

GATEWAY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



Regional Transportation Planning Program

2017 Prioritization Plan



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide a plan to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the sponsorship and prioritization of projects in the 2017 Statewide Prioritization Cycle. The prioritization will be used as input for the Recommended KYTC Highway Plan, to be submitted to the next session of the Kentucky General Assembly in 2018.

KYTC has developed a data-driven, objective, and collaborative approach to determine the state's transportation funding priorities. Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) is a prioritization model that will bring balance and dependability to Kentucky's over programmed highway plan. SHIFT uses quantitative data such as crashes, fatalities, traffic volumes, delays, and economics to assess the benefits of planned projects and compare them to each other. The program also includes collaboration with local leaders throughout the process to help shape regional funding priorities. Through this collaboration, projects will be selected for prioritization by being sponsored at the regional/Area Development District (ADD) level, Highway District Office (HDO) level, and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) level.

The current KYTC Highway Plan and KYTC Unscheduled Needs List (UNL) identify approximately 4,000 transportation projects. In an effort to make this list of projects more manageable for prioritization purposes, KYTC developed a formula based on 2010 Census numbers, public road lane miles, and number of counties per agency to determine the number of projects each ADD, HDO, and MPO can sponsor. The result will be approximately 1,200 projects statewide selected for sponsorship into SHIFT by the ADDs, HDOs, and MPOs. Using this formula with the numbers in Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties, the Gateway Area Development District (GWADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) will be allotted 18 projects for regional sponsorship.

The projects selected for regional sponsorship will be submitted to the KYTC Central Office Planning and loaded into the SHIFT formula. This process will calculate the project scores based on safety, asset management, congestion, economic growth, and benefit/cost. Once the scores are returned, the RTC will convene to apply additional points to projects to adjust priorities.

TIMELINE

- February 10, 2017 RTC Sub-Committee Meeting to establish Local Input/Point Methodology
- February/March – Local Meetings
- March 24, 2017 RTC Sub-Committee meeting to approve sponsorship project listing and submit to KYTC
- July 25, 2017 RTC approved Boost project listing
- July 28, 2017 submit final regional project list to KYTC

LOCAL INPUT PROCESS

During the January 31, 2017 RTC meeting, the Committee determined that each county will receive three (3) project sponsorships, for a total of 15. The remaining three (3) project sponsorships will be used for regional projects. The Committee moved to establish a sub-committee comprised of the five (5) County Judge/Executives. The Sub-Committee was tasked with establishing and recommending, to the RTC, a draft methodology plan to be used in the assignment of additional points during the prioritization process. Representatives from the three KYTC Highway District offices in the region served as advisory members. The aforementioned process was changed to project Boosts. The methodology for utilizing Boosts was determined at the April 25, 2017 RTC meeting.

In February and March GWADD staff met with local officials and KYTC Highway District staff to review project listings and determine county priorities. On March 24, 2017 the Sub-Committee reviewed and approved the 18 ADD sponsored projects determined by the local officials.

REGIONAL PLAN FOR CRITERIA AND POINT ALLOCATION

GWADD is allotted 18 project sponsorships. Each county will receive three (3) project sponsorships, for a total of 15. The remaining three (3) project sponsorships will be used for regional projects and will require approval by the Committee.

To assign additional points during the prioritization process to adjust priorities, each County will receive an equal number of Boosts based on the total number of Boosts allotted to the Gateway region (assuming 10 total Boosts). Boosts will be applied to projects identified by the Regional Transportation Committee members for each respective county and that meet the Committee's Goals and Objectives by considering the following: maintain and support the development of state primary routes, safety issues, enhance routes with high traffic flow, regionalism, economic development, etc. If the Gateway region receives greater than 10 Boosts, all Boost(s) over 10 will be considered Regional Boost(s) and will require Committee action and approval to apply the Boost(s) to a project(s). If a situation occurs where a County does not require its full share of Boosts, the unused Boost(s) will be considered a Regional Boost(s) and will require Committee action and approval to apply the Boost(s) to a project(s).

In the event a County is not represented by a Judge Executive or Mayor(s) during the regional prioritization meeting where Boosts will be assigned to projects to adjust priorities, and a proxy is not designated by the aforementioned Regional Transportation Committee voting members, ADD staff will serve as the proxy to assign Boosts to projects for an absent County.

The sponsorship listing will be published on the GWADD website and available to the public.