

PROJECT EVALUATION SCORING CRITERIA

Applications for the Transportation Enhancements grant program can receive up to **100** points based on the following scoring system. Scores will be divided into two sections:

General Scoring Process: All applicants will complete this section in full, up to **60** points total. The project scores in this section are based upon general grant information that is requested of all applications.

General Scores:	0-60 Points
#1. Strafford MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan	0-5 Points
#2. Regional Plan Documents	0-10 Points
#3. Multiple Community/Organization Support	0-10 Points
#4. Documented Public Involvement/Municipal Support	0-5 Points
#5. Documented Municipal Support	0-5 Points
#6. Accurate Project Cost Estimates	0-10 Points
#7. Geographic Distribution	0-5 Points
#8. Intermodal Connections	0-5 Points
#9. Multiple Elements of Activity-Specific Scores	0-5 Points

Activity-Specific Scoring Process: This section will include three distinct subsections. Each project will only be scored in one subsection based on the primary intent of the project. All applications will receive up to **40** points in their respective sections.

#10. Bicycle And Pedestrian Projects:	0-40 Points
#10.A. Infrastructure and Facilities	0-15 Points
#10.B. Safety Factors	0-15 Points
#10.C. Safety and Educational Activities	0-10 Points
#11. Historic Preservation And Archeology Projects:	0-40 Points
#11.A. Historical Preservation/ Archeological Significance	0-25 Points
#11. B. Access to Facilities	0-15 Points
#12. Natural Environment Projects:	0-40 Points
#12.A. Environmental Regulations	0-30 Points
#12.B. Wildlife Protection	0-10 Points
#13. Scenic Projects:	0-40 Points
#13.A. Scenic Easements	0-25 Points
#13.B. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs	0-15 Points

Please note that communities that did not pay their Fiscal-Year 2010 Dues to Strafford Regional Planning Commission will automatically be penalized 15 points per application. This criterion is to ensure equity to communities that pay their fair share of the dues.

GENERAL SCORING PROCESS: 0 - 60 POINTS

All projects may receive up to **60** points by answering all questions in this section. For additional information, see page one, under general scoring process.

#1 - Strafford MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 0-5 Points

Is the project consistent with the goals and objectives of the Strafford MPO's 2009-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan? Please identify the goal and objective from the 2009-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan that best relates to the project.

Primary Goal: _____

Primary Objective: _____

- 0 points if the project is not consistent with the goals and objectives in the Strafford MPO's 2009-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 5 points if the project is consistent with the goals and objectives in the Strafford MPO's 2009-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

#1 Score: _____

#2 - Regional Plan Documents: 0-10 Points

Has this project undergone previous planning as a component of a larger transportation plan or a plan of its own? Examples include Regional Corridor Studies, Bicycle/Pedestrian Plans, Natural Resources Plans, Municipal Master Plan, etc). Please identify the plan's title, section related to project, and pages within the plan.

Regional Plan Title: _____

Regional Plan Section: _____

Regional Plan Page(s): _____

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- 0 points if non of the following statements apply to the project
- 2 points if the plan identified includes a needs statement for this project
- 2 points if the project is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the plan identified
- 2 points if the plan identifies existing conditions related to the project
- 2 points if the plan outlines various options available and the reasons that this option was identified as the project
- 2 points if the plan identified outlines possible natural and/or historical resources that could potentially be impacted by this project

#2 Score: _____

#3 - Multiple Community/Organization Support: 0-10 Points

Is more than one community or organization involved with the planning and application process? Please identify the communities and organizations involved with the planning and application process of the project.

Community #1: _____ AND Community #2: _____

AND/OR

Organization #1: _____ AND Organization #1: _____

- 0 points if the project does not involve more than one community or more than one organization
- 5 points if the project involves more than one community
- 5 points if the project involves more than one organization

#3 Score: _____

#4 - Documented Public Involvement: 0-5 Points

Has a documented public involvement process been completed for the project? Please provide a brief summary of the documented public involvement process that was used for the project and attach any public notices related to the public involvement process.

Public Involvement Process: _____

- 0 points if the project has not gone through a documented public involvement process
- 5 points if the project has gone through a documented public involvement process

#4 Score: _____

#5 - Municipal Support: 0-5 Points

Did the project receive letters of support from municipal boards, community organizations, individuals, businesses, etc.? Please attach any letter received for the project and identify who the letter is from below.

Letter #1: _____

Letter #2: _____

Letter #3: _____

Letter #4: _____

Letter #5: _____

- 0 points if the project has not received any letters of support from municipal boards, community organizations, individuals, businesses, etc.

- 1 point for each letter of support received for the project, with a maximum of 5 points per project

#5 Score: _____

#6 Accurate Project Cost Estimates: 0-10 Points

What project cost estimating process has this project gone through so far? Please document the process that the project has gone through to this point, identify the person that completed the process and how the costs were estimated.

Cost Estimating Process: _____

- 0 points if the project has not gone through a cost estimating process
- 3 points if the project has identified the local match and has already reserved and committed to funding
- 2 points if the project added funding for the new FHWA regulations regarding construction inspection
- 3 points if the cost estimate were completed by someone that routinely prepares cost estimation for projects as part of their job responsibilities
- 2 points if all components of Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, Construction, and any other aspect of the project that will be completed with grant funds

#6 Score: _____

#7 – Geographic Distribution: 0-5 Points

For the community/organization that is applying for funds, have they received Transportation Enhancements grants funds for projects from FY 2001 to present? Please identify any projects that have received funding from FY 2001 to present by providing the Transportation Enhancements grant number.

Project #1: _____ Project #2: _____

Project #3: _____ Project #4: _____

- 0 points if the community/organization that is applying for funds has received grant funds more than 4 Transportation Enhancements projects from FY 2001 to present.
- 2.5 points if the community/organization that is applying for funds has received grant funds for 2-3 Transportation Enhancements projects from FY 2001 to present.
- 5 points if the community/organization that is applying for funds has received grant funds for 0-1 Transportation Enhancements projects from FY 2001 to present.

#7 Score: _____

#8 – Intermodal Connections: 0-5 Points

Does this project achieve, facilitate, or promote the use of alternative modes or the interconnection of different modes of transportation? Please list all modes of transportation that will be made available from the project. Examples from include: pedestrian, bicycle, transit, rail, marine, equestrian, automobile modes of transportation.

Mode Choice #1: _____ Mode Choice #2: _____

Mode Choice #3: _____ Mode Choice #4: _____

- 0 points if the project does not achieve the objectives listed above
- 2.5 points if the project connects 1-2 of the above mentioned mode choice

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- 5 points if the project connects 3 or more of the above mentioned mode choices

#8 Score: _____

#9 - Multiple Elements of Activity-Specific Scores: 0-5 Points

Does the project encompass more than one of the three plan-specific categories listed below? The three categories are listed below. Circle the categories that relate to the project.

- 1) Bicycle and pedestrian projects
- 2) Historic preservation and archeology projects
- 3) Scenic and natural environment projects.

Explanation: _____

- 0 points if the project only falls into one of the three categories listed above
- 2.5 points if the project falls into at least two of the three categories listed above.
- 5 points if the project falls into all three categories listed above.

#9 Score: _____

GENERAL SCORE TOTAL: _____

ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC SCORING PROCESS: 0-40 POINTS

The activity-specific scoring process will include three sections. Each project will only be eligible to score points in one section. This will ensure that similar projects will compete with similar projects. The broad categories and FHWA activities under each category will include the following. Please check the box that best represents the primary intent of the project.

Bicycle And Pedestrian Projects: 0-40 Points (Pages 9/10)

- Provisions of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- Provisions of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion for use as bicycle paths and pedestrian facilities)

Historic Preservation And Archeology Projects: 0-40 Points (Pages 11/12)

- Acquisition historic sites
- Historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
- Historic Preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
- Establishment of transportation museums
- Archeological planning and research

Natural Environment Projects: 0-40 Points (Pages 13/14)

- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity

Scenic Projects: 0-40 Points (Pages 15/16)

- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic sites
- Scenic or highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)

#10 - BICYCLE AND PEDEDSTRIAN PROJECTS: 0-40 Points

If the primary purpose of the project is to promote bicycle and pedestrian projects, fill out this section of the application. Do not fill out sections 11 and 12.

#10.A. - Infrastructure and Facilities: 0-15 Points

Does this bicycle or pedestrian project provide the following bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure and facilities? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project will not include any of the following factors
- 6 points if the project has been identified as a missing link to an existing bicycle or pedestrian network.
- 3 points if the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) federal requirements.
- 3 points if the project will include any of the following: lighting, crosswalks, bicycle racks, bike lockers, signs, trees, flowers, etc.
- 3 points if the project will connect with one of the regional public transit providers

#10.A. Score: _____

#10.B. - Safety Factors: 0-15 Points

Does this bicycle or pedestrian project improve safety conditions in the regional transportation system? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project does not address any of the following factors
- 3 points if the project is a separate path not adjacent to a roadway; multi-use bike paths, rails-to-trails, etc.
- 6 points if the project provides connections to locations that were previously inaccessible, examples include: schools, employment, municipal facilities, park and ride lot, etc.

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- 6 points if the project has identified the safety issues related and has identified methods in correcting the safety issues that has been incorporated into the grant application

#10.B. Score: _____

#10.C. - Safety and Educational Activities: 0-10 Points

Does the bicycle or pedestrian project incorporate safety and/or educational related activities into the project? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project does not incorporate any safety or educational related activities into the project
- 5 points if the project incorporates safety related activities into the project
- 5 points if the project incorporates educational related activities into the project

#10.C. Score: _____

TOTAL BICYCLE AND PEDEDSTRIAN PROJECTS SCORE: _____

#11 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHEOLOGY PROJECTS: 0-40 POINTS

If the primary purpose of the project is to promote historic preservation and archeology projects, fill out this section of the application. Do not fill out sections 10 and 12.

#11.A. - Historical Preservation/Archeological Significance: 0-25 Points

Does the historical preservation or archeological project enhance the enjoyment of and access to scenic, cultural, environmental, or historical resources? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project does not relate to any of the following statements
- 5 points if the historical preservation and/or archeology project has been determined by the municipality to be designated as an historically significant site or district and is documented
- 5 points if the project is eligible or listed on the state or national registry (please note that all projects will need to put on the state or national registry if funds are awarded)
- 5 points if the project identifies threatened historical or archeological artifacts that would be threatened if not protected
- 5 points if the project has identified the standards the project will utilize under the Secretary of the Interiors standards (please note that all projects will need to follow these standards if funds are awarded)
- 5 points if the project is eligible for funding under the Scenic Byways program

#11.A. Scores: _____

#11.B. - Access to Facilities: 0-15 Points

Will the public have access to the historical preservation or archeological project? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project does not relate to any of the following statements
- 3 points if project will allow public access to the above ground sections of the project but not below ground (to protect archeological artifacts)

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- 3 points if the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) federal requirements.
- 3 points if the project includes the rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities or the establishment of a transportation museum
- 3 points if the project has an archeologist on site as needed during any phase of the project

#11.B. Score: _____

**TOTAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHEOLOGY PROJECTS
SCORE: _____**

#12 -NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS: 0-40 Points

If the primary purpose of the project is to promote natural environment projects, fill out this section of the application. Projects include environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity. Do not fill out sections 10 and 11.

#12.A. - Environmental Regulations: 0-30 Points

To what extent has the project identified environmental regulations that will apply to the project? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the project does not relate to any of the following statements
- 5 points if the project complies with the municipality's environmental regulations related to the type of project being proposed
- 5 points if the project addresses environmental mitigation related to water pollution due to highway runoff
- 5 points if the project coordinates with a landscape architect and/or other storm water management professionals
- 5 points if the project applies innovative engineering solutions to existing conditions related to storm water/water pollution
- 5 points if the project addresses visual problems associated with storm water runoff, examples include: soil erosion or poor water quality
- 5 points if the project has identified realistic outcomes of the proposed project

#12.A. Score: _____

#12.B. - Wildlife Protection: 0-10 Points

- 0 points if the project does not relate to any of the following statements
- 5 points if the project intends to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- 5 points if the project intends to maintain, improve, or restore habitat connectivity

#12.B. Score: _____

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS TOTAL: _____

#13 - SCENIC PROJECTS: 0-40 Points

If the primary purpose of the project is to promote scenic projects, fill out this section of the application. Do not fill out sections 10 and 11.

#12.A. Scenic Easements: 0-25 Points

Will this project purchase land for an easement as part of the project? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 0 points if the natural environment and scenic project does not relate to any of the following statements
- 5 points if the project has been determined by the municipality to be designated historically significant site or district and is documented
- 5 points if the project will preserve the existing land use and transportation options available on the property and will not alter options
- 5 points if the easement is being held by a third party organization or committee and not the municipality
- 5 points if the easement protects and preserves the viewshed of the proposed project
- 5 points if the community that is proposing the natural environment and scenic project coordinates with local/regional conservation groups in the planning and implementation of the project

#12.C. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs: 0-15 Points

What is the scenic or historic authenticity and integrity of the highway? Please check all boxes that relate to the project.

- 6 points if the project will connect scenic or historic highway project to the general public for use
- 6 points if the project contains one of the following provisions: tourist or welcome center includes highway turnouts, overlooks, viewing areas, designation signs and markers related to specific scenic or historic sites
- 3 points if the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) federal requirements.

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SCENIC PROJECTS TOTAL: _____

PROJECT NUMBER: _____
GENERAL SCORE TOTAL: _____
BICYCLE AND PEDEDSTRIAN PROJECTS SCORE: _____
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHEOLOGY PROJECTS: _____
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS: _____
SCENICPROJECTS _____
FY 2010 SRPC Dues Penalty: _____
SRPC TOTAL POINTS: _____
TOTAL SCORE: _____
RANK: _____