



SRTC Unified List Project Evaluation Criteria

The SRTC Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities outlines critical investments to improve the performance of the regional transportation system. The Unified List includes a variety of project types supported collectively by members of SRTC with consideration for equity, economic vitality, and safety among other screening criteria that indicate beneficial outcomes to both the state and the region.

250
Total Points Possible



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Points

Economic Vitality

Targets transportation investments aimed at the development of a multi-modal system that enhances accessibility and connections among the region's activity centers.

Question 1 10 points

- ▶ Does the project improve access to/from or within an **activity center**?
 - » Metropolitan Center or Regional Industrial, Retail, Employment, or Mixed Center 10 points
 - » Neighborhood or Rural Center, or Special Use Area 5 points

Question 2 5 points

- ▶ Does the project contain active transportation or transit-supportive elements and improve access to/from or within one of the activity center types listed below?
 - » Metropolitan Center
 - » Regional Retail, Employment, or Mixed Center
 - » Neighborhood or Rural Center
 - » Special Use Area

Question 3 5 points

- ▶ Does the project contain freight-supportive elements and improve access to/from or within one of the activity center types listed below?
 - » Metropolitan Center
 - » Regional Industrial, Retail, or Mixed Center

Question 4 5 points

- ▶ What is the **forecasted 2050 employment density** of transportation analysis zones (TAZ) within a 0.25-mile buffer of the project?

Question 5 5 points

- ▶ Is the project located on the **Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS)**?

* Points scaled based on FGTS classification.



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Points**

Cooperation and Leadership

Relates to SRTC's role as a regional forum to identify regional transportation needs, establish priorities, and develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements.

Question 1 15 points

- ▶ Is the project identified in the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Transit Development Plan, and/or Comprehensive Plan?

Question 2 15 points

- ▶ Is the project identified in other agency plans; has it gone through a documented public outreach process?



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Points**

Stewardship

Emphasizes transportation investments that maximize positive impacts on the human environment while minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment.

Question 1 10 points

- ▶ Does the project incorporate electrification or other clean fuel strategies?

Question 2 10 points

- ▶ Does the project increase resilience by adding or preserving redundancy in areas of limited connectivity* or to facilities identified as most critical† in the SRTC System Resiliency Assessment?

* Areas of limited connectivity are defined as those lacking the necessary infrastructure to support federal functional classification (FFC) spacing guidelines and/or transit in areas currently lacking service. More information on FFC spacing guidelines is available in WSDOT's [Guidelines for Amending Functional Classification in Washington State](#) manual.

† The [SRTC System Resiliency Assessment](#) lists the following infrastructure as the region's most critical facilities: I-90 Latah Creek Bridge, viaduct structures downtown, US 2 West overcrossing at US 2 and I-90, US 195 overcrossing at I-90, and the Hwy 290 Spur bridge.

Question 3 10 points

- ▶ Does the project reduce air quality emissions or Vehicles Hours Traveled (VHT)/Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?*

* Relates to SRTC's [Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Framework Plan](#).



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Points**

Operations, Maintenance, and Preservation

Involves strategically investing limited resources to maximize the operations and physical condition of the transportation network.

Question 1 10 points

- ▶ Does the project incorporate Transportation Demand Management (TDM) or Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) solutions or improve capacity without adding travel lanes or roadways?*

* Criteria relates to federal transportation performance management (TPM) requirements.

Question 2 10 points

- ▶ Does the project improve mobility on a corridor with a Level of Travel Time Reliability greater than 1.5?*

* Criteria relates to federal TPM requirements.

Question 3 10 points

- ▶ Does the project incorporate any strategies from the [CMP Toolkit of Strategies](#) on a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Corridor on the [CMP Network](#)?

» Specific strategies identified for Tier 1 CMP Corridors in the [CMP Strategies Matrix](#) 10 points

» Other TDM or operational strategies identified in the CMP Toolkit on a Tier 1 CMP Corridor 8 points

» Other TDM or operational strategies identified in the CMP Toolkit on a Tier 2 CMP Corridor 6 points

» Other capacity strategies identified in the CMP Toolkit on a Tier 1 CMP Corridor 4 points

» Other capacity strategies identified in the CMP Toolkit on a Tier 2 CMP Corridor 2 points

Question 4 10 points

- ▶ Does the project improve pavement or bridge condition on the National Highway System (NHS), or contribute to STA's adopted public transit asset management targets?*

* Criteria relates to federal TPM requirements.

Question 5 10 points

- ▶ Does the project address a need identified in the [SRTMC ITS Architecture Plan](#), SRTMC Implementation Plan, or local technology plan?



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Points

Safety and Security

Focuses on designing a safe and secure system for all transportation modes through best-practice design, operational improvements, education and outreach, and technological strategies.

Question 1 15 points

- ▶ Is the project identified in a state, regional, or local safety plan, or an approved prioritized list of safety projects?

Question 2 15 points

- ▶ What **countermeasures** or strategies* does the project incorporate to address crashes that result in serious or fatal injury? If the project is a transit project, how does it contribute to STA safety targets?

* Please provide supporting documentation (e.g., studies, modeling results, or similar evidence) demonstrating the effectiveness of any identified strategies.

Question 3 10 points

- ▶ Does the project address safety issues on the High Injury Network?

Question 4 10 points

- ▶ If the project addresses safety issues, what is the severity-weighted crash rate* of the project area?

* The severity-weighted crash rate represents equivalent property-damage-only (EPDO) crashes per 1 million vehicle miles traveled. It applies weights of 76.8 to fatal and serious injury crashes, and 8.4 to evident or possible injury crashes.



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Points

Quality of Life

Aims to improve choice and mobility by providing safe and convenient transportation options for people of all abilities.

Question 1 10 points

- ▶ Is the project on the Regional Bicycle Priority Network and does it have a active transportation element(s); or does the project add a new pedestrian connection or feature beyond what is required for ADA compliance?

Question 2 10 points

- ▶ Is the project on the Regional Transit Priority Network and does it have a transit-supportive element(s)?*

* Examples include new/enhanced transit, bus stops, active transportation facilities, pavement work, signal improvements, and TSMO improvements.

Question 3 10 points

- ▶ Does the project extend or fill gap in one of the regional trails, or provide new active transportation connectivity to one of the regional trails?*

* Regional trails: Centennial, Children of the Sun, Ben Burr, Fish Lake, Millwood, Sunset, and Appleway.



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Equity*

Addresses protecting disadvantaged communities from disproportionately high adverse impacts, while equitably distributing the benefits of transportation investments.

* Equity is a statewide priority and is applied as a criterion only in SRTC's project evaluation and prioritization in it's role as a state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO).

Question 1 10 points

- ▶ Does the project directly benefit residents in an area of potential disadvantage?

Question 2 5 points

- ▶ If yes to question one, has the project gone through a documented public outreach process, or has targeted engagement been conducted, with communities of potential disadvantage?

Question 3 10 points

- ▶ Does the project incorporate appropriate countermeasures to address safety issues, or contribute to STA safety targets, in an area of potential disadvantage?

Question 4 5 points

- ▶ Does the project provide access or increase transit frequency to/from or within an activity center?