

Community and Environmental Breakout Group Potential Draft Policy Recommendations

Questions:

1. How can existing processes for community and environmental screening, ETDM, and others be integrated and enhanced to ensure the SIS supports environmental stewardship and community livability goals?
2. Should we give greater attention to air quality, climate change, and energy issues in SIS planning and investment decisions?
3. How should SIS planning and investment decisions incorporate regional and community visions?

Draft Recommendations:

- A. Continue to apply the SIS community and environmental screening process to all facilities proposed for SIS or Emerging SIS designation, regardless of mode or ownership.

Note: breakout group will suggest revisions to community and environmental criteria during May 20 meeting.

- B. Apply the Efficient Transportation Decision-Making (ETDM) process to help evaluate all SIS projects, regardless of their mode or ownership.

Note: staff exploring whether this would require legislative change, or whether agreeing to participate in ETDM could become a condition for SIS designation and/or use of SIS funding.

- C. Strengthen linkages among planning and environmental processes to ensure early and ongoing partner coordination, leverage data and resources, and provide for sequentially more detailed consideration of community and environmental issues at all stages of SIS designation, planning, investment decision-making, and project development. Processes that should be integrated include:

1. SIS community and environmental screening process for designation;
2. the Efficient Transportation Decision-Making (ETDM) process;
3. project development and environmental review processes; and
4. the permitting process.

- D. Consider air quality, energy, and climate changes issues in the SIS designation, planning, and investment decisions.

Note: breakout group will discuss potential criteria during May 20 meeting. Considerations might include

- *Whether facility proposed for designation is located in an air quality non-attainment area and whether proposed projects are consistent and compatible with the State Implementation Plan;*
- *Whether facility proposed for designation is located in a jurisdiction with adopted comprehensive plan elements related to climate change, energy, and sustainability and whether proposed projects are consistent and compatible with these plans elements.*

- E. Continue to encourage development of long-range regional visions for integrating transportation, land use, economic development, community and environmental decisions, and use of these visions as guidance to SIS planning and investment decisions.

Note: breakout group will discuss further during May 20 meeting. Considerations might include

- *Consideration of whether a facility proposed for designation is consistent and compatible with regional vision*
- *Greater weight during prioritization process for projects consistent and compatible with regional vision*

- F. Develop guidelines for determining whether a regional vision has sufficient local government support to be considered as input to SIS or other transportation decision-making processes.

Note: breakout group will discuss potential guidelines during May 20 meeting. Considerations might include

- *Evidence of significant public involvement in developing the vision*
- *Evidence that the vision will be integrated through adoption as part of local government comprehensive plans, MPO plans, Strategic Regional Policy Plans, and other plans*
- *Coordination of multiple regional visions when planning for corridors that connect two or more regions*