



## Public Review & Comment

### DRAFT INITIAL SCREENING CRITERIA

AMATS is in the process of developing the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP will include a list of recommended projects to address future transportation needs. Part of the plan process is to reach out to the public to help identify potential transportation projects to help address current and future needs. All nominated projects will all be scored using one set of initial screening criteria.

**COMMENT DEADLINE: 5P, 10 JUNE 2017**

**Table 2-2. Draft 2040 MTP Initial Screening Criteria**

	-2 Poor	0 Neutral	+1 Fair	+2 Good
<b>Operational Improvements</b>	Worsens traffic operations	No change	Limited improvement	Significant improvement
<b>Regional Connections<sup>1</sup></b>	N/A	No effect on Regional Connectivity	New or improved Regional Connection between 0 and 1 mile in length	New or improved Regional Connection 1 mile long or longer
<b>System Connectivity (Motorized and Non-Motorized)</b>	Reduces system connectivity	No change	New or improved system connectivity	New or improved system connection closing a gap of ½ mile or more
<b>Bicycle Route/Trail Use</b>	Negatively impacts bicycle route/trail use	No change	N/A	Improves bicycle route/trail use
<b>Transit Access</b>	Negatively impacts transit access	No change	Improves transit access within ½ mile of a transit route	Improves transit access within ¼ mile of a transit route
<b>Sidewalk Use</b>	Negatively impacts sidewalk use	No change	N/A	Improves sidewalk use
<b>Level of Environmental Impacts<sup>2</sup></b>	Significant negative impacts anticipated	Minimal positive or negative impacts	Moderate positive impacts anticipated	Significant positive impacts or no negative impacts anticipated
<b>Level of Community Impacts<sup>3</sup></b>	Significant negative impacts anticipated	Minimal positive or negative impacts	Moderate positive impacts anticipated	Significant positive impacts or no negative impacts anticipated
<b>Environmental Justice<sup>4</sup> and ADA<sup>5</sup></b>	Project decreases ADA elements or degrades mobility for EJ populations	No effect	N/A	Project incorporates new ADA elements, or directly improves mobility for EJ populations

<sup>1</sup> Regional Connections are facilities that serves regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside the region; major activity centers in the region; major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, or employment centers; or transportation terminals).

<sup>2</sup> Level of Environmental Impacts: consider factors such as property impacts, potential threatened and endangered species, wetlands, floodplains, stream crossings, and parkland.

<sup>3</sup> Level of Community Impacts: affect *neighborhood livability* (the quality of the local environment as experienced by people who live, work or visit there) as a consequence of changes in noise, views, walking environment, land use mix and community cohesion (the quality of interactions among neighbors).

<sup>4</sup> Environmental justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of laws, regulations, and policies.

<sup>5</sup>The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity and access for persons with disabilities.

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<b>Addresses Safety Issue</b>	Increases safety concerns	No effect	Project should improve vehicular or bicycle/pedestrian safety in area not identified as safety issue	Directly addresses an identified vehicular or bicycle/pedestrian safety issue
<b>Improve the existing transportation system efficiency through the implementation of effective and innovative transportation system management (TSM), transportation demand management (TDM), and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies.</b>	N/A	No TSM, TDM, or ITS	N/A	Includes TSM, TDM, or ITS
<b>Level of consistency with other adopted plans or studies</b>	N/A	Not addressed in other plans	Marginally beneficial to existing plans	Consistent with other plans and studies
<b>Economic Benefits<sup>6</sup></b>	No economic benefits	Minimal benefits	Moderate benefits	Significant benefits
<b>Preservation of Existing Facility</b>	No impact	Minor preservation	Moderate preservation	Significant preservation
<b>Deliverability</b>	Significant community concerns and significant financial impacts	Mixed community support and financial impacts	Moderate community support and marginal financial impacts	Strong community support and minimal financial impacts

<sup>6</sup> Economic benefits consider factors that encourage economic development, redevelopment, and/or freight mobility through improved access and transportation opportunities; addresses impacts on urban areas, freight corridors, recreational or educational opportunities, tourism activity. Benefits economic development projects and or/facility improvements to support mixed use/redevelopment, business areas, employment center, transit supportive corridors, other significant types of urban development areas; recreation or education opportunities; and/or tourism activity.