



RGVMPO Transportation Alternatives Set –Aside Working Group Meeting #3

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 - + TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
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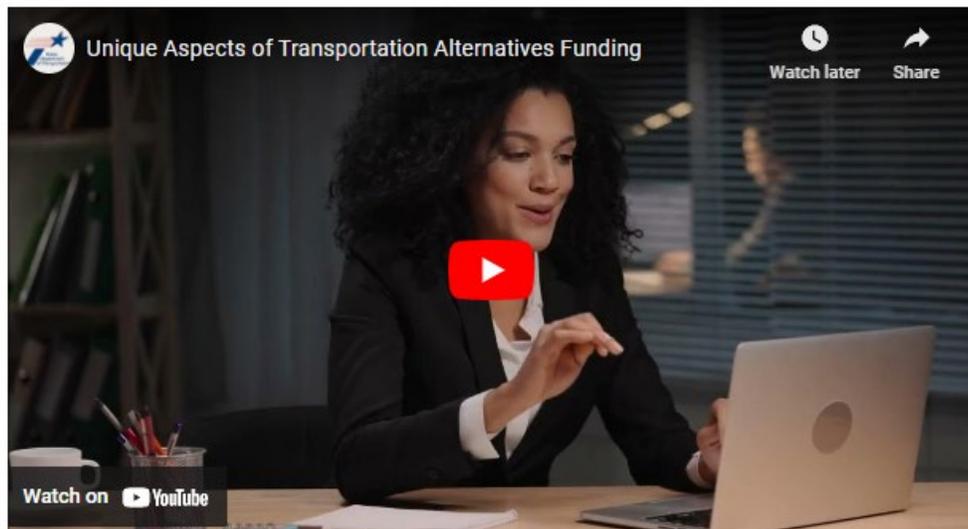
- Additional Resources**
- [RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan](#)
 - [TxDOT Local Government Project Toolkit](#)
 - [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Trail Building Toolbox](#)
 - [NACTO Guides and Publications](#)
 - [AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#)
 - [TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trails Study](#)
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Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

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To learn more about TASA watch this 6 minute video:



The RGVMPO is currently in the process of preparing for the next Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call, for FY 2023-2024.

In consultation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the RGVMPO is responsible for selecting projects for TA funding, through a competitive process (23 U.S.C. 133(h)(4)(C)). A competitive process should allow project sponsors to understand the project selection evaluation criteria and how projects will be evaluated.

The RGVMPO is currently preparing for the FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call and is dedicated in providing adequate public involvement and transparency throughout the development of the competitive process. Opportunities to provide comments and feedback have been facilitated by RGVMPO Staff by:

- 1) increasing access to draft TASA materials, for review and feedback, by making them available on this webpage;
- 2) standing presentation and discussion items at Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meetings;
- 3) facilitating a series of TASA Working Group meetings for feedback on the program guide, project application, scoring criteria and evaluation methods (meetings were open to all and past presentations are available for review.

Email comments, feedback, or questions to Eva L. Garcia, Planner III: BikePed Program Coordinator, at egarcia@rgvmppo.org, and Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I, at mrodriguez@rgvmppo.org.



Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Working Group

- [Meeting #1 Presentation \(12.19.22\)](#)
- [Meeting #2 Presentation \(1.24.23\)](#)
- Meeting #3 scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11 A.M. via MicrosoftTeams

NEW Federal and State Resources:

- [NEW Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\) TASA Implementation Guidance](#)
- [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\) additional TASA Program Information](#)



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TASA Working Group Meeting #3

DRAFT Agenda

- Review revisions to the Scoring Criteria
- Review revisions to the Project Application
- Review revisions to the Program Guide

Solicit feedback for *FINAL* changes

All revised documents have been posted on the RGVMPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program webpage under Projects > Active Transportation Implementation.



• [TASA Working Group Meeting #1](#) •

Dec. 19, 2022 Agenda

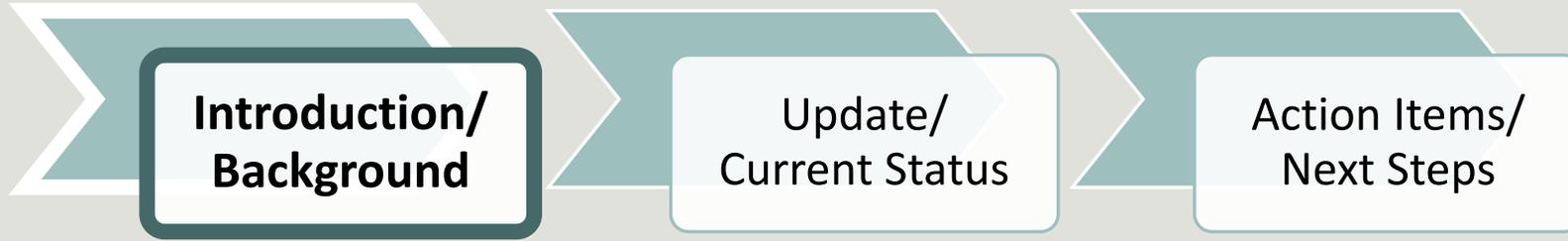
- *TxDOT - TA program guide review*
- *RGVMPO - draft TASA guide review & feedback*
- *TxDOT - TASA Application review*
- *RGVMPO - draft Application review & feedback*
- *TxDOT - scoring criteria & timeline of activities*
- *RGVMPO - draft timeline of activities review*

• [TASA Working Group Meeting #2](#) •

Jan. 24, 2023 Agenda

- *Meeting #1 Feedback Summary*
- *RGVMPO BPAC Survey TASA Feedback*
- *Review draft scoring criteria*
- *Solicit feedback via Mentimeter*
 - *Project Readiness*
 - *Safety Benefits*
 - *Equity*
 - *Connectivity*





Most useful in the RGVMPO TASA Program Guide?



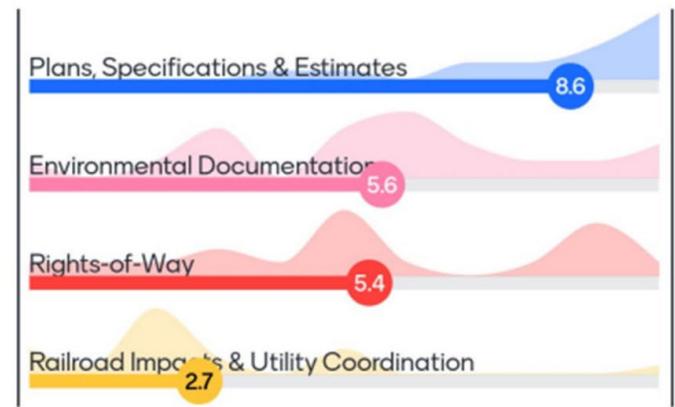
What did you find was helpful from the TxDOT TASA Scoring Criteria & Timeline of Activities?

criteria definitions
 scoring community support
 how to prove connectivity
 how to score geo equity
 gis analysis eval

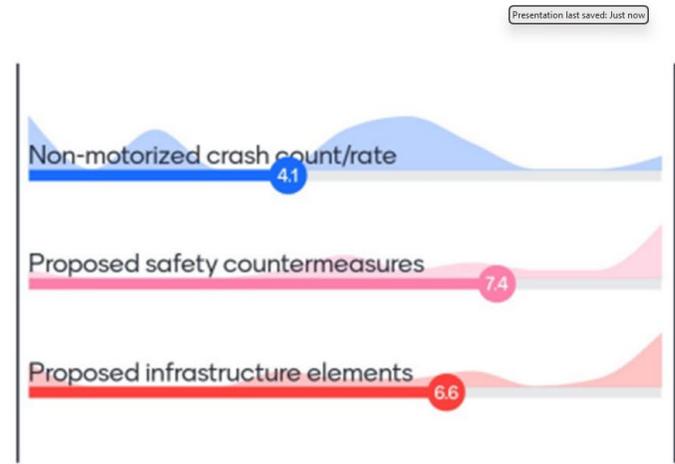
What would you change/add to the Draft RGVMPO TASA Program Guide?

- Helpful websites for information or documents
- Area to upload documentation/references attached to scoring
- Visual with explanation of evaluation and scoring criteria

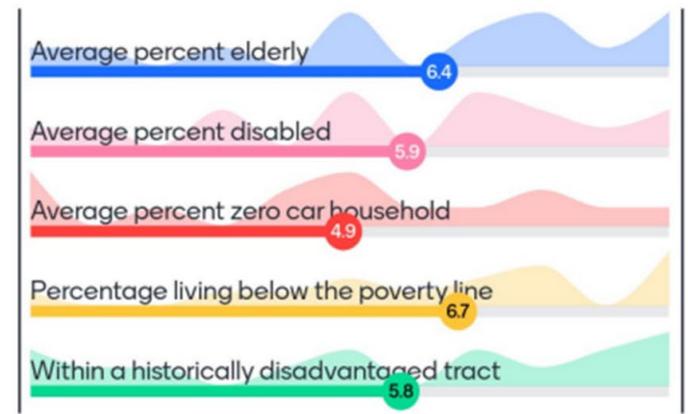
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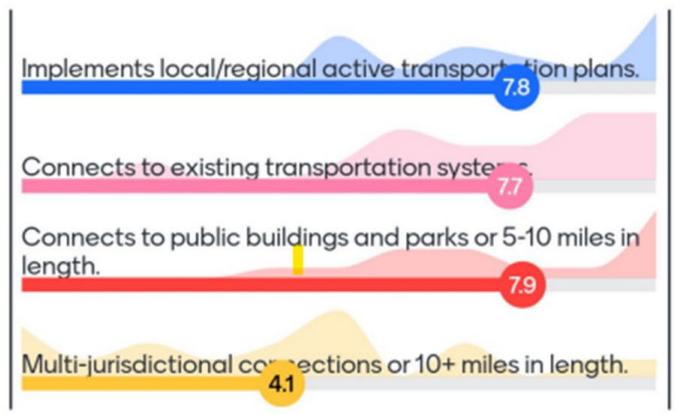
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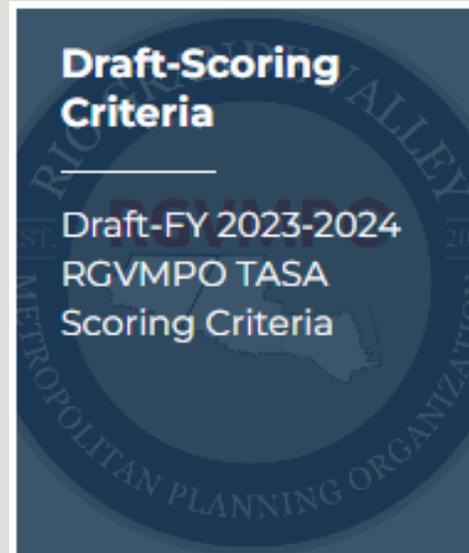


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*** FINAL SCORING CRITERIA REVIEW ***

*** DRAFT 1 ***

Criteria Category	Criteria Weights	Maximum Points
Connectivity	30%	30
Project Readiness	25%	25
Safety Benefits	25%	25
Equity	20%	20
Total	100%	100



*** DRAFT 2 ***

Criteria Category	Criteria Weights	Maximum Points
Project Readiness	25%	25
Safety Benefits	25%	25
Equity	25%	25
Connectivity	25%	25
Total	100%	100

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After reviewing the revised scoring criteria, which draft do you approve to evaluate and score project proposals?

Draft #1



Draft #2



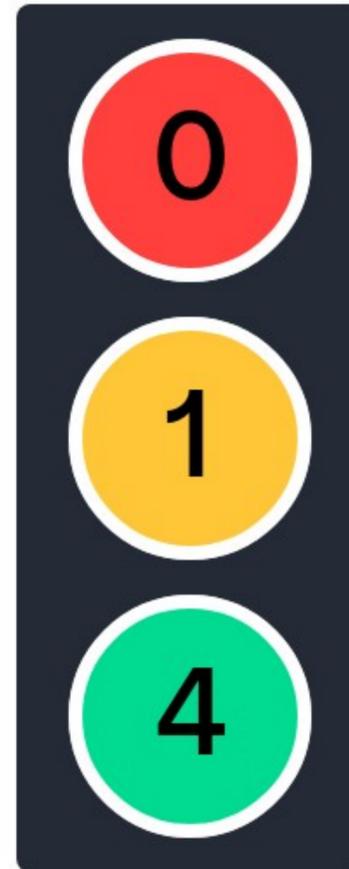
Please share any FINAL feedback or comments regarding the FY23-24 TASA Scoring Criteria:

The scoring criteria with higher points for connectivity makes sense to me. The comments regarding concern on planning and project readiness seem appropriate, but I trust we can score well on both types of projects.

All good

Good 👍

Final TASA Scoring Criteria



Needs attention

We're getting there

Good to go!



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***** FINAL APPLICATION REVIEW *****

PART A

- Project Proposal = page 1
- Evaluation Questions = pages 2-3

PART B

- Project Inform Form (PIF) = page 4 *budget*

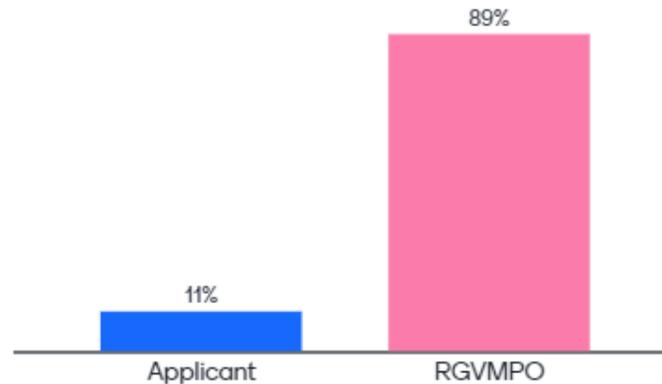
PART C

- Oversight Level Special Approval (SPA) = pages 5-8



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In the application, several questions require GIS analysis utilizing several data sets. How should the analysis be completed?



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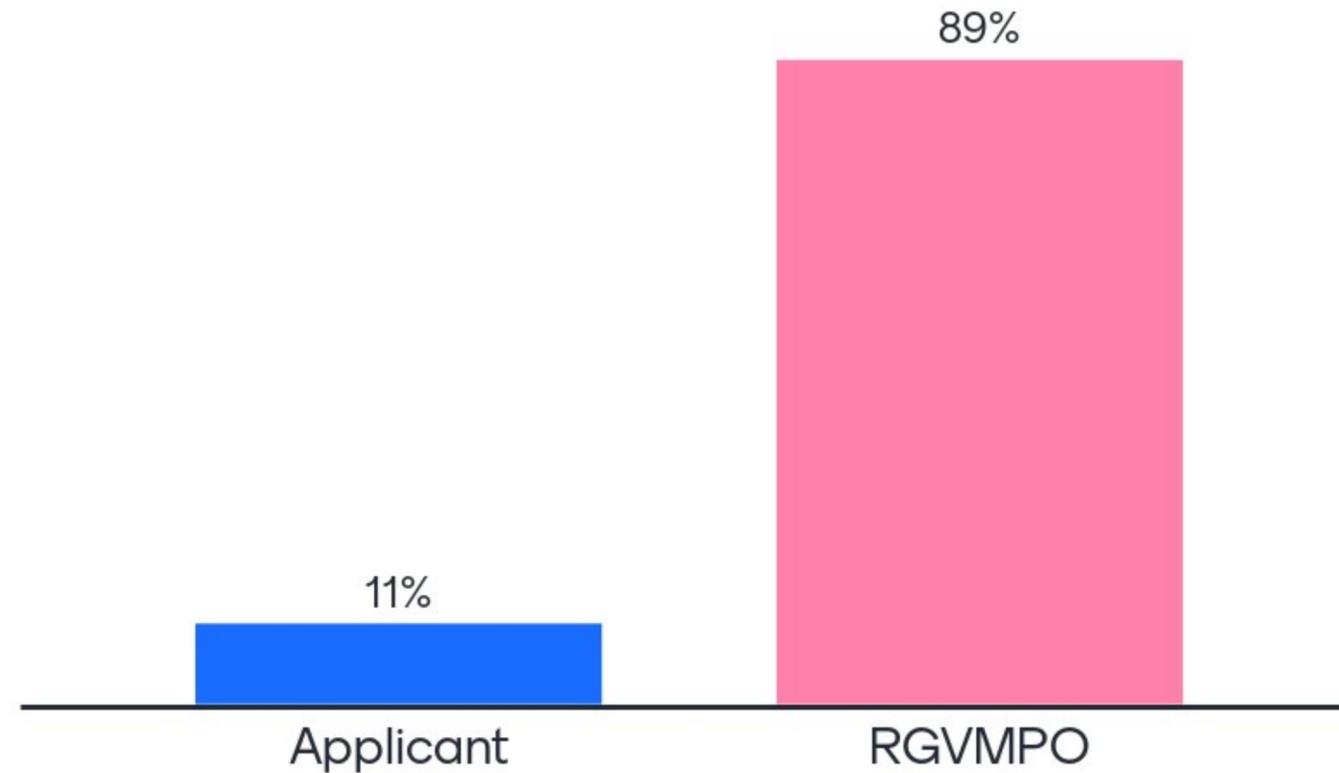
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Applicants = utilizes existing data, complete GIS queries/analysis, include response in application, and provide supporting documentation at the time of application submittal (deadline May 31st) for RGVMPO/TxDOT review/validation prior to sharing with BPAC Members.

RGVMPO = utilizing project information from submitted applications, RGVMPO Staff completes GIS queries/analysis and provides results to applicant and BPAC members.

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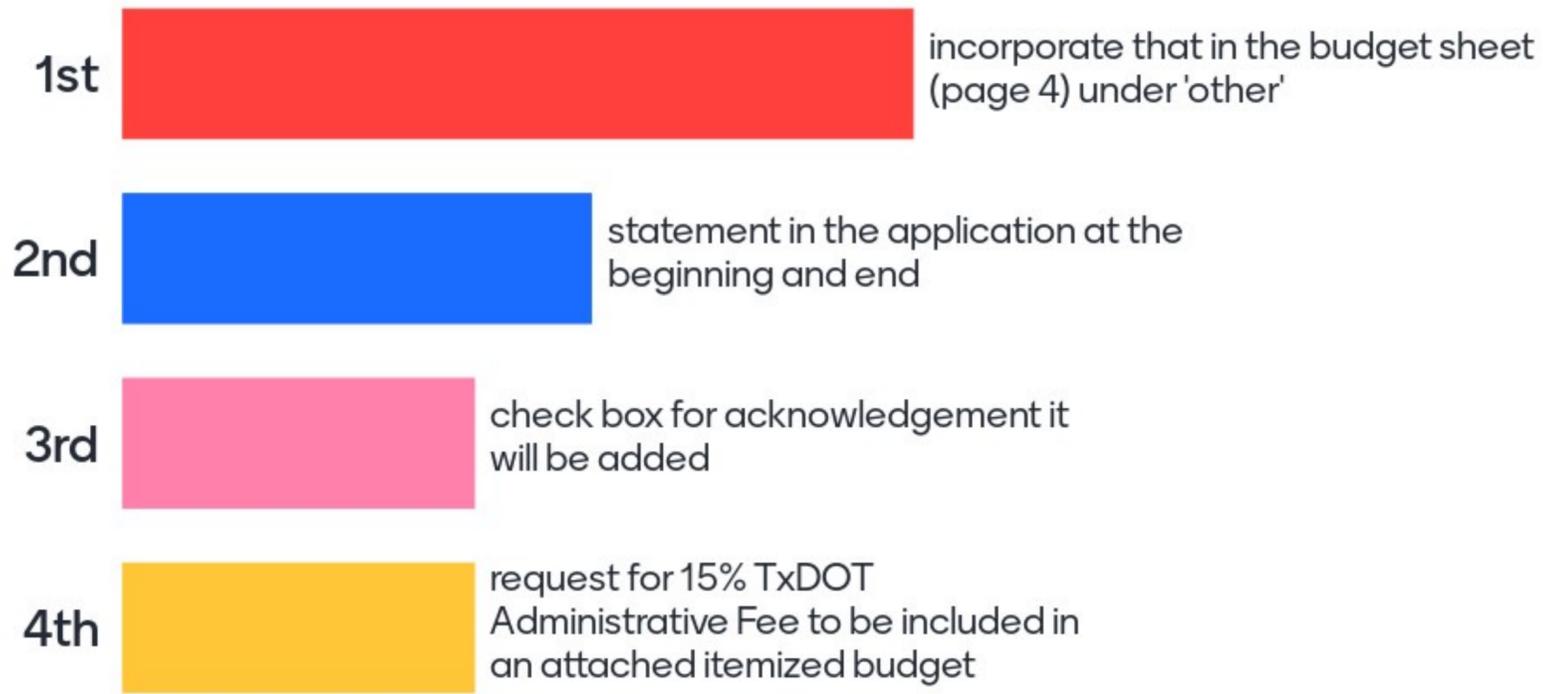


Description	Funding Source	Project Cost			Reimbursement to LG
	Category 9 or Local	LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S LATEST COST ESTIMATE (3)	Let Year	Federal 80% (4)	Yes or No (5)
PS&E (Preliminary Engineering)/Survey/Geo/ Pavement Design (1)	LOCAL	\$ 20,000	FY		No
Environmental	LOCAL	\$ 5,000	FY		No
Right of Way (ROW)	SELECT	\$ 0	FY		SELECT
Utilities	SELECT	\$ 0	FY		SELECT
Construction (2)	Category 9	\$ 750,000	FY	\$ 600,000	Yes
Construction (local 100%)*	LOCAL	\$ 175,000	FY		No
Construction Engineering	Category 9	\$ 50,000	FY	\$ 40,000	SELECT
Direct State Cost (15% of total project cost):	Category 9	\$ 150,000	FY	\$ 120,000	Yes
Project Total	\$ 1,150,000				

- (1) Usually for Category 9 Planning Funded Projects. Locally Funded for Construction projects
- (2) For Category 9 Construction Funded Projects.
- (3) Please provide the total cost estimates for each phase of the project. Some of these will be \$0.
- (4) Only for the 80% Federal amount to be awarded to the project.
- (5) Only Category 9 Funds are reimbursable.

* The Local Government is responsible for 100% of the construction costs exceeding the approved federal funding.

Projects will include 15% TxDOT administrative fee (for oversight) that is not included in the application. How should this fee be included?



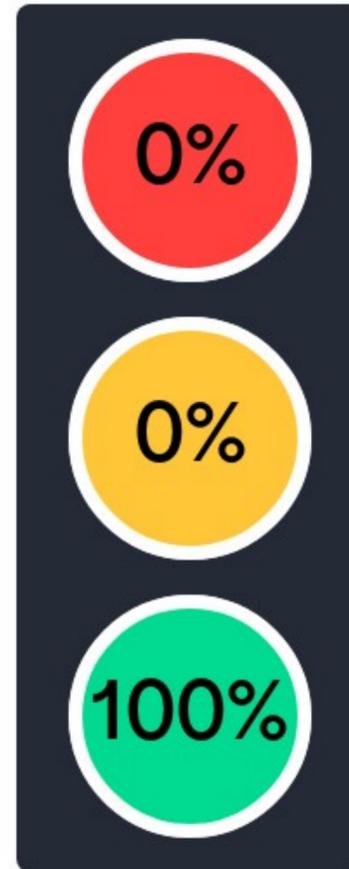
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Good

It is obvious that staff and stakeholders have put a great deal of time and effort into this. It looks very good. I have offered comments in the past and am satisfied that they have been addressed. My current silence means that I am happy with it.

Great job!

Final TASA Application



Needs attention

We're getting there

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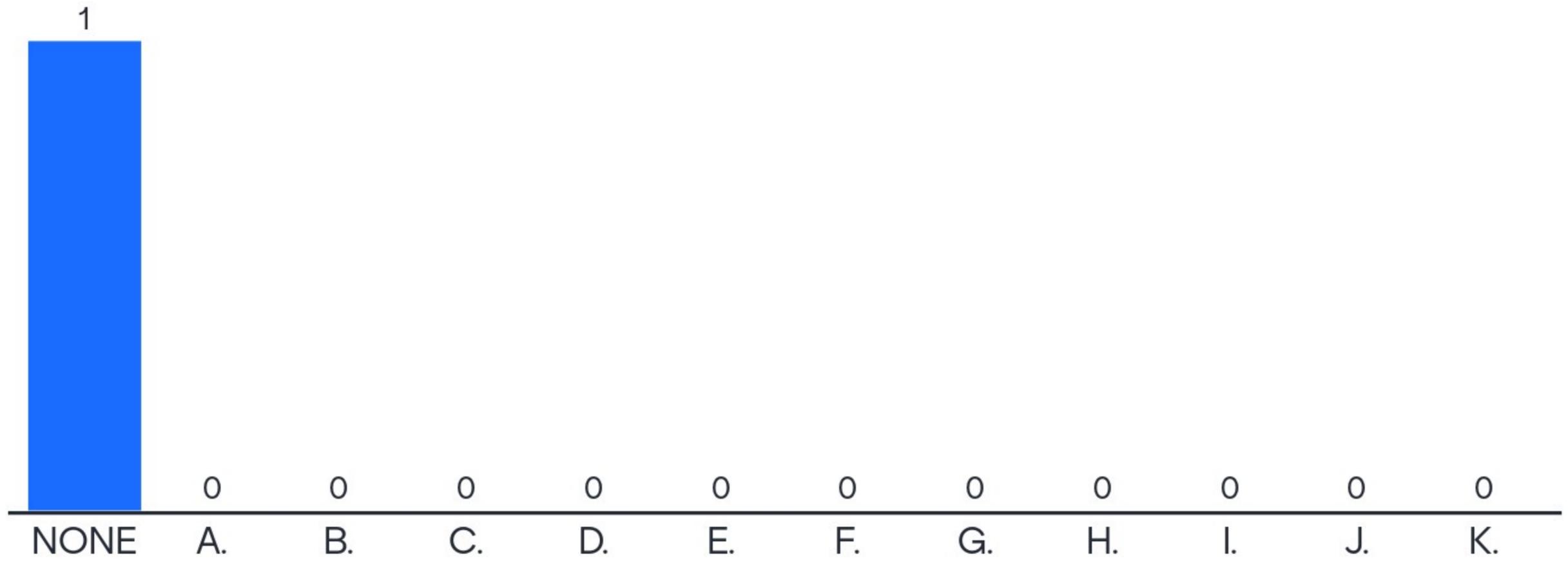
***** FINAL PROGRAM GUIDE REVIEW *****

- A. Summary of Funding Opportunity
- B. TASA Eligibility and Requirements
- C. Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria
- D. Allowable Costs
- E. TASA Project Sponsor Workshop Schedule
- F. Selection of TA Projects by RGVMPO
Transportation Policy Board
- G. Project Elimination
- H. Project Implementation
- I. Bikeway Terminology
- J. Additional Weblinks
- K. Definitions and Terminology

Draft - TASA Program Guide

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RGVMPO TASA
Program Guide

What section of the Program Guide needs additional work?

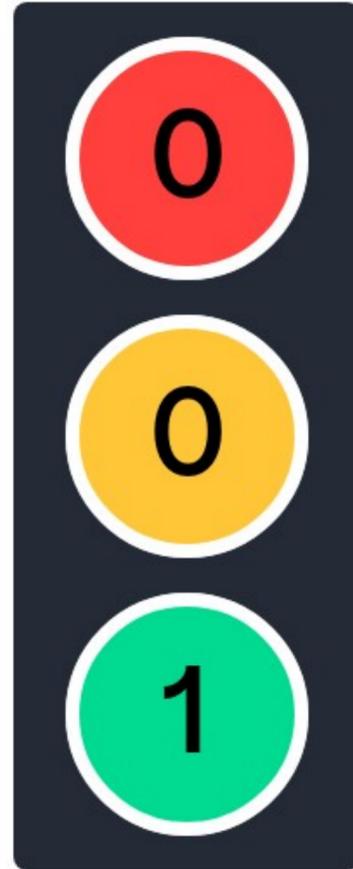


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Connectivity having a higher scoring criteria works well.

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