

Vermont Project Selection and Project Prioritization (VPSP2)

Overview of Year 2 – Interstate, State, and Town Highway Bridges

CCRPC TAC Presentation March 2, 2022





Develop a performance-based, data driven project selection & prioritization framework that maximizes the "transportation value" delivered to Vermont taxpayers.





How is Transportation Value Determined?

- VTrans worked with Stakeholders to identify Eight Criteria for evaluating projects
- A Workbook was developed to score projects on the eight criteria
- The number of points for each criteria was determined by stakeholder input



FIVE MODES





SAFETY
Max points = 20

MOBILITY /
CONNECTIVITY
Max points = 15

ECONOMIC
ACCESS
Max points = 10

RESILIENCY
Max points = 10

ASSET
CONDITION
Max points = 20

REGIONAL
Max points = 10

ENVIRONMENT Max points = 10

HEALTH ACCESS
Max points = 5



How to get Projects on the Capital Program

- Asset Driven
- Safety Driven
- Regionally Driven -- new





VPSP2 Year 2 – Interstate, State, Town Highway Bridges

Step 1: VTrans Develop Budget Targets – September 1 – October 30

Step 2: VTrans Identify Asset Driven Potential Projects – November 1 – February 28

Step 3: VTrans Provide Asset Driven Projects to RPCs — Week of March 1

Step 4: RPC Scoring for Asset Driven Projects – March 1 – May 31

Step 5: RPCs Identify Regionally Driven Potential Projects – March 1 – May 31

Step 6: RPC to Send Asset and Regional Scores to VTrans – June 1

Step 7: VTrans Create Statewide Potential Project List - July 1 – July 31

Step 8: RPC Review Statewide Potential Project List - August 1 – September 30

Step 9: VTrans to finalize list - October 1 – November 30



April TAC Meeting

- Review Asset Driven Project List
- Identify Regionally Driven Potential Projects

May TAC Meeting

- Review Scores of Asset Driven and Regionally Driven projects
- Make recommendations to Board

June 1

 Submit Asset Driven project scores and Regionally Driven project list and scores to VTrans





Questions?

Discussion





VPSP2 Workbook – Safety – 20 points

- Number of Intersections
- Project length
- AADT
- Existing Shoulder Width
- Proposed Shoulder Width
- Crash Modification Factors (increase shoulder width, rumble strips, medians, signal/intersection upgrades, lighting upgrades)





VPSP2 Workbook – Asset Condition – 20 points

- Customer Service Level (CSL 1 NHS Interstate, CSL 2 NHS Non-Interstate, CSL 3 Regional Corridors, CSL 4 Local Connectors, CSL 5 Class 1 Town Highways, CSL 6 Class 2 and 3 Town Highways)
- Right Treatment at the Right Time





VPSP2 Workbook – Mobility – 7 points

- Level of Service Before
- Level of Service After





VPSP2 Workbook – Connectivity – 8 points

- Does the project enhance or improve connectivity for bicyclist/pedestrian? (2 points)
 - If yes, is it on a high priority bike corridor? (2 points)
- Does project enhance or improve connectivity for transit users? (Max points for transit is 4)
 - If yes does the project incorporate transit improvements? (bus shelter, bus turnout, bike racks, sidewalks, transit parking) (4 points)
 - Does project connect or is on transit route? (2 points)
- Does project improve or enhance inter-modal connections? (Max points for intermodal is 4)
 - If yes connect to a park and ride? (2 points)
 - If yes does the project connect to a train station? (2 points)
 - If yes connect to an airport? (2 points)
 - If yes connect to a bus station/intermodal center? (2 points)





VPSP2 Workbook – Economic Access – 10 points

- Designated Growth Center, Designated Downtown, Town Center (9 points)
- Village Center (7 points)
- Growth Areas Identified in Regional Plans or CEDS (5 points)
- Other areas that are not included above but are important to existing or future economy? (2 points)
- Annual average truck trips (2 points)
- AADT (4 points)





VPSP2 Workbook – Resiliency – 10 points

- Score from Vermont Statewide Highway Flood Vulnerability and Risk Map
- Project must include at least one of 64 identified flood mitigation measures





VPSP2 Workbook – Environment – 10 points

- Dual benefit for wildlife or aquatic organism passage? (5 points)
- Primary benefit for wildlife or aquatic organism passage? (10 points)
- Design incorporate potential for EV charging stations? (does the project include parking locations where EV could be added)(5 points)
- Design supports operational efficiency? (less queuing, synchronized signals, added turn lanes) (5 points)
- Design features address Transportation Demand Management (TDM)? (more efficient route, public transit, bike/ped accommodations)(5 points)
- Include installation of stormwater features beyond required by permit? (5 points)
- Eliminate direct discharge? (2 points)
- Prevent future or existing erosion? (increase culvert size) (2 points)
- Project design gains credit towards TMDL load allocations? (5 points)
- Greater than 10% reduction in impervious footprint? (2 points)
- Project preserve a cultural resource (i.e. historic bridge)? (10 points)
- Project mitigate impacts to cultural resources? (5 points)





VPSP2 Workbook – Regional – 10 points

- Project identified in regional plan or does need support goals identified in a regional plan? (2 points)
- Municipality engagement in project planning? (3 points)
- Will project improve sense of community? (public space, space to gather, park enhancements, traffic calming, trees, lighting, gateway) (2 points)
- Key community features in project area (schools, senior centers, parks, churches, libraries, municipal buildings) (3 points)



VPSP2 Workbook – Health Access – 5 points

- Is project enhancing access to health care facility or physical activity facility? (senior center, park, trails, school with community recreational program)
- Is project enhancing or improving health access to healthy food destinations? (grocery store, health food store, foodshelf, school lunch program, low-income meals program)
- Is project increasing the opportunity for physical activity?

Low Impact 3 points – upgrade to existing sidewalk, crosswalks, shoulders, bus stop, signals

High Impact 5 points – new sidewalk, crosswalk, shoulders, ADA upgrades at intersection, new bus stop, addition of ped phases, new transit route