

OBAG Cycle 4 County Program

San Francisco Project Evaluation Rubric

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San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority) staff will use the following criteria to evaluate project applications for the OBAG Cycle 4 County Program. The Transportation Authority reserves the right to modify or add to the prioritization criteria in response to additional MTC guidance and if necessary to prioritize a competitive list of eligible projects that exceed available programming capacity.

Based on [MTC Resolution 4740](#) and Transportation Authority Board priorities, points will be awarded to projects that:

Demonstrate project readiness and deliverability.

Maximum points: 15

Points will be awarded to projects based on the factors below, which will be assessed commensurate with the current project phase.

- **Schedule:** Project schedule, as supported by other project information, demonstrates ability to meet federal and regional timely use of funds requirements and federal obligation deadlines, including but not limited to the September 30, 2031 deadline to obligate OBAG 4 funds or transfer the funds to Federal Transit Administration.
- **Cost estimate:** Reasonable basis for estimate with adequate contingencies given stage of development and complexity of project
- **Funding plan:** Project has a full funding plan for the phase/scope of work requesting OBAG funds, with sources programmed and/or allocated and/or low risk (e.g. under control of the project sponsor); funding plan includes the required 11.47% local match; and funding plan reflects a reasonable expectation for funding for future phases.
- **Environmental clearance:** Received NEPA clearance or identified a clear path to NEPA clearance; project has low level of complexity and minimum risk of not obtaining clearance as expected per the project schedule.
- **Public review:** Project has completed or is currently conducting community outreach, and/or will conduct community outreach as part of the scope of work requesting OBAG funds. Further, no significant public opposition has been identified that would put delivery of the proposed OBAG phase(s) according to the proposed schedule at significant risk.
- **Project delivery track record:** Applicant has successfully met timely use of funds requirements for prior federally funded projects, especially of a similar type and level of complexity.
- **Potential significant delays:** Applicant has assessed the project's risks (e.g. litigation, community opposition, permits, or other factors), and has proposed solutions to prevent or reduce the impacts of these delays on project delivery.

Have multi-modal benefits.

Maximum points: 8

Points will be awarded to projects that directly benefit multiple types of travelers - pedestrians, micromobility users (e.g. bikes, scooters, e-bikes, e-scooters), transit passengers, and motorists.

Increase safety.

Maximum points: 8

Points will be awarded to projects that are fully or mostly located on the [High Injury Network](#) (HIN) and construct or advance significant safety improvements (e.g. shortening crossing distance or directly reducing safety hazard) on the HIN or other locations with a known safety issue supported by data.

Maintain transportation infrastructure in a state of good repair.

Maximum points: 8

Points will be awarded to projects that maintain infrastructure in a state of good repair to extend useful life, improve performance, and/or reliability.

Improve transit reliability and accessibility.

Maximum points: 6

Points will be awarded to projects that increase transit accessibility, reliability, and connectivity (e.g. stop improvements, transit stop consolidation and/or relocation, transit signal priority, traffic signal upgrades, travel information improvements, wayfinding signs, bicycle parking, and improved connections to regional transit), and to projects that support existing or proposed rapid transit network or rail; including projects identified in transit performance plans or programs such as the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Muni Forward program.

Demonstrate public support, as demonstrated through Community-Based Transportation Plans, Priority Development Area plans, other local planning or project prioritization processes, letters of support, and/or other means identified by the Transportation Authority.

Maximum points: 6

Points will be awarded to projects that are identified through a community-based planning process (e.g., neighborhood transportation plan, corridor improvement study, or station plan that is community driven); and have documentation of clear and diverse public support and/or input from disadvantaged populations and broader populations that are not specifically disadvantaged. Documentation will be assessed commensurate with the scale and scope of the project.

Provide demonstrated benefits to historically marginalized or underserved groups, including benefits to Equity Priority Communities or similar local designations, alignment with agency Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans, and/or other means identified by the Transportation Authority.

Maximum points: 6

Points will be awarded to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged populations, including people with disabilities, communities historically harmed by displacement, transportation policies, and projects that utilized eminent domain; project directly improves the ability of disadvantaged populations to access transportation (e.g. new or enhanced infrastructure, new service or improved service, improved safety, etc.), whether or not the project is directly located in an Equity Priority Community.

Improve access to schools, senior centers, and other community sites.

Maximum points: 4

Points will be awarded to projects that improve access to community sites and destinations, including schools, senior centers, community centers, afterschool care facilities, parks, and/or other community sites, and clearly demonstrate a direct correlation between the project and the preferred route used to access community sites and destinations.

Improve environmental sustainability.

Maximum points: 4

Points will be awarded to projects that improve environmental sustainability by reducing emissions by supporting mode shift to non-polluting or low-polluting modes, improving resilience of transportation infrastructure to the effects of climate change, and/or managing stormwater.

Are located in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) or Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs).

Total points: 4

All eligible projects will receive full points because functionally all of San Francisco is located within a mile of a PDA or TOC.

Take advantage of construction coordination.

Maximum points: 3

Points will be awarded to projects that are or will be coordinated with other construction projects to mitigate construction impacts and/or achieve cost savings, and that clearly identify the related improvements, describe the scope, and have a timeline for major milestones for coordination.

Have limited other funding options or demonstrate higher fund leveraging.

Maximum points: 3

Points will be awarded to projects that demonstrate that the project is ineligible or competes poorly for other discretionary funds; OR that demonstrate leveraging of OBAG funds above and beyond the required match (11.47%).