



February 18, 2020



AGENDA ITEM 6B

CONNECTIONS 2045 REGIONAL MOBILITY PLAN

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

At the January 21, 2020 Board meeting, members were present a schedule of activities surrounding the Connections 2045 Regional Mobility Plan (RMP). Following that schedule, the Project Team will be presenting information regarding the RMP Needs Plan, Evaluation Criteria, Prioritization Criteria, Jurisdictional Outreach, and an update on Public Engagement.

JANUARY 2020

The following are the items that were discussed at the January 21, 2020 CRTPA Board Meeting:

Connections 2045 RMP Goals – Discussed at February 4, 2020 Committee meetings with no changes.

Public Engagement – CRTPA staff establishing meetings with individual municipalities for input and seeking additional events to gather MetroQuest survey's before February 29, 2020.

Milestone's – Project Team presented schedule to Board regarding approval of the Cost Feasible Plan in June 2020.

FEBRUARY 2020

There are several items that the Project Team will be presenting that are detailed on the following pages, including:

- Needs Plan
- Evaluation Criteria
- Prioritization Criteria
- Jurisdictional Outreach
- Public Engagement (Update)

Needs Plan

The Needs Plan is created to aggregate all projects into a single list for evaluation and analysis to determine if the project should move into the next step of the process. The projects are not ranked, and it does not matter where the projects are located. The documents used to create the Needs Plan include previous plans, public input, congestion data, and safety conditions. After the Needs Plan is created the **Evaluation Criteria** is applied to determine which projects move further into the RMP

process for evaluation using the **Prioritization Criteria**. Both the **Evaluation Criteria** and **Prioritization Criteria** are presented and discussed on the following pages.

Evaluation Criteria

The overall process for producing a Cost Feasible Plan calls for the Needs Plan to be measured against criteria that will provide a list based on a project’s viability and utility (the process used in the development of the 2040 RMP). After the Board reviews and provides comments on the criteria, the next step will be to assign a “score” or “weight” to each project based on how well each project meets that criteria. The “scoring” and “weighting” of the criteria is scheduled to be discussed at the March Board meeting. The proposed Evaluation Criteria are shown in **TABLE 1**.

TABLE 1

Evaluation Criteria	Definition
Part of an Adopted Plan	Project exists in a currently adopted municipal, county, regional, or state plan
Funding Commitment	Project has dedicated local funding contribution or funding partnership
Natural Environment	Project has limited impacts to sensitive natural environmental features
Social Environment	Project provides positive contributions to designated revitalization areas and Title VI communities

Prioritization Criteria

After the Evaluation Criteria analysis is complete, the next step in the process is the application of the Prioritization Criteria to the remaining projects. The Prioritization Criteria determines the performance of each project against the other projects to create a priority list of projects. Like the Evaluation Criteria, after the Board reviews and provides comments on the Prioritization Criteria, the next step will be to assign a “score” or “weight” to each project based on how well each project meets that criteria. The “scoring” and “weighting” of the criteria is scheduled to be discussed at the March Board meeting. The proposed Prioritization Criteria are shown in **TABLE 2**.

After the Prioritization Criteria process is complete, additional steps include the application of projected revenues to the prioritized list (April 2020) followed by creating “Tiers” of projects (May 2020) that feed into the Priority Projects List (June 2020).

Jurisdictional Outreach

Since the January 21, 2020 CRTPA Board meeting, the Project Team has scheduled meetings to discuss the Connections 2045 RMP with member governments including:

- February 7, 2020 – Town of Havana
- February 7, 2020 – City of Midway
- February 26, 2020 – City of Quincy
- February 26, 2020 - City of Gretna
- February 28, 2020 – Town of Greensboro
- February 28, 2020 – City of Chattahoochee

Additional meetings are being scheduled to discuss the project with the City of Sopchoppy, City of St. Marks, and the City of Monticello.

TABLE 2

Prioritization Criteria	Definition
Growth Center/Economic Development Area	Project is located adjacent to a growth area (contained within the Quality Growth Plus scenario, or designated as an economic development/growth area in local plans)
Evacuation Route	Project is a part of or directly serves an identified evacuation route
Identified Gateway	Project is located in or adjacent to an area designated as a future gateway improvement location
*Resilience	Project contributes to the resiliency of the network
*Travel and Tourism	Project contributes to travel and tourism
Efficiency	Project leads to a network reduction of VMT, for either existing or future conditions
Travel Time Reduction	Project leads to a reduction in travel time along the existing or (for new location facilities) adjacent corridor, for either existing or future conditions
Safety Improvement	Project addresses one of the worst crash locations in the region
Supportive of Freight Priorities	Project travels along an identified freight route, or provides access to an existing or proposed intermodal facility
Supportive of Transit Priorities	Project serves or improves transit routes, transit stops, or transit technology
Supportive of Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility	Project includes incidental bicycle or pedestrian improvements
Supportive of Transportation Technology	Project is supportive of transportation technology

Public Engagement

Since the January 21, 2020 CRTPA Board meeting the Project Team has been pursuing additional opportunities to let citizens in the region know about the MetroQuest survey. To date, the survey was included in the Tallahassee Democrat (February 2, 2020) on the Leon County Link page. This page can also be found on Leon County’s website at:

<http://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/coAdmin/pio/pdf/links/February-2020.pdf>