

RTAG Selection Criteria:

The Total Project Score for the evaluation of applications for Regional Transportation Alternatives Grants will be comprised of three sections: Project Calculations, Merit Scores and a Summary Score. The Project Calculations will be based on the detailed project application and submitted to the selection panel for incorporation into their scoring. The Merit Scores will be assigned by the selection panel. The Summary Score will be an average of the selection panel's determination of critical project benefits not included in the previous sections. Additional description of these three sections is included below.

Project Calculations: [60pts] scores for the following two criteria will be assigned by a tiered system within the application pool. The pool of projects will be sorted with the strongest projects on top. The sorted list will be divided into quintiles (fifths) and scores assigned to the projects in each quintile

- Cost per mile (RTAG application amount/directional miles to be delivered with RTAG funds)
 - Top fifth 30pts
 - 25pts
 - 20pts
 - 15pts
 - Bottom fifth 10pts
- Directional miles to be delivered (to the tenth of a mile)
 - Top fifth 30pts
 - 25pts
 - 20pts
 - 15pts
 - Bottom fifth 10pts

Merit Scores: [30pts] the selection panel may elect to add any one or all of the following Merit Scores to the Total Project Score. The selection panel is charged with determining if a project meets any of the four Merit Scores below. Performance reports will be provided to the selection panel to aid in this process. If a majority of the selection panel determines a project meets any of the Merit Scores that project receive all the points for that Merit Score. For example, if the selection panel determines a project will resolve identified gaps in the network that project will receive ten (10) additional points, if not, it receives zero points for that Merit Score.

- Significant potential to reduce identified safety concerns +10
Data from performance report documents safety concerns and project application and/or presentation demonstrate a high likelihood to significantly improve the safety concerns.
- Resolves identified gap in network +10
A disconnect between two or more sections of bicycle or pedestrian facilities will be joined.
- Recommended in a plan +5
An adopted jurisdictional or regional plan recommends the project by name or reference
- Ladders of Opportunity/Equity +5
Improves affordable connections to employment, education, healthcare and other essential services creating the potential to revitalize neighborhoods

Summary Score: [10pts] to evaluate critical pieces of a project that are not captured above.

- Average of selection panel members from a 1-10 scale

TOTAL PROJECT SCORE = Project Calculation + Merit Scores + Summary Score

Presentation Details:

Jurisdictions applying for these funds are encouraged to present to the selection panel. Presentations are limited to five minutes. Question and answer time is at the discretion of the selection panel but is limited to a maximum of three minutes. The presentation may consist of a maximum of five slides that cover the Merit Score components and other key factors not captured in the application.