

Comparison Chart of Previous Criteria and New 2012 Criteria for Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Evaluation

Previous Criteria	Previous Criteria Explanation	Previous Point Range	2012 Criteria	2012 Criteria Explanation	2012 Point Range
Cost Effectiveness	What is the cost/benefit of proposed project? Projects that provide the most new infrastructure for the least cost will receive the highest scores.	High – 15 Med – 8 Low – 0	Safety Improvement	Project solves a safety problem once complete. Is there a crash history along the project site? Projects that will mitigate a hazard in locations. Does the project remove conflicts and/or provides safety mitigation for any potential vehicular conflicts?	<i>Crash history:</i> High – 9, Med – 5, Low – 0 <i>Solves problem:</i> High – 9, Med – 5, Low – 0
Project Utility	Project serves a need/be well used once it is complete. Projects located in high or potentially high pedestrian/bicycle traffic areas will receive top scores.	High – 20 Med – 12 Low – 4	Cost Effectiveness	What is the cost/benefit of proposed project? Projects that provide the most new infrastructure for the least cost will receive the highest scores.	High – 12 Med – 6 Low – 0
Closes Gap in System	Project completes a gap in the system; compliments adjacent facilities; significantly improves an existing facility that is well-used. Projects that significantly help to complete a pedestrian or bicycle corridor will receive top scores.	<i>Completes gap:</i> High – 15, Med – 8, Low – 0 <i>Compliments other facilities:</i> 0 – 5 <i>Improves existing facilities:</i> 0 – 5	Project Utility	Project serves a need/be well used once it is complete. Project improves access to priority destinations mixed use centers, large employment areas, schools, and essential services. Projects located in high or potentially high pedestrian/bicycle traffic areas will receive top scores. Projects that are located in high transit use areas or that improve access to transit will receive higher scores.	High – 15 Med – 8 Low – 0
Compliment Recent or Future Project	Project compliments or enhances a recently completed or near-term future project. Projects located in close proximity to other recent or planned bicycle or pedestrian enhancements will receive top scores.	High – 10 Med – 5 Low – 0	Closes Gap in System	Project completes a gap in the systems; compliments adjacent facilities (stormwater management); significantly improves an existing facility that is well-used. Projects that significantly help to complete a pedestrian or bicycle corridor will receive top scores.	<i>Completes gap:</i> High – 8, Med – 4, Low – 0 <i>Compliments other facilities:</i> 0 – 4 <i>Improves existing facilities:</i> 0 – 4
Proximity to Schools	School is adjacent to the project area. Project must be directly adjacent to a school to receive the points.	Yes – 5 No – 0	Compliment Recent or Future Project	Project compliments or enhances a recently completed or near-term future project (including leveraging). Project that have benefit to phases of completed or future projects. Projects located in close proximity to other recent or planned bicycle or pedestrian enhancements will receive top scores.	High – 8 Med – 4 Low – 0
Safety Improvement	Project solves a safety problem once complete. Is there a history of accidents along the project site? Projects that will mitigate a hazard in locations	<i>Accident history:</i> High – 15, Med – 8, Low – 0 <i>Solves problem:</i> High – 10, Med – 5, Low – 0	Proximity to Schools	School is adjacent to the project area. Project must be directly adjacent to a school to receive the points.	Yes – 5 No – 0
No Other Project	Will another project address all or some of the problem? Projects will receive all 5 points if no other projects planned for the area will address bicycle or pedestrian concerns.	Yes – 5 No – 0	No Other Project	Will another project address all or some of the problem? Projects will receive all 5 points if no other projects planned for the area will address bicycle or pedestrian concerns.	0 to 5 points
Feasibility	Factors exist within or outside the scope of the project that make it impractical. Projects receive negative points if concerns about right-of-way, topography, construction timing, or public acceptance make them impractical.	<i>ROW/Topography issues:</i> -3 – 0 <i>Construction timing issues:</i> -3 – 0 <i>Public acceptance concerns:</i> -4 – 0	Feasibility	Factors exist within or outside the scope of the project that make it impractical. Projects receive negative points if concerns about right-of-way, topography, or construction timing make them impractical.	<i>ROW/Topography issues:</i> -3 – 0 <i>Construction timing issues:</i> -3 – 0
Bonus	Bonus points will be awarded for proximity to parks (0, 2), trails (0, 2), centers (0, 2), alternate sources of money (0, 2) and community support (0, 2).	0 - 10	Equity	Does the project improve access to priority destinations mixed use centers, large employment areas, schools, and essential services for Environmental Justice/underserved communities? Does the project serve traditionally underserved (minority, low income, limited English speaking, youth, elderly, disabled) communities?	0-6 points
Total points possible		105	Health	Does the project help reduce impacts, such as noise, land use conflicts, emissions, etc. Does the project help reduce air toxics or particulate matter? Does the project include multimodal elements (access to transit stops or encourages use of different modes of transportation)? Does the project reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)? Does the project provide access to “essential services” (parks, trails, centers, recreation, etc) within a 1 mile walk or bike ride?	0-6 points
			Bonus	Points will be awarded for alternate sources of money (-2, +2), project readiness (-2, +2) and community support (-5, +5).	-9 - +9
			Total points possible		100