



TSDAC Meeting

July 29, 2022



Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Recap: Proposed changes to MERIT Capital Assistance policy
- Recap: Proposed changes to Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) guidelines
- Recap: MERIT Operating Assistance formula
- Public Hearing
- Next Steps

Recap: MERIT Capital Assistance Policy

TSDAC voted unanimously to recommend the MERIT Capital Assistance policy changes for public comment and CTB approval. Those changes include:

1. Provide incentives for transit agencies to seek federal discretionary funding:
 - Establishment of a state capital discretionary support set-aside
 - Reduce local match requirements for projects awarded FTA discretionary funding
2. Update scoring methodology to allow for just-in-time delivery of replacement vehicles and other assets
3. Update scoring methodology to include more project categories which will allow DRPT to differentiate more between certain project types
4. Add an “Incentive Scoring” category which will reward projects that achieve statewide priority goals
5. Update scoring methodology for Major Expansion projects to simplify and streamline the scoring process

Recap: Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) Guidelines

TSDAC voted unanimously to recommend the Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) guidelines changes for public comment and CTB approval. Those changes include:

1. Modify the TSP Annual Update process from a letter submission to a joint quarterly meeting
2. Modify the 5-year review from “Major Update” to “Minor Update”

Recap: MERIT Operating Assistance Formula

No action was taken at the June TSDAC meeting on the MERIT Operating Assistance Formula. Key takeaways from that meeting:

1. General consensus reached that the MERIT Operating Assistance formula is functioning as-intended
2. Discussion regarding transit agencies that are projected to see a decrease in FY24 Operating Assistance funding compared to FY21 funding levels
3. DRPT recommends no changes to the CTB Operating Assistance policy

PUBLIC HEARING

Next Steps

- CTB Workshop/Action Meetings
- 2023 TSDAC Meeting