

**TPB Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan  
Proposed Selection Criteria for JARC and New Freedom Projects  
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Projects funded under the current JARC and New Freedom programs must be selected competitively. The eight proposed criteria were developed to guide the selection of projects and are described here for review by the Task Force. The criteria:

- Prioritize projects that address unmet needs,
- Reflect the importance of coordination, innovation and replicability,
- Encourage the involvement of private sector partners, and
- Standardize the selection process among committee members.

*Note: The criteria were revised based on task force comments at the February 15 meeting and the points were normalized so the maximum possible score totals 100 (instead of 125).*

**Summary of Criteria for New Freedom and JARC Projects**

Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
1. To what extent does the project respond to the <b>four strategies identified in the Coordinated Plan?</b>	16
2. To what extent does the project <b>demonstrate coordination</b> among various entities?	18
3. To what extent does the project demonstrate a new or <b>innovative idea that can be replicated</b> elsewhere in the region?	14
4. To what extent does the project meet a <b>regional transportation</b> need?	14
5. To what extent does the project involve the <b>private sector?</b>	10
6. <b>How many individuals</b> with disabilities and/or with limited-incomes does the project propose to serve or benefit?	10
7. To what extent does the application identify <b>reasonable strategies for on-going funding?</b>	8
8. How <b>feasible</b> is the project?	10
Maximum Possible Points	100

## Description of Proposed Selection Criteria for JARC and New Freedom Projects

Criteria	Definition and Possible Score	Total Score
<p>1. To what extent does the project respond to the strategies identified in the Coordinated Plan?</p>	<p>Projects that address multiple strategies will make better use of limited funding and will be weighted more heavily. This criterion considers two issues: how many strategies does the project address (there is a total of four), and how well does it address them? Each strategy addressed should be rated on a scale of 1 to 4, with the maximum of 16 points indicating the project would respond well to each of the four strategies.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 16</b></p>	
<p>2. To what extent does the project demonstrate coordination among various entities?</p>	<p>Service delivery is better where projects are developed and operated with the cooperation and coordination of jurisdictions, agencies, and interested stakeholder organizations. The criterion is defined by multiple jurisdictions, agencies, or stakeholder organizations involved in the project. A maximum score of 18 would be awarded for a project that has three or more partners each in program planning, operations, communications and funding.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 18</b></p>	
<p>3. To what extent does the project demonstrate a new or innovative idea that can be replicated elsewhere in the region?</p>	<p>Projects that comply with the spirit of SAFETEA-LU are those that combine new and innovative ideas, new technologies, and creative sources of financing to address currently unmet needs. Projects that succeed in meeting unmet needs and can be replicated in other jurisdictions are weighted higher. To the extent an existing program demonstrates innovation and replicability (by other jurisdictions or agencies) it would score well in this category. A score of 14 points would be awarded for a project that employs a new and innovative idea and demonstrates excellent prospects for feasibility of replication.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 14</b></p>	
<p>4. To what extent does the project meet a regional transportation need?</p>	<p>Jurisdictions may differ in the services they provide, but the need for programs that address the four strategies identified above is regional. "Regional" means that the project is not limited to single geographic area and ideally would serve the entire urbanized area. Programs that are focused regionally will be scored higher than those that are limited in geographic scope. Projects that are proposed as a pilot project should include narrative of how the proposed project serves a regional need. The maximum 14 points would be awarded to projects that reveal both a comprehensive region-wide service area and distribution of trips provided.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 14</b></p>	

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5. To what extent does the project involve the private sector?	<p>Cost-effectiveness is often accomplished with the involvement of the private sector and, as such, they are important partners in project planning and development. This criterion will consider the extent to which private sector is involved in the project – such as in service delivery or project sponsorship (i.e. employer-based van pools). A maximum of 10 points will be awarded for the most involvement by private sector partners.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 10</b></p>	
6. How many individuals with disabilities and/or with limited-incomes does the project propose to serve or benefit?	<p>Applicants will be asked to estimate how many individuals with disabilities and/or individuals with limited incomes the project proposes to serve in the first year. The number of individuals can be estimated in the project proposal, and usage statistics could also be asked for, such as the average number of monthly one-way trips the program hopes to provide. For an infrastructure improvement, an estimate of the number of people living around the improvement who are expected to use it could be provided. Points will be assigned based on the relative number of people to be served or trips expected to be given.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 10</b></p>	
7. To what extent does the application identify reasonable strategies for on-going funding?	<p>The limited funding available under SAFETEA-LU requires that projects identify other sources of funding to sustain operations in future years. Projects that have identified reasonable strategies for sources of on-going funding after the first grant will be scored the highest.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 8</b></p>	
8. How feasible is the project?	<p>The criterion will explore the feasibility of a project in terms of budget, resources and institutional or administrative support. Does the proposal identify and secure the necessary financial, human and institutional capacity to make the project happen? The more feasible the project proposal, the higher the project will score with this criterion.</p> <p><b>Maximum Possible Points: 10</b></p>	
	<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100</b>	

## **Proposal Requirements**

- The project must be eligible for New Freedom or JARC funding.
- A match must be identified and secured for the project. The match should be listed in the proposal request, including sources and amounts.
- The project needs to serve the targeted population groups in the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area.