

Project Scoring Criteria for NHFP Program

The project scoring criteria were developed in conjunction with MPOs and RTPOs through a Technical Working Group between October and December 2021.

Goal	Evaluation Criterion	Measure	EXAMPLE ONLY Policy Goal weight	EXAMPLE ONLY Maximum point allocation
Preservation	Improve the State of Good Repair of Freight Infrastructure	Pavement and/or bridge condition	20%	20
Safety	Prevent or Reduce Injuries or Fatalities	Count of serious injury or fatality crashes within the project boundary	15%	7.5
	Reduce Conflict with Vulnerable Transportation Users	Separation or mitigation efforts		7.5
Stewardship	Percent of Project Cost with Funding Match	Percent match of non-federal fund	10%	5
	Prioritize Lowest-Cost Solutions for the Specific Freight Need	Were low-cost solutions considered or implemented?		5
Mobility	Reduce Congestion and Improve Reliability	Level of congestion/reliability in project area	15%	15
Economic Vitality	Support the Economy and Promote Employment	Project's distance from the nearest freight cluster	25%	8
	Location on the FGTS	FGTS designation (or AADTT if off the FGTS) or equivalent truck traffic volume		9
	Intermodal Connectivity Between Modes	Degree of connection to an intermodal facility		8
Environment and Communities	Reduce Freight Transportation's Negative Impacts on Washington's Water Quality	Does the project address stormwater impacts above minimum requirements?	15%	5
	Reduce Freight Transportation's Negative Impacts on Washington's Wildlife	Does the project address wildlife impacts?		5
	Analysis of Projects Near Vulnerable Communities	Does the project address impacts on vulnerable communities?		5
Total			100%	100

*Note: policy goal weights shown are EXAMPLES ONLY and **subject to change**. Policy goal weights for project scoring and prioritization will be determined by the project selection committee during the project selection process.

Additional Benefit "Bonus" Categories		
Evaluation Criterion	Measure	Maximum point allocation
Improve Truck Parking	Does the project improve truck parking supply, amenities, or information?	10
Improve Freight System Resiliency	Does the project implement improvements to address resiliency concerns (e.g. natural disaster, severe weather, or other unexpected events)?	10
Reduce GHG Emissions	Does the project implement strategies to reduce GHG emissions?	10