

GROUP PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR THE MTP AND TIP

The primary intent of including Group Projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is to be able to identify and recognize the collective contributions of relatively small scale transportation projects to the region's transportation system. The Group Project concept also serves as a means to more efficiently advance projects through the transportation planning process.

MTP

The Group Project categories will be included in the MTP in order to provide for financial accountability of relatively small scale projects and studies that may not be listed individually in the MTP.

The Group Project Categories in the MTP are considered Financial Place Holders.

All Group Project categories will be based on mode or purpose and are not subject to subdivision based on local jurisdiction or project sponsor. Within each state, Group Categories are available for all jurisdictions and sponsors.

TIP

With appropriate demonstration of fiscal constraint, Group Project categories are eligible for inclusion in the TIP. Group Project categories allow for possible administrative modification of the TIP to include eligible new projects.

Without exception, Group Project categories in the TIP must be the same as those in the MTP.

For a project to be considered for administrative modification based on a Group Category, the following are required:

- The proposed project or program meets the eligibility requirement of a Group Project
- The proposed project or program meets the guidelines and standards for being added to the TIP through the applicable Administrative Modification process

KIPDA Performance Management Plan

The anticipated performance-based contributions of projects and programs that meet eligibility requirements of a Group Project category (and are added to the TIP through amendment or administrative modification) will be accounted for by way of the KIPDA Performance Management Process, and will be documented in updates of the performance Management plan.

Group Categories

Air Quality Improvements

Projects and programs in the Air Quality Improvements Group are intended to provide for a healthier region by reducing mobile source air pollutants.

Examples of Air Quality Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Ridesharing and vanpooling
- Park and ride facilities
- Traffic flow improvement programs that demonstrate emissions reductions
- Programs for improved public transit
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements (not including the rehabilitation of existing facilities)
- Employer-based transportation management plans, including incentives

For projects and programs to be considered for the Air Quality Improvements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must contribute to improving air quality and meet any of the project and program criteria as defined in Section 108(f) of the Clean Air Act of 1990
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- May contribute to a reduction in vehicle miles travelled
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Projects and programs in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Group are intended to enhance connectivity for functional trips undertaken by cyclists and pedestrians.

Examples of Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Sidewalks
- Bicycle lanes
- Shared-use paths
- Crosswalks and cross signals
- Pedestrian islands
- Rehabilitation of existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Curb ramps
- Signage

For projects and programs to be considered for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must improve modal connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians completing functional trips

- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127
- Must meet ADA accessibility requirements as defined by 28 CFR 35.151
- Are encouraged to:
 - Support the KIPDA Bicycle and Pedestrian planning process
 - Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity with transit
 - Reduce automotive trips, trip length, and mobile source emissions
 - Rehabilitate existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities that have deteriorated
 - Assist with meeting ADA requirements

Roadway and Bridge Preservation and Rehabilitation

Projects in the Roadway and Bridge Preservation and Rehabilitation Group are intended to protect and maintain the transportation infrastructure in an efficient manner.

Examples of Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation include, but are not limited to:

- Pavement resurfacing
- Roadway and bridge rehabilitation
- Preventative maintenance
- Bridge replacement
- Bridge painting
- Bridge inspection

For projects to be considered for the Roadway and Bridge Preservation and Rehabilitation Group, the projects:

- Must preserve the existing roadways and or bridges, retard their future deterioration, and/or contribute to a more safe travelling experience,
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$15,000,000
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127

Roadway Operational Improvements

Projects and programs in the Roadway Operational Improvements Group are generally considered low-cost traffic improvements that do not add either capacity for single occupant vehicles or additional roadway miles.

Examples of Roadway Operational Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Signal timing optimization
- Turning lanes
- Pavement striping
- Lane assignment changes

- Signage and lighting

For projects and programs to be considered for the Roadway Operational Improvements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must improve the flow of traffic
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127

Safety Improvements

Projects and programs in the Safety Improvements Group are intended to reduce crashes on all public roadways and transit.

Examples of Safety Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Guardrails
- Signage
- Lighting improvements
- Pedestrian crosswalks and crossing signals
- Intersection improvements
- Access to transit stops
- Transit boarding and alighting
- Education and awareness programs
- Railroad / Roadway Crossing Improvements

For projects and programs to be considered for the Safety Improvements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must contribute to reducing crashes, including those that involve bicyclists or pedestrians; or enhance public transportation safety
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$2,000,000
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127
- Are encouraged to:
 - Address safety concerns found at the KIPDA High Crash Locations
 - Consider the *FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures*
 - Consider HSIP Eligible projects criteria as defined in 23 USC 148(a)(4)(B)
 - Support the *National Public Transportation Safety Plan*
 - Support the *Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan* as defined in 49 CFR Part 673

Transit Improvements

Projects and programs in the Transit Improvements Group are intended to enhance the operation of public transit and to contribute to maintaining, and when possible increasing, its utilization.

Examples of Transit Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Bus stop improvements
- On-board transit amenities
- Facility improvements
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities that improve non-motorized access to transit
- Park and ride facilities
- Transit education and awareness programs
- Rolling stock purchases, updates, and modifications

For projects and programs to be considered for the Transit Improvements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must contribute to enhancing the operation of public transit and contribute to maintaining, and when possible, increasing its utilization
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- Must contribute to meeting KIPDA Performance Targets
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127

Transportation Enhancements

Projects and programs in the Transportation Enhancement Group are intended to provide for transportation related environmental mitigation and beautification to the transportation system.

Examples of Transportation Enhancements include, but are not limited to:

- Streetscapes
- Landscaping
- Storm water management
- Pedestrian and cyclist amenities such as benches and bicycle racks
- Inventory control or removal of outdoor advertising
- Preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities

For projects and programs to be considered for the Transportation Enhancements Group, the projects and programs:

- Must contribute to enhancing the transportation system
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- May not be considered regionally significant as defined in 23 CFR 450.104
- Must be categorized as an Air Quality Exempt project as defined in 40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127

Transportation Studies

The Transportation Studies Group is intended to facilitate the research, review, and consideration of solutions to various transportation issues and enhancements.

Examples of Transportation Studies include, but are not limited to:

- Corridor studies
- Transit studies
- Bicycle facilities studies
- Pedestrian facilities studies
- Anticipated demographic changes and Transportation Demand Management

For studies to be considered for the Transportation Studies Group, the studies:

- Must contribute to a more informed decision-making process, as well as more efficient and expeditious project and program development and advancement
- May not have a total project cost in excess of \$1,000,000
- Must demonstrate consideration of contributing to achieving KIPDA Performance Targets
- When applicable, are encouraged to:
 - Include consideration of various modal opportunities
 - Include consideration of TSMO strategies (including ITS and TDM)
 - Include a well-rounded community engagement process, including early and continuous involvement
 - Include consideration of KIPDA's Congestion Management Process
 - Include consideration of KIPDA's Environmental Justice Resource Document