



## 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

# Call for Projects

Webinar

February 25, 2026



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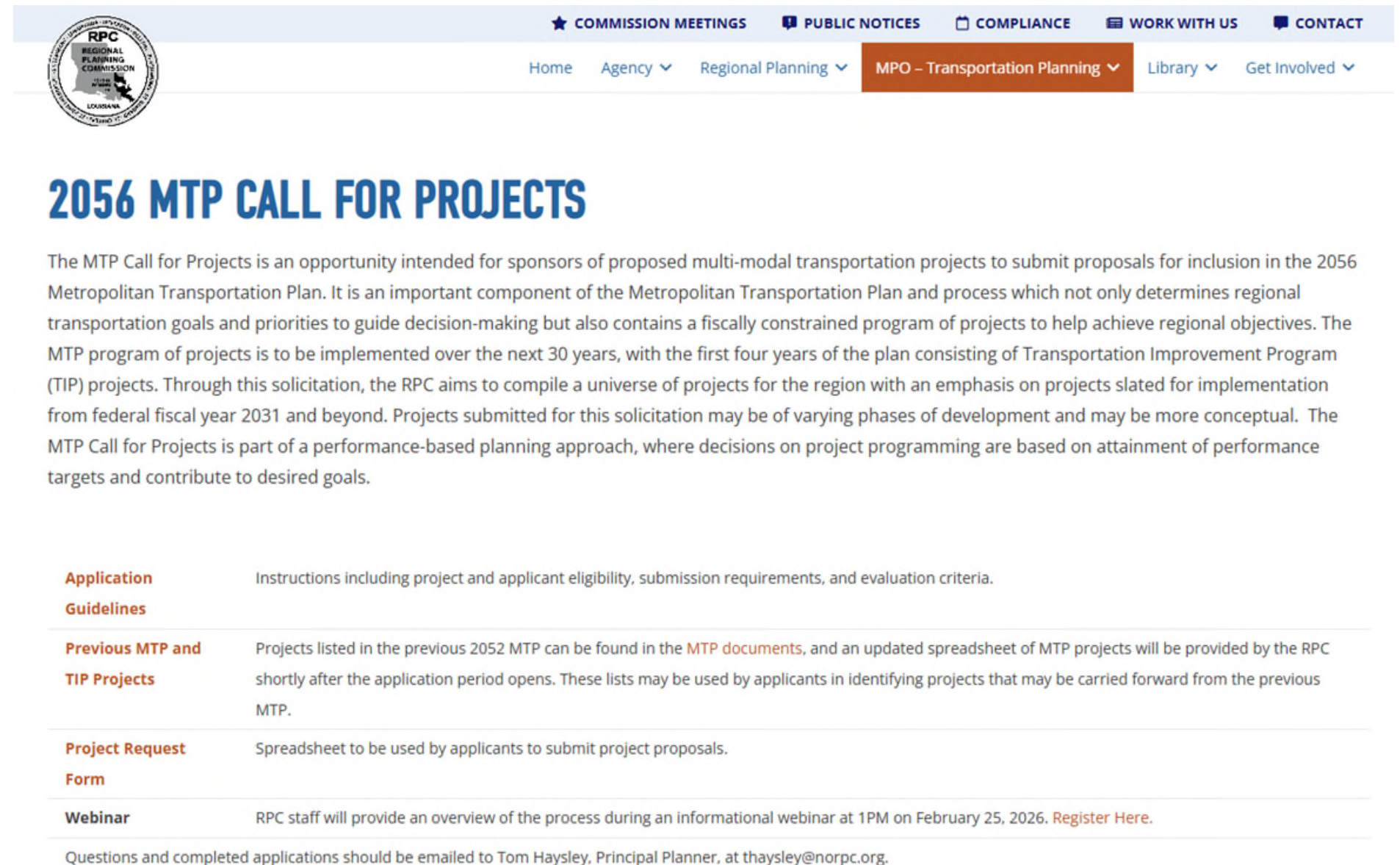


# AGENDA

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7. Submission Requirements
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# Overview

- Seeking potential projects for long-range (30-year) Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Formal project submission process in addition to existing RPC processes for identifying projects
- Projects would be programmed for implementation in FY 2031 or later
- Inclusion in MTP does not guarantee funding (yet)
- Most federal funds require local match



The screenshot shows the website for the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area. The page is titled "2056 MTP CALL FOR PROJECTS". The navigation bar includes links for "COMMISSION MEETINGS", "PUBLIC NOTICES", "COMPLIANCE", "WORK WITH US", and "CONTACT". The main content area provides a detailed description of the MTP Call for Projects, stating it is an opportunity for sponsors of proposed multi-modal transportation projects to submit proposals for inclusion in the 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The page also includes a table with the following information:

<b>Application Guidelines</b>	Instructions including project and applicant eligibility, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria.
<b>Previous MTP and TIP Projects</b>	Projects listed in the previous 2052 MTP can be found in the <a href="#">MTP documents</a> , and an updated spreadsheet of MTP projects will be provided by the RPC shortly after the application period opens. These lists may be used by applicants in identifying projects that may be carried forward from the previous MTP.
<b>Project Request Form</b>	Spreadsheet to be used by applicants to submit project proposals.
<b>Webinar</b>	RPC staff will provide an overview of the process during an informational webinar at 1PM on February 25, 2026. <a href="#">Register Here.</a>

Questions and completed applications should be emailed to Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, at [thaysley@norpc.org](mailto:thaysley@norpc.org).

Additional Guidance

<https://www.norpc.org/transportation/projects/metropolitantransportationplanning/>



# Purpose

## 2056 MTP Call for Projects

### Opportunity for Stakeholder Input

A regular call for projects during the MTP planning process provides an additional and predictable opportunity for stakeholders to influence long-term planning.

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### Larger Universe of Projects

Having a larger universe of projects helps RPC staff streamline the project delivery process and prepare for future TIP programming.

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### Better Align Projects to Regional Goals

Developing objective evaluation helps to assess and communicate projects' ability to advance goals.

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### Consistency with Federal Requirements

Developing planning processes consistent with FHWA's Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements.

# MTP Development Progress



## Plan Development Timeline

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan -

# Federal Requirements: Title 23 U.S.C. § 134

## Projects:

The metropolitan planning process for a metropolitan planning area under this section shall provide for consideration of **projects and strategies** that will—

1. support the **economic vitality** of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. increase the **safety** of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
3. increase the **security** of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
4. increase the **accessibility and mobility** of people and for freight;
5. protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth, housing, and economic development patterns;
6. enhance the integration and **connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. promote **efficient** system management and operation;
8. emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system;
9. improve the **resiliency and reliability** of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10. enhance **travel and tourism**.

# Federal Requirements: Title 23 U.S.C. § 134

## Performance-Based Planning and Programming:

The plan must support achieving performance targets for safety, system performance, and/or system preservation.

*"The metropolitan transportation planning process shall provide for the establishment and use of a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making to support the national goals described in section 150(b) of this title and the general purposes described in section 5301 of title 49."*



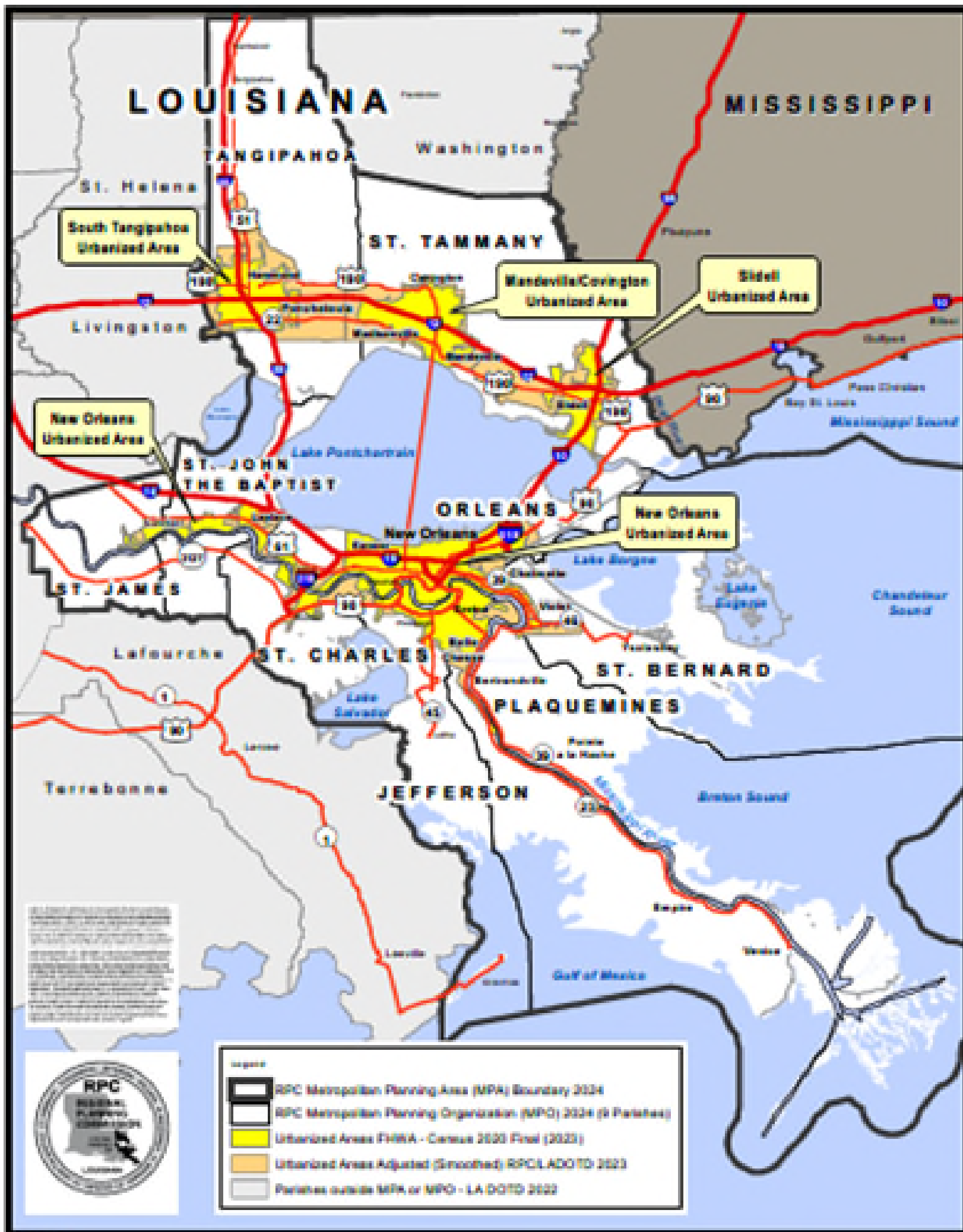
# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>February 9, 2026</b>	MTP Call for Projects application posted
<b>February 25, 2026</b>	Webinar: MTP Call for Projects Presentation for Local Public Agencies
<b>March 30, 2026</b>	Applications due by 5 p.m. CST
<b>April 6, 2026</b>	RPC Completeness Review Deadline
<b>April 20, 2026</b>	Deadline for applicants to answer requests for more information
<b>May 8, 2026</b>	Presentation of 2056 MTP Projects to the Technical Advisory Group
<b>June 9, 2026</b>	Presentation of 2056 MTP Projects to Transportation Policy Committee

# Eligibility

- Open to all local public agencies that wish to sponsor a proposed multimodal transportation project within the MPA
  - City, parish, transit agency, or other political subdivision of the State of Louisiana.
- Roadway projects must be on the Federal Aid Network
- Transit projects must be in one of the urbanized areas
- See RPC's [Transportation Layers App](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/47a2aac16f094b589d908e881162dcc1) for info:  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/47a2aac16f094b589d908e881162dcc1>

← Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries & Urbanized Area Boundaries



# Eligible Projects

- Projects considered eligible for the 2056 MTP are any of those outlined under [Title 23 U.S.C. § 133](#) or [Title 49 U.S.C. § 5307](#) of U.S. Code
- Projects should be planned for implementation in FY 2031 or later
- Projects may be at varying stages of development or study
- Projects in the conceptual planning stage are eligible

## Eligible Activities

- The IJJA's STBG Program continues all prior STBG eligibilities (see in particular 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(22), as amended, which carries forward all pre-FAST Act eligibilities). It also adds the following new eligibilities: [Except as noted, § 11109(a)(1)]
  - Privately-owned, or majority-privately owned, ferry boats and terminal facilities that, as determined by the Secretary, provide a substantial public transportation benefit or otherwise meet the foremost needs of the surface transportation system [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(1)(B)];
  - Wildlife crossing structures, and projects and strategies designed to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(1)(G); 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(14)];
  - The addition or retrofitting of structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce crashes involving vehicles and wildlife [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(3)];
  - Projects eligible under 23 U.S.C 130 and installation of safety barriers and nets on bridges [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(5)];
  - Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(7)];
  - Installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and vehicle-to-grid infrastructure [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(15)];
  - Installation and deployment of current and emerging intelligent transportation technologies [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(16)];
  - Planning and construction of projects that facilitate intermodal connections between emerging transportation technologies, such as magnetic levitation and hyperloop [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(17)];
  - Protective features, including natural infrastructure, to enhance resilience of an eligible transportation facility [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(18)];
  - Measures to protect an eligible transportation facility from cybersecurity threats [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(19)];
  - Conducting value for money analyses or similar comparative analyses of public-private partnerships [§ 11508(d)(2); 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(21)]
  - [Up to 5% of STBG apportionment] rural barge landing, docks, and waterfront infrastructure in a rural community or Alaska Native village that is off the road system; [§ 11109(a)(7); 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(23) and (j)];
  - Projects to enhance travel and tourism [23 U.S.C. 133(b)(24)];
  - Replacement of low-water crossing with a bridge not on a Federal-aid highway [§ 11109(a)(2)(D); 23 U.S.C. 133(c)(4)];
  - Capital projects for the construction of a bus rapid transit corridor or dedicated bus lane [§ 11130; 23 U.S.C. 142(a)(3)]; and
  - [Up to 15% of STBG apportionment] may be used on otherwise STBG-eligible projects or maintenance activities on roads functionally classified as rural minor collectors or local roads, ice roads, or seasonal roads, may be transferred to the Appalachian Highway System Program or the Denali Access System Program [§ 11109(a)(7); 23 U.S.C. 133(k)].

Project types made eligible under IJJA

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/stbg.cfm>



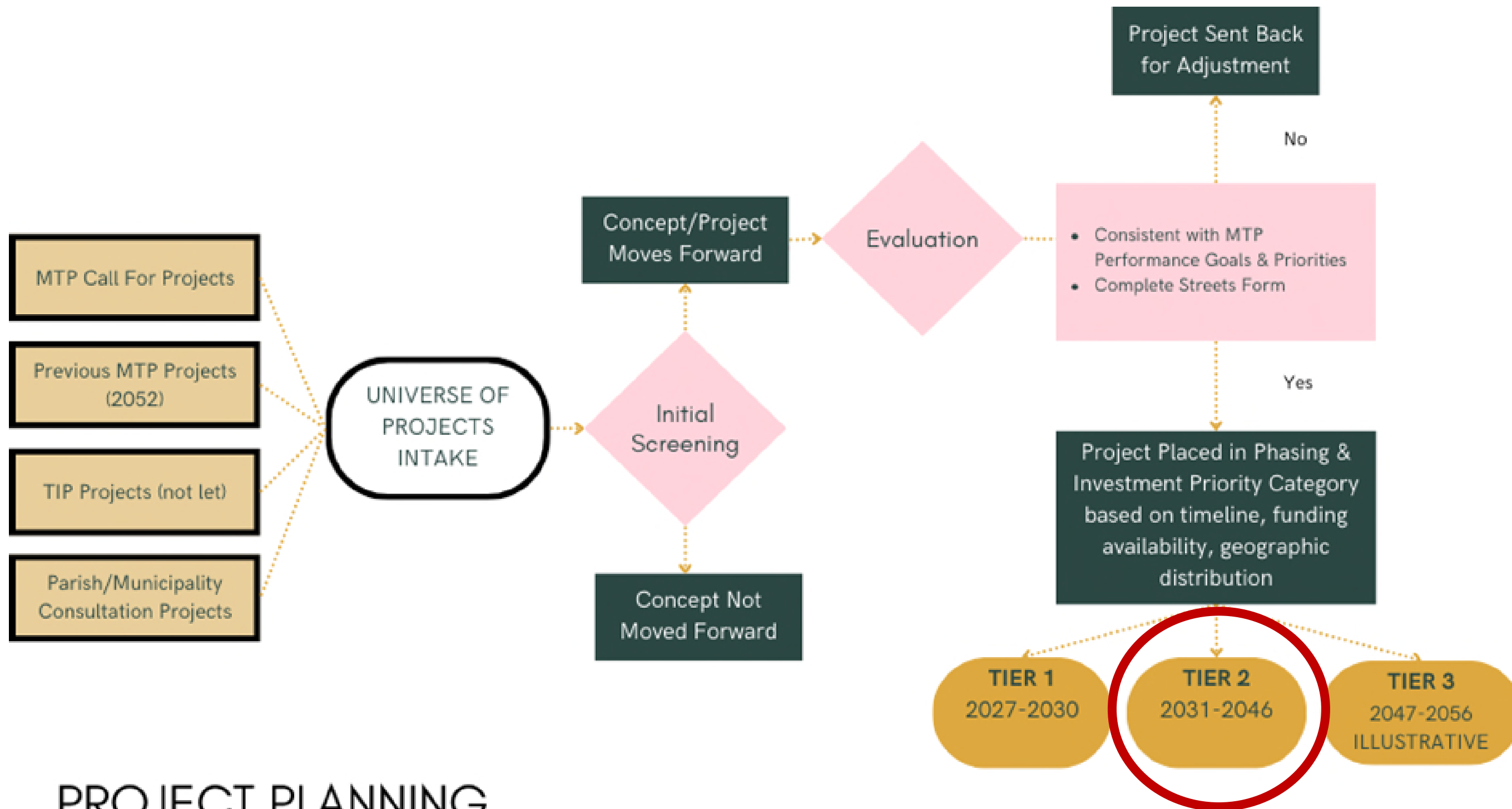
# Project Evaluation

To ensure that submitted projects align with regional long-term objectives, RPC staff will evaluate each proposal using a checklist that assesses the project's ability to advance MTP goals or influence federally required performance measures. Projects must meet at least one of these objectives to be considered for inclusion in the MTP.

# Long-Range Goals & Objectives

- 1. Safety and Security:** Invest in safe transportation options that will contribute to greater community health by enhancing physical safety and by increasing a sense of security in public spaces.
- 2. Resilience:** The transportation system will minimize negative environmental impacts while also enhancing the region's ability to withstand and recover from natural hazards.
- 3. Community Improvement:** All residents of the region will accrue benefits from the transportation system, and no person or community will suffer disproportionately from the RPC's transportation decisions.
- 4. Economic Opportunity:** The transportation system will provide residents with access to employment, facilitate the movement of goods, and connect businesses with customers.
- 5. Reliability and Connectivity:** Travel times throughout the region will be predictable, and the transportation system will be easy to use.
- 6. System Preservation and Stewardship:** Emphasis should be placed on maintaining and enhancing the multimodal functionality of existing infrastructure before investing in the addition of new roadway capacity.

# INTAKE & EVALUATION PROCESS



PROJECT PLANNING  
FLOWCHART

# THE PROCESS TO FISCAL CONSTRAINT

## Fiscal Constraint

- There must be a reasonable expectation that projects included in the plan can be funded through existing or anticipated future funding.
  - Applies to all projects that will receive federal funding. RPC has the greatest influence over Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG), currently ~\$36 million per year regionwide.
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## Project List: 3 Tiers

- **Tier 1:** Years 1-4. Includes projects that have funding identified and programmed, and which are anticipated to be implemented in the next 4 years. Identical to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- **Tier 2:** Years 5-15. Projects that are under development but require further study, design, and/or funding.
- **Tier 3:** Years 16-30. Projects that require substantial further development and/or complex funding arrangements.



# Submission Requirements

A complete application will include the following items:

1. A completed MTP Project Request Excel spreadsheet.
2. A completed "Complete Streets Form." This form is included in the Project Request spreadsheet.
3. A graphic representation of the project limits or area. If agency has the capabilities, a GIS file is preferred. A .kml file (google maps) or .pdf/.jpeg image are also acceptable.
4. (Optional) Any supplementary information regarding the project (i.e., designs, maps, plans, etc.), including information verifying the project meets certain evaluation criteria.

**PROJECT REQUEST WORKSHEET  
DEMO**



**Q&A**

Type your questions in the **chat** or **Q&A**

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