CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

October 28, 2026
AGENDA ITEM #12

Discuss and consider amending criteria for evaluating participation in potential pedestrian and/or bicycle facility projects.

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Stewardship
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	James Bass, Executive Director Mike Sexton, Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	None
Funding Source:	N/A
Action Requested:	Amend adopted criteria

Project Description/Background:
On June 25, 2025, the Board approved criteria for evaluating pedestrian and bicycle facility projects for potential funding participation by the Mobility Authority. The existing criteria assess proposed projects based on Planning, Mobility/Connectivity, Safety, Environmental Impact, and Funding. Staff is now recommending an amendment to the criteria to incorporate a new Readiness criterion, which will evaluate a project's preparedness to advance toward implementation and delivery. The addition of this criterion is intended to further support the consistent and objective evaluation of projects considered for Mobility Authority funding participation.

Financing: N/A

Action Requested / Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends adoption of the amended criteria for evaluating Mobility Authority participation in potential pedestrian and/or bicycle facility projects.

Backup Provided: Draft resolution
Amended criteria – Attachment A

GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0XX

AMENDING THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING MOBILITY AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION IN POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN AND/OR BICYCLE FACILITY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the "Mobility Authority") approved criteria for evaluating pedestrian and bicycle facility projects for potential funding participation by the Mobility Authority; and

WHEREAS, the existing criteria assess proposed projects based on Planning, Mobility/Connectivity, Safety, Environmental Impact, and Funding; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending the criteria to incorporate a new Readiness criterion that evaluates a project's preparedness to advance toward implementation and delivery, in order to further support the consistent and objective evaluation of projects considered for Mobility Authority funding participation; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board adopt the amended Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Evaluation Criteria attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors adopts the amended Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Evaluation Criteria attached hereto as Exhibit A for evaluating Mobility Authority participation in potential pedestrian and/or bicycle facility projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amended criteria replace the criteria approved on June 25, 2025.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 28th day of October 2026.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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James M. Bass
Executive Director

Approved:

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Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

Attachment A

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Evaluation Criteria

Performance Based Evaluation

The process has been designed to be an objective evaluation that emphasizes performance-based, results-driven outcomes. Projects will be selected based on objective criteria and analysis that demonstrate the direct, measurable impacts of a project. Project evaluations require robust information to support the project applications and evaluation process. The supporting information will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that only accurate, verifiable data is considered. The evaluation also places substantial weight on project readiness, including the ability of a project to proceed to construction and be ready for letting within eighteen (18) months of selection as further described in the project selection criteria below.

Overview

~~Projects like shared use paths are eligible, particularly those that improve safety and connectivity.~~ Initially projects are screened based on eligibility requirements before being assessed for readiness to determine that the project has been developed appropriately, and to the extent necessary, to ensure successful implementation should the project be selected for funding participation or sponsorship. Projects that successfully pass through this step will then be evaluated using the project selection criteria that includes an evaluation of planning factors. Projects will be recommended based on the resulting score ranking and funding availability.

Readiness Overview

Readiness will assess projects based on the project development process and the resulting schedule for utilizing funding as it is critical to ensure that projects have completed the necessary steps to move forward in a timely manner. The end goal of the readiness assessment is to ensure, to the highest degree practicable, that projects moved forward into the evaluation process can be implemented as presented in the application should they be selected for funding. For purposes of scoring, projects that are capable of being let for construction within eighteen (18) months following selection will receive the greatest readiness consideration. Sponsors shall provide a project schedule identifying the anticipated letting date and the status of design, environmental clearance, right-of-way, utility coordination, permits, funding, and other critical pre-construction activities.

Each project's unique development process will be considered in context; however, all projects should exhibit a thorough, iterative, and data-driven approach to development that ensures successful implementation. For the readiness evaluation, sponsors will provide a brief narrative summary of the project progress regarding the applicable development phase and include all relevant supporting materials for verification.

Eligibility Requirements

Location Requirements

The majority of a project must be located within the service area of the Mobility Authority.

Entity Eligibility

a) **For Participation:** in order for the Mobility Authority to financially participate in a project the sponsoring entity must be a Governmental Entity as defined by Section 370.003, Transportation Code.

b) **For Sponsorship:** the Mobility Authority may choose to become the sponsor of a project of a Governmental Entity or any other entity through mutual agreement. Projects submitted by non-governmental organizations, including non-profit organizations, educational institutions, advocacy organizations, or private entities, may be considered as part of the Mobility Authority's ongoing planning, coordination, partnership, or sponsorship efforts. The Mobility Authority may encourage such organizations to partner with an eligible governmental entity when pursuing funding participation or other forms of Mobility Authority involvement. This process in no way shall limit the ability of the Mobility Authority to independently pursue such projects.

Funding participation, if selected, will be provided through a reimbursable funding program pursuant to an applicable agreement. The Mobility Authority will not provide project funding as an advance payment upon selection. Reimbursement will be subject to the applicable agreement, eligible costs, and required supporting documentation.

Open Project Call

The Executive Director, in his or her discretion, may initiate an open project call for eligible pedestrian and bicycle projects using the approved Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Evaluation Criteria, as amended from time to time. An open project call may establish application requirements, submission deadlines, available funding as approved by the Board during the capital planning process, project eligibility requirements, and other administrative requirements consistent with the approved criteria. The initiation of an open project call does not obligate the Mobility Authority to select, sponsor, or financially participate in any submitted project.

Project Selection Criteria

Criteria	Performance Measure	Max Value
Planning	The project has undergone a comprehensive planning process or is identified as a priority in a local or regional transportation plan.	10
Readiness	Construction documents/design are sufficiently advanced to support construction letting. Projects that can achieve letting within eighteen (18) months of selection will receive the maximum points available.	15
	Projects that demonstrate all material pre-construction requirements, including environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, utility coordination, permits, funding, and other project-specific requirements, are complete or scheduled for completion in time to support project letting within eighteen (18) months of selection will receive the maximum points available.	20
	Projects that provide a credible schedule demonstrating an anticipated letting date within eighteen (18) months of selection will receive the maximum points available.	15
Mobility/ Connectivity	Project removes a barrier or provides a connection that did not exist previously to an existing Mobility Authority Shared Use Path (SUP) ~~that did not exist previously~~.	20
	Project connects to existing facilities such as schools, community facilities, residential, employment and shopping centers, etc.	10
	Project directly links to a public transportation connection or is within - 0.25 miles or less (20) - 0.26 to 0.50 miles (15) - demonstrates potential for an identified future connection (5)	20
Safety	Project improves pedestrian and/or cyclist safety and security.	10
Environmental Impact	Project has incorporated measures that reduce, minimize, or avoid negative impacts to the environment or cultural resources.	10
Funding	Other identified/secured financial participants - The sponsor demonstrates that the project is positioned to proceed into construction after award, including a clear funding plan for the balance of project costs. ~~- each 5% of project (2)~~	20

Planning

Projects should be identified in locally or regionally adopted plans, including city or county thoroughfare plans, city comprehensive plans, or CAMPO documents including the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Provide the name of the plan(s) in

which the project is included, its date of adoption or approval, and include any additional identifying information which may be needed to locate the project.

Readiness

Sponsors shall provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate the project's current development status and anticipated letting date. Documentation should identify, as applicable, the status of design/construction documents, environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition or availability, utility coordination, permits, approvals, funding commitments, and procurement/letting activities. Projects with a documented ability to be let for construction within eighteen (18) months of selection will receive the highest readiness score. Projects that cannot reasonably be let within eighteen (18) months will receive reduced readiness points based on the completeness of development and the credibility of the proposed schedule.

Mobility/Connectivity

Project provides new connections or connections to Mobility Authority SUPs that increase access connectivity and reduce the functional network distance between two points for non-auto transportation. Project allows users to travel between points faster or overcome a barrier such as a river, roadway, or elevation change. Provide the distance of the shortest, safe alternative route compared to the distance with the project.

Connectivity

Provide list of existing school, community facilities, residential cluster, neighborhood, or employment center name along the project alignment (directly affected) and that would peripherally benefit from the project (within 0.25 mile).

List public transportation service or station served within 0.25 miles, or 0.5 miles. Provide map or other visual image such as an aerial screen capture with supporting measurement, along with graphical location of the public transportation route, service or station noted. Physical barriers, such as water crossing, fence, or building, should be avoided in measurement. Identified planned future transit improvements should be noted, with reference to the plan or estimated service start date.

Safety

Project provides additional separation from travel lanes, illumination, all-weather surface treatment. Project demonstrably serves both pedestrians and cyclists or separates the two modes through its implementation in a way that similar projects have documented safety improvement.

Environmental Impacts

Demonstrate that environmental factors have been identified and that all necessary

measures to protect and enhance the environment and cultural resources have been taken into consideration and incorporated into the project. Supporting documentation for this effort include environmental studies, technical reports, permits and resulting design elements.

Funding

Describe how much funding other entities have committed for the project. Provide documentation that demonstrates the committed funding for the project.

The Mobility Authority reserves the right to request additional documentation or supporting information at any time to verify the accuracy and completeness of any information submitted for evaluation, including information used to determine eligibility, project readiness, and scoring outcomes.