Alternatives to the Circ Project Prioritization

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Why Prioritize Projects?

• Advance projects consistent with long-range goals and objectives

• Ensure consistency in the programming of transportation projects

• Accountability and transparency

• Efficient use of transportation dollars
CCRPC Methodology

- Projects are scored on 6 planning factors identified to be important by CCRPC MTP, Federal law and VT Legislature
  - Economic Vitality
  - Safety and Security
  - Accessibility, Mobility and Connectivity
  - Environment, Energy and Quality of Life
  - Preservation of Existing System
  - Efficient System Management
Changes to Methodology

- Circ factors are incorporated by scoring projects located in, or serving, the Circ study area
- Specificity regarding Designated Growth Centers, Downtown, Village Centers and New Town Centers has been added
- Include additional criteria for regional connectivity for pedestrian/bike and transit
- Still includes a readiness factor
CCRPC Methodology

- Condition of existing system
  - Highest points to projects that improve a documented safety problem – roads, bridges, pedestrian/bike facilities, transit facilities
  - Highest points for projects improve deteriorated roads, bridges, pedestrian/bike facilities, transit facilities
CCRPC Methodology

- Access and Connectivity
  - Highest points to projects that facilitate regional connectivity for roads, bridges, pedestrian/bike, transit
  - Highest points for projects that provide access to Vermont designated Growth Centers, Downtowns, New Town Centers and Village Centers
  - Highest points to projects that expand transit and pedestrian/bike facilities making regional connections
**CCRPC Methodology**

- Environmental factors
  - Highest points to projects that reduce VMT through:
    - new or expanded transit
    - regional pedestrian/bike facilities
    - park and ride lots
    - TDM
  - Highest points for traffic calming and streetscape in Vermont designated Growth Centers, Downtowns, New Town Centers and Village Centers
  - Highest points for project that encourage compact land use
Questions/Comments?