



FINAL SACOG FTA 5307/5339 Discretionary Project Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Committee: The SACOG FTA 5307/5339 Discretionary Project Evaluation committee will be made up of staff representing SACOG, non-applicant transit agencies from the region, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, and the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

A. MTP/SCS Implementation = 50 Points

- Describe how this project(s) assists the region in supporting the SACOG MTP/SCS transit related policies & strategies (a list of policies & strategies is provided), specifically maintaining or restoring transit services and transit services that support the growth projected in the MTP/SCS economic and land use forecasts.
- Describe how this project(s) meets “state of good repair”, “fix it first” policies, and long-term asset management benefits under the FAST Act. For capital vehicle/component projects the applicant must show how capital items are a priority for replacement in their TAM, or part of the short (1-2 years), medium (2-3 years), or longer-term (3-4 years) asset planning portion of their TAM. TAM Planning information is only required of those agencies that must complete and submit a TAM.
- Describe how this project(s) is consistent with your agency/organization SRTP (if applicable) and fleet/facilities plan, asset management plan or other agency/organization planning documents.

Scoring

High: A high scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics, if applicable:

- The project(s) strongly supports multiple SACOG MTP/SCS transit related policies and strategies, primarily those related to maintaining and restoring transit services and support for the growth projected in the MTP/SCS economic and land use forecasts.
- The project(s) allows transit/transportation provider to maintain a “state of good repair”, and focuses on “fix it first”, and is consistent with your agency/organization short term asset management plan and/or TAM Plan (including transit vehicles, stations/stops and facilities).
- Is fully consistent with your agency/organization SRTP (if applicable), fleet/facilities plan, asset management plan or other agency/organization planning documents, with the project(s) listed in the document or are supportive of specific recommendation(s);

Medium: A medium scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics, if applicable:

- The project(s) moderately supports the SACOG MTP/SCS transit related goals, primarily maintaining, restoring or extending transit services and support for the growth projected in the MTP/SCS economic and land use forecasts.
- The project(s) allows transit/transportation provider to maintain partial “state of good repair”, and with some focus on “fix it first”, and is partially consistent with your agency/organization medium-term asset management plan and/or TAM Plan (including transit vehicles, stations/stops and facilities) management plan.
- Has a moderate level of consistency with your agency/organization SRTP (if applicable), fleet/facilities plan, asset management plan or other agency/organization planning documents, with a portion of the project(s) listed in the document and are partially supportive of specific recommendation(s);

Low: A low scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics, if applicable:

- The project(s) does not directly support SACOG MTP/SCS transit related goals.
- The project(s) does not allow the transit/transportation provider to maintain a “state of good repair”, nor focus on “fix it first”, and is not consistent with your agency/organization long-term asset management plan and/or TAM Plan (including transit vehicles, stations/stops and facilities).
- Has limited consistency with your agency/organization SRTP (if applicable), fleet/facilities plan, asset management plan or other agency/organization planning documents, with the project(s) not listed in the document and are not supportive of a specific recommendation;

B. Access/Continuity = 30 Points

- Describe the specific operational/implementation or capital plan details for this project(s).
- Describe how this project(s) coordinates transit services to improve access and mobility in the region.
- Specify how your project(s) addresses the gap(s) and/or barrier(s) identified through:
 - Your agency’s/organization’s internal analysis;
 - The most recent Unmet Transit Needs process (https://www.sacog.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/11-unmet_transit_needs.pdf) ;
 - The Lifeline Transportation Study (<https://www.sacog.org/lifeline-transit-study>)
- Describe how this project(s) ensures access to “lifeline” and/or regional destinations (job centers, medical facilities, job training, educational facilities, regional shopping centers, regional transportation hubs, etc.).
- Describe how this project(s) ensures access to transportation for transit dependent populations, particularly those groups identified in the President’s Order for Environmental Justice, areas experiencing high levels of unemployment or chronic underemployment, or low-income high minority areas as defined in the most recent SACOG MTP/SCS.

Scoring

High: A high scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Provides a clear and detailed operational/implementation plan for this project(s);
- Improves access to a large number of “lifeline” and regional destinations;
- Serves multiple user groups, including those without full-time access to cars, those identified in the President’s Order for Environmental Justice, and/or areas experiencing high levels of unemployment or chronic underemployment;
- Adjacent to dense residential and/or job, training or educational centers, or mixed-use areas that are likely to generate significant use of the project(s).

Medium: A medium scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Provides a partial and somewhat detailed operational/implementation plan for this project(s);
- Improves access to some “lifeline” and regional destinations;
- Serves some user groups, including those without full-time access to cars, and some of those identified in the President’s Order for Environmental Justice, and/or portions of areas experiencing high levels of unemployment or chronic underemployment;

- Adjacent to residential and/or job, training or educational centers, or areas that are likely to generate use of the project(s).

Low: A low scoring project would demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Provides no operational/implementation plan for this project(s);
- Provides little or no access to “lifeline” and regional destinations;
- Serves few users, including those without full-time access to cars, those identified in the President’s Order for Environmental Justice, nor areas experiencing high levels of unemployment or chronic underemployment;
- Adjacent areas are low density/controlled access residential and/or job, training or educational centers, that will not generate much, if any, use of the project(s).

C. Project Readiness/Financial Plan = 15 Points

- Describe how this project(s) has long-term financial sustainability.
- Describe how this project(s) provides transportation services cost efficiently.
- When does the sponsor plan to obligate* the requested regional funding at part of an FTA grant award?
- What are the amounts and sources of secured funding for the project?
- What are the amounts and sources of reasonably expected and unsecured funding for the project?
- Will the funds complete the project or a phase of the project? Note: Project sponsors will be responsible for the information provided in the application.

Project sponsors will be asked to supply a full financial budget and detailed project schedule in the application.

Scoring

High: A project will receive a high score if:

- Project(s) transportation services, maintenance, operations and fleet replacements needs, are financially sustainable in the long-term using existing funding sources.
- Project(s) transportation services are provided in the most cost efficient and effective manors possible.
- All other needed funding is fully secured for the phase requested to receive FTA competitive funds, and
- The requested funding will be sufficient to complete the project or phase of the project.

Low: A project will receive a low score if:

- Project(s) transportation services, maintenance, operations and fleet replacements needs, are not financially sustainable in the long-term using existing funding sources.
- Project(s) transportation services are not provided in the most cost efficient and effective manors possible.
- There is reason to doubt that all other needed funding will be fully secured for the phase requested by the estimated obligation date, and
- The requested funding will not be sufficient to complete a phase of the project.

D. Other Consideration = 5 points

The project applicant must demonstrate financial need to implement the proposed project during the two-year period covered by this call for projects. Also, the project applicant should have a track record with delivering FTA grants in a timely manner including technical capacity and reliability for similar projects.