

2015 TIP Call For Projects

Weekly Q&A Session #4

November 10, 2014

1. Reminder: keep off-line copies of your application materials.

2. Excel Spreadsheet – Application worksheet – Are the BCA worksheets included in the application?

a. Yes, BCA templates to be posted later today

3. Models to be used for delay calculations?

a. H-GAC travel demand model will be based on 2040 RTP work. Will provide near-term 2018 results and future year volumes to “grow” the estimated benefit.

4. For projects with segmentation, should we submit one application, or one for each segment?

a. One application is preferred, with segmentation information (cost, timing, etc.) provided.

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Weekly Q&A Session #5

November 17, 2014

1. How do we request & schedule HGAC assistance?

a. Complete Need&Purpose/Description, along with GIS/map – then send us an email to tip@h-gac.com.

i. MUST: Bike/Ped, Livable Centers, and ITS projects

ii. Other areas: travel demand model (added capacity projects), crash data (safety & major investments)

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Weekly Q&A Session #6

November 24, 2014

1. Once P&N and GIS/Map uploaded what do we do?

a. Submit an email including the project id number

2. Phased projects – how will they be evaluated in regards to each independent phase of construction?

a. Entire major investment would be evaluated, with schedule and phasing determined based on readiness and scoring. Could conceivably participate in one phase with later phase considered in future calls.

3. How do we get projects listed in the TIP which are funded locally?

a. Send H-GAC an email with relevant information to start the discussion. Not all

projects are listed in the TIP (must include all regionally significant projects regardless of future source, and all federally funded projects (Title 23 and Title 49 Chapter 53)).

4. Attachments

a. Where do we attach other documents that support our application?

i. Please use the question/upload area at the end of the “preliminary questions” section.

5. Project IDs

a. Should we include IDs from earlier phases of work?

i. No, only MPOIDs/CSJs for the activity you are seeking funds for.

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Weekly Q&A Session #7

December 1, 2014

1. What is needed to perform a VMT reduction analysis for transit projects?

a. Origin and destination of the service, service frequency.

2. Map/GIS content:

a. Bike/Pedestrian – if possible, support all questions where location is a factor. Symbology isn't as important, no standard.

- b. All project types – location of project and any other pertinent features. (e.g. major investment, econ devel – add new major developments and redevelopments)*
 - c. Format – prefer ESRI ArcGIS – map package (*.mpk). Shapefiles ok, as well PDF maps.*
- 3. Crash records – can we request for adjacent or parallel facilities for new location projects?**
- a. Yes, need to clearly support and document how proposed project would mitigate physical conditions which cause crashes in secondary location.*

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Weekly Q&A Session #8

December 9, 2014

- 1. Is a transmittal letter required?**
- a. Yes*
- 2. If yes, should the transmittal letter be attached to the online application or is a hard-copy required?**
- a. Attached to the online application is preferred.*
- 3. For joint projects, is one letter signed by the lead or prime sponsor acceptable?**

- a. Need some form of documentation of commitment from all sponsoring agencies. In order of preference:
 - i. Joint letter signed by all sponsoring agencies;*
 - ii. Separate letters addressed to H-GAC;*
 - iii. One letter from “lead” sponsor, separate letters from supporting to lead documenting their commitment(s)**
- 4. For major investments, benefit cost analysis is required for all five RTP goals? I see templates for some but not all BCA areas.**
 - a. Yes, please use the generic template for the asset mgmt and economic competitiveness areas to discount benefits to current year.*
- 5. TIGER Guidance vs. Workshop slides. Difference with respect to economic competitiveness measures.**
 - a. Delay and operating cost benefits should be directly assessed under the “congestion” and “asset mgmt/operations” RTP goals.*
 - b. Property values/jobs created or retained, etc. would be good measures for quantitative assessment under the economic competitiveness goal.*
 - c. We understand sponsors may not have or be able to generate a quantitative assessment for these goal areas. Please indicate such (no*

empty missing fields) and provide a narrative discussion of project benefits related to this RTP goal.

6. When will assistance materials be returned?

a. Targeting 15 business days. However, responses may be returned as data is generated (ie, safety might lead delay reduction data).

7. When will H-GAC start scheduling TA meetings with sponsors?

a. TA-Transportation Alternatives? No scheduled meetings, scoping would occur after selection;

b. Technical Assistance, as long as requested information provided, no need for meeting;

c. Major Investments – Will be scheduled for Jan/Feb after application submittals.

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Weekly Q&A Session #9

December 16, 2014

Question @ Answer Session:

1. Crash analysis, should multiple factors be “stacked” or combined to estimate overall crash reduction. Looking at CMFclearinghouse.org

a. Care should be taken in combining factors which may cover the same underlying safety issue. We will consider and review sponsor’s

analysis and follow up with any questions or concerns.

2. Will capacities be provided for the posted model volume network file?

a. Will post later today

3. For VMT reduction for transit reduction is the sponsor responsible for also computing emissions reductions?

a. No, H-GAC will convert to emissions reductions if necessary for funding eligibility. Please ensure the analysis includes a logical duration of service (10+ years is ideal), so that we can fairly assess benefits.

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Weekly Q&A Session #11

December 29, 2014

Question @ Answer Session:

1. What to do if you have used the incorrect application template (major v. other investment)

a. Start a new application: <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/tip/call-for-projects-pre-application.aspx>

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Weekly Q&A Session #12

January 5, 2015

Question @ Answer Session:

1. Is a 5 year operating budget necessary for projects where existing resources (staff, on-call consultant, etc.) will be used to support the new system?

a. Yes, please include a 5-year budget. Can reflect a portion of the expected or existing budget that would be “allocated” to support the new system or service.

2. Can we use alternative or additional factors in our cost/benefit analysis under the “economic development” area, or are we limited to the factors included in the Workshop PPT presentation?

a. You may include factors and analyses which are relevant for the project, however H-GAC may have additional questions and request follow-up information. If the analysis is determined to be outside of the project evaluation criteria framework, it may be excluded from the quantitative portion of the project score.

3. If transportation development credits are being requested does that need to be part of the TIP Call application?

a. Yes, the adopted TDC policy requires credits to be requested at the same time funding is

being requested through the TIP or other selection process.