

Funding Allocation Process

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds



Project identification

Each community/entity chooses local transportation projects to submit for funding.

Projects are usually drawn from adopted plans and meet local goals agreed upon by the community and must be included in the MPOJC Long Range Transportation Plan.



Project submission

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) members submit funding applications on behalf of their community/entity.

Applications include the estimated cost of the project and the level of funding requested. Communities/entities must fund at least 20% of the project cost.

TTAC members represent the engineering and transit divisions of the various communities/entities.



Project qualification and scoring

MPOJC staff verify that each project application meets federal eligibility guidelines. Projects are then scored based on criteria agreed upon by all community/entities

The scoring criteria consider a range of characteristics such as congestion, safety, equity, access to schools and employment, and multimodal options, such as pedestrian and bike facilities and transit routes.



Recommendation and selection

TTAC members review project scores and make funding recommendations. This may include negotiation between communities/entities to ensure that necessary projects receive sufficient funding.

These recommendations are forward to the Urbanized Area Policy Board, which is made up of local elected officials. The Board makes the final decision as to which projects to fund and the level of funding.

All committee and board meetings are open to the public and individuals or organizations may attend and provide input.