

Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting date: September 28, 2026

Agenda Item #: 6 (Attachment D)

2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program – Draft Application

Questions

Agenda item type: Informational Briefing

Summary

Discussion on the potential application questions for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, Regional and Subregional Share calls for projects.

Background

At the August and September TIP Subcommittee meetings, TAC members and alternates in attendance were able to review and provide feedback on staff-proposed adjustments to the application questions before bringing them to the full committee for review.

Attachment 1 outlines the existing TIP application questions and any proposed adjustments based on the subcommittee's feedback. Additional details about the attachment and the application sections are below.

The application is proposed to be divided into sections, including:

Section A – Project Information.

- This section is not weighted or scored.
- Contains basic project information the applicant fills in regarding the project, including items such as the project title, contact information, key project elements and scope and funding request information.

Section B – Impact of the Proposed Project.

- This section is scored with a proposed weight of 25%.
- Contains project importance, review of the existing issues, potential benefits, community impacts and connections to land use and housing.

Section C – Regional Transportation Plan Priorities.

- This section is scored with a proposed weight of 50% in the Regional Share and 60% in the Subregional Share.
- Contains the project's impact to the six proposed 2050 Regional Transportation Plan's investment priorities: reliability, air quality, regional transit, safety, freight and active transportation.

Section D – Project Readiness.

- This section is scored with a proposed weight of 15%.



- Contains a review of the sponsor's readiness to apply and receive funding, including questions concerning avoiding pitfalls and roadblocks, match availability and public outreach to date.

Section E – Regionalism.

- This section is new and will be scored with a proposed weight of 10% for the Regional Share only. As proposed, this section will remain for the Subregional Share call for projects but not be scored.
 - For the Subregional Share application, each forum has the option to add questions and/or adjust the weighting of the Regional Share application. If any forum desires, they could retain this section weighting (proposed at 10%), and not increase the percentage in Section C.
- The section considers how “regional” a project is, based on previously entered yes/no checkboxes in Section C, in relationship to its location on DRCOG-defined networks.
- The automatically calculated score in this section is proposed to be used as an evaluation metric by the Regional Share Project Review Panel to help determine how “regional” one submittal is over another.

Additional features of the proposed application questions include:

- The application intends to continue the use of yes/no checkboxes in most sections. In general, a checkbox marked yes is positive and can be used by those scoring to assist in developing a final score.
- The application questions contain the text “when fully constructed”. Applicants should respond to the question as if their proposed project is being constructed, even if they are only applying for pre-construction funding.
- Each set of Regional Transportation Plan investment priority questions contains a special question pertaining to applications that are for a study only. This is included because a majority of submitted studies may not be able to ascertain the nature and locations of issues to be addressed, and what solutions will be developed in response.
- In some questions, there is underlined text, which has been added to place emphasis for the benefit of the reviewer. This will be removed in the application when the calls open.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

[August 12, 2026](#) – TIP Subcommittee.

[September 10, 2026](#) – TIP Subcommittee.

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

1. Staff presentation.
2. Draft application questions.



For more information

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