MPO Project Selection Process

- Kickoff Meetings
- Project Idea Report
- Concept Report
- Technical Report
- Project Priority List
- Priority List Approval
- TIP Approval
Kickoff Meeting

- Every two years MPO staff review with the MPO committees the process for selecting projects to be awarded transportation funds
- MPO RPC created a process for MPO TAC to technically review projects
- MPO TAC creates priority list and recommends it to MPO RPC
- MPO RPC reviews MPO TAC recommendations and makes final priority list
Funding

MPO selects projects for MPO Exchange, MPO Federal, and UC Trans Tax

Funding includes:

• Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality | $8m
• Transportation Alternatives Program | $1m
• MAG Small Area Program | $1m
• MAG State Exchange Program | $21m
• Utah County Transportation Sales Tax | $65m

Total draft funding | $96m
• Final numbers in the Spring
Eligible Projects

- New roads
- Widening projects
- Intersection improvements
- Active transportation
- Airports

- Regional transportation studies
- New transit service and programs
- AQ reduction programs
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Road projects must be on state functional class map
- All capacity projects must come from the municipal transportation or agency plans
- All capacity projects must be listed or supported in the Regional Transportation Plan
Project Idea Report

- **Dec 4**: Submit draft Project Idea report
- **Dec 9-12**: Review draft with MPO staff
- **Dec 19**: Submit Final Project Idea Report

Report includes:
- General description
- Draft cost
- Cover letter signed by leader
- Supporting maps, diagrams, charts, etc.
- In General Plan/leadership letter
Project Idea Report

- Jan 6: Sponsors present to MPO TAC for their review and scoring
- Feb 6: MPO RPC reviews TAC scores

- Project Idea Report must be scored to move to Concept Report
- Sponsors with low scoring idea projects should weigh the time and costs of completing a Concept Report
Concept Report

Concept Report is technical and can be time consuming (some hire outside help)

The report includes:
- Detailed description
- Purpose and need
- Congestion benefit
- Number of users
- Air quality benefit
- Detailed cost estimate

Feb 13  Submit draft Concept Report
Feb 18-21 Review draft with MPO staff
Mar 5  Submit final Concept Report
Technical Report

MPO staff reviews each report and gives each project a technical score.

Ranking categories staff uses include:
- Congestion Relief
- Mode Choice
- Environmental Quality
- Safety
- Other

Once scored, MPO staff disseminate results to MPO TAC for review.
The MPO TAC holds a Field Review of the projects. Review generally last a whole day. Sponsor are responsible to present each concept in the field. Allows participants to get a better understanding of the project. Projects not visible in the field are presented at the next meeting.
Project Priority List

- MPO TAC next meets to consider each project on technical merit.
- MPO TAC uses the following to create a draft Project Priority list:
  - Project Idea TAC Score
  - MPO Staff Technical Score
  - Field Review
- Each member shall have one representative scoring each project.
- The final project score is 25% MPO Staff Technical Score, 75% MPO TAC Score.
- MPO TAC finalizes the list and makes their recommendation to MPO RPC.

Apr 27
Project Priority List Approval

**May 7**
MPO RPC is presented the draft Project Priority List

**Jun 4**
MPO RPC discusses priority order and approves final Project Priority List

- Final priority list is used to fund projects until the next selection process
- Amendment process can be used to add projects to list
- FHWA reviews CM/AQ projects
TIP Approval

- Project Priority List is used by MPO staff to create draft TIP
- Available funding applied to highest ranked projects until exhausted
- Local projects with higher scores receive exchange and county funds first
- UDOT and UTA projects receive federal funds first
- MPO TAC reviews draft TIP and makes recommendation to MPO RPC
- MPO RPC approves final TIP

TIP Approval
Match funding with projects, finalize TIP

- Jul 27
- Aug 6
Questions?

The MAG Project Selection Process, reports and applications can be found at:

www.mountainland.org/transportationfunding