1. Is your project a [listed, eligible activity](#)? If yes, which eligible category does your project fall under?

If yes, proceed to question #3. If no, proceed to question #2.

Scoring: 0 points for NO, 10 points for YES (10 points possible)

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2. Does your proposed project reduce transportation emissions? In what ways?

Some projects may reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), however projects may also reduce carbon in less obvious ways. Carbon reductions need not be tied directly to VMT; an overall reduction in transportation-related carbon emissions can also qualify a project. The FHWA uses the implementation of biologic carbon sequestration, such as plants, to reduce CO₂ from the atmosphere as an example. Please refer to the calculator here. <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

Scoring: 0 points for NO, 10 points for YES (10 points possible)

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3. Does your proposed project address racial equity, workforce and economic development, remove barriers to opportunity in both rural and urban communities, or which redress prior inequities and barriers to opportunity? How?

Are there USDOT identified [Areas of Persistent Poverty \(AOPP\)](#) in your community, or does your city have overall mobility needs which can be addressed by a CRP project? The FHWA values an equitable distribution of CRP funds. As an example, projects which decrease VMT by increasing bike and pedestrian connectivity to job centers or schools within disadvantaged communities would both reduce transportation emissions and increase equity in line with FHWA priorities. Project prioritization considers both AOPP and overall mobility needs.

Scoring: 0 to 2 points for each category; Unsatisfied = 0, Partially Addressed = 1, Satisfied = 2 (10 points possible)

1. *Positively Impacts an AOPP*
2. *Improves quality of life across Racial and/or Socioeconomic groups*
3. *Removes Barriers to Opportunity*
4. *Improves Access to Workforce and Economic Development*
5. *Demonstrates Other Related Equitable Impact (e.g., improves quality of life by improving access to social networks and opportunities for civic engagement within disadvantaged communities)*

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4. Will your proposed project benefit future generations? In what ways?

Projects which further goals such as Vision Zero initiatives, support climate change resilience, or contribute to the betterment of all future road users will be considered in the prioritization process. Are there safety measures which can be implemented to decrease transportation injuries and fatalities? Are there CRP eligible projects which can be undertaken which will improve your community's resilience to climate change? An example of this would be the enhancement of the tree canopy in order to provide shade in pedestrian access areas using [Texas Superstar®](#) plants.

Scoring: 0 to 2 points for each category; Unsatisfied = 0, Partially Addressed = 1, Satisfied = 2 (10 points possible)

1. *Increases Safety/Supports Vision Zero Initiatives*
2. *Improves Climate Change Resilience*
3. *Promotes Sustainable Transportation methods (active transport, electric vehicles, etc.)*
4. *Increases Overall Level of Connectivity in Area*
5. *Demonstrates Other Benefit to Future Generations (e.g., reduces future financial burden of transportation projects by mitigating the progression of deteriorating infrastructure or proactively addressing environmental concerns)*

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5. Does your proposed project take into account the ways in which it interacts with surrounding areas and influences current and future accessibility and uses? How?

Land use considerations are inherent to the functioning of communities and the people they represent. Is there an area that people in your community access only by car due to safety or infrastructure concerns, or are there projects which would meaningfully connect people to places and activities by foot or bike and reduce VMT?

Scoring: 0 to 2 points for each category; Unsatisfied = 0, Partially Addressed = 1, Satisfied = 2 (10 points possible)

- 1. Promotes Connectivity Which Contributes to Overall Carbon Reduction*
- 2. Increases Safety for Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle Modes of Transportation*
- 3. Increases Access to Activity Centers via transportation alternatives*
- 4. Increases Multimodal Access*
- 5. Demonstrates Other Land Use Benefit to Surrounding Community (e.g., increases bike and pedestrian access to green space within residential neighborhoods by repurposing traffic lanes or parking lots to benefit the surrounding community)*

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6. What is the Local match committed to this project?

The minimum required local match is 20%. However, project sponsors are encouraged to offer the maximum feasible match for their proposed project.

Scoring: Minimum match = 20%, Maximum match = 70%

20% = 0 points, 25% = 1 point, 30% = 2 points, 45% = 5 points, 70% = 10 points

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7. What is the readiness level of the project?

Project funds are available for obligation for a maximum of 4 years (3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for which funds are authorized). Please indicate project status for design, engineering (if applicable), ROWs, and cost estimates.

Scoring: 0 to 2 points for each category; Unsatisfied = 0, Partially Addressed = 1, Satisfied = 2 (10 points possible)

- 1. *Design/Engineering*
- 2. *Right of Way Acquisition*
- 3. *Utility Relocation*
- 4. *Cost Estimates*
- 5. *Environmental Review*

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8. Does proposed project have community support? If yes, to what extent?

Please include letters of support, public comments, endorsement from public officials, or other related documentation demonstrating type and caliber of community support.

Scoring: 0 to 2 points for each category; Unsatisfied = 0, Partially Addressed = 1, Satisfied = 2 (10 points possible)

1. *Previously Identified Local Priority*
2. *Has Undergone Public Engagement Process*
3. *Has Documented Positive Public Comments*
4. *Has Endorsement from Public Officials*
5. *Has Other Related Documentation Demonstrating Public Support*

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