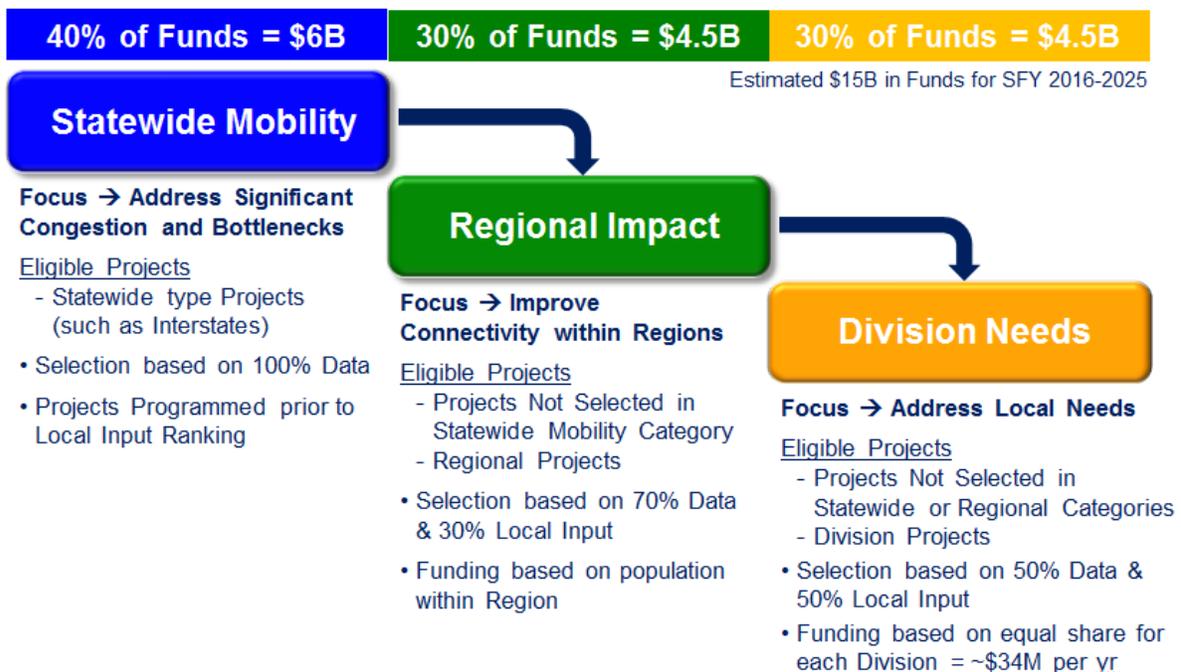


# Jacksonville MPO

## Jacksonville Urban Area MPO P3.0 Local Prioritization Input Methodology

The Strategic Transportation Investments bill was signed into law on June 26, 2013. The law provides a new way to fund and prioritize transportation projects to ensure they provide the maximum benefit to our state. The prioritization process, known as P3.0, is driven by data and local input, with all modes competing for funding. The formula breaks down projects into three categories: Statewide Mobility (Interstate, National Highway System, Strategic Highway Network, Major Airports), Regional Impact (All other US and NC Routes, Regional Airports) and Division Needs (All other state roadways, General Airports, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit). The following graphic depicts how the formula works. Additional information on the Strategic Transportation Investments is available at [www.ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/](http://www.ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/).

### How the Strategic Mobility Formula Works



State Law 2012-84 requires NCDOT approval of MPO local prioritization input methodologies. Session Law 2013-183 requires these methodologies to include both qualitative and quantitative measures. Guidance from NCDOT dictates that no one measure shall determine more than 50% or less than 10% of the local input score. The MPO will use the same criteria for assigning local prioritization input points for all modes.

As part of the P3.0 transportation prioritization process, Local Input at the Regional and Division levels is split evenly between the MPO and the Division Engineer. The Jacksonville MPO will assign local points for Regional (15% of total score) and Division (25% of total score) project categories once the final data-driven P3.0 quantitative scores are generated. The MPO has 1,300 points to assign to projects within each respective category (Regional Impact and Division Needs) and will use the following methodology and the merits of the projects to assign points. The points assigned in each category cover all modes: aviation, bicycle, highway, pedestrian, transit. A maximum of 100 points may be assigned to any one project.

The JUMPO P3.0 Local Prioritization Input Methodology is based upon guidance from NCDOT and dialogue with the TCC Subcommittee. Public comment will be solicited on this methodology in

accordance with the adopted Jacksonville MPO Public Participation Plan prior to adoption by the TAC in April 2014.

### **Local Prioritization Input Methodology Criteria**

#### **Community Importance Assessment – 40 points maximum**

This criterion allows local discretion, based upon public comment and TAC concurrence, to determine the relative importance of proposed projects to the community and categorize them accordingly. Local knowledge of the merits of proposed projects has been deemed to carry considerable weight in the distribution of preliminary points.

- In accordance with the metropolitan planning process, input on proposed transportation projects will be solicited by following outreach strategies contained within the adopted Jacksonville MPO Public Participation Plan. These include the use of the MPO website ([www.jumpo-nc.gov](http://www.jumpo-nc.gov)), social media, newspaper advertising and a public forum.
  - Project listings of all modes will be published in spring (potentially April-May) 2014 on the MPO website, along with a survey to allow the public to comment on and categorize submitted projects.
    - Survey will ask respondents to rate projects on a 1 to 5 scale based on their level of support
    - Final survey compilation will provide a score from 1 to 5 for each project
  - Comments may also be received from the public by writing, telephone, social media or in person, either at the public forum or in the MPO offices.
- All modes will be combined and project scores will be stratified into quintiles. Points will be awarded as follows: Fifth quintile – 40 points, fourth quintile – 30 points, third quintile – 20 points, second quintile – 10 points, first quintile – 0 points.
- Feedback from the public, including the public prioritization categorizations, will be provided to the TCC and TAC for consideration.

#### **Project Readiness – 30 points maximum**

This criterion encourages local preference scoring based on the ability to construct or implement the project in a timely fashion. All modes are evaluated using the same criteria. In order to compare the different processes, the basis for point distribution will be on the projects readiness for construction or implementation.

- Projects are assigned points based upon the status within the project development process.
  - The closer a project is to being ready for construction/implementation, the more points it will receive.
  - The project sponsor will provide the current status, as well as the project timeline, with an anticipated date for implementation.
  - Projects that are conceptual will not receive points.
- Projects will be listed in descending order by date of readiness
  - Scores assigned in this category will be relational to where the project falls in the listing
  - Those projects that are within 4 years of construction/implementation will receive 30 points. Projects that are within 5-8 years of construction/implementation will receive 20 points. Projects that are within 9-12 years of construction/implementation will receive 10 points.

### P3.0 Quantitative Score – 30 points maximum

This criterion encourages local prioritization scores that work with, not against, P3.0 quantitative results. The P3.0 quantitative score accounts for 70% of Regional Impact and 50% of Division Needs project scores and represents a significant portion of the prioritization process. Local prioritization scores that do not align with P3.0 quantitative results are counterproductive for funding projects.

- The P3.0 data driven score will determine the number of points assigned.
- All modes will be combined and projects will be listed in descending order of P3.0 scores
- Only projects scoring in the top 50% will receive points.
- Points will be assigned proportionally.

### Preliminary Local Input Points

The scores from the previous three categories will be calculated and become the basis for the TAC to assign the local prioritization input points to the top projects.

- The prioritized listing with preliminary point assignment (including raw project scores) will be publicized in June 2014 using the Jacksonville MPO Public Participation Plan to obtain public comment on the local input point distribution.
- The P 3.0 scores and Division Engineer assigned points will also be available to the public at that time for their review.

### Final Local Prioritization Input Points

The local prioritization input points for each project will be finalized after public comments have been received and coordination with the Division Engineer. JUMPO will award a total of 1,300 points to Regional Impact projects and 1,300 points to Division Needs projects. The top scoring projects will each receive 100 points. The TAC will direct the final award of local prioritization input points into the P3.0 prioritization process and may award less than 100 points on a project in order to increase the number of projects receiving local points. The final points will be provided to NCDOT no later than the end of July 2014.

All final project rankings, points assigned per project and any rationale/justification for point adjustments which deviate from this methodology will be available on the MPO website by August 2014. NCDOT final project scores will be released in fall 2014 and the draft Transportation Improvement Program will be available for public review and comment prior to end of 2014.