

TEC Updates to be Released

- Why are we proposing to change TEC?
 - Current federal guidelines have changed areas of focus, resulting in the need to amend section 8 – Environmental Justice
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires Metropolitan Planning to include connections between transportation and housing. Proposed updates to section 7 – Quality of Life.

The IIJA makes several changes to include housing considerations in the metropolitan transportation planning process, including—

- updating the policy to include, as items in the national interest, encouraging and promoting the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will better connect housing and employment; [§ 11201(d)(1); 23 U.S.C. 134(a)(1)]
- adding officials responsible for housing as officials with whom the Secretary shall encourage each MPO to consult; [§ 11201(d)(2); 23 U.S.C. 134(g)(3)(A)]
- requiring the metropolitan transportation planning process for a metropolitan planning area to provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local housing patterns (in addition to planned growth and economic development patterns); [§ 11201(d)(3); 23 U.S.C. 134(h)(1)(E)]
- adding assumed distribution of population and housing to a list of recommended components to be included in optional scenarios developed for consideration as part of development of the metropolitan transportation plan; [§ 11201(d)(4)(A); 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(4)(B)]
- adding affordable housing organizations to a list of stakeholders MPOs are required to provide a reasonable opportunity to comment on the metropolitan transportation plan; and [§ 11201(d)(4)(B); 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(6)(A)]
- within a metropolitan planning area that serves a transportation management area, permitting the transportation planning process to address the integration of housing, transportation, and economic development strategies through a process that provides for effective integration, including by developing a housing coordination plan. [§ 11201(d)(5); 23 U.S.C. 134(k)]

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What TEC Factors are Changing?

Section 7 - Quality of Life

- CEDS has not been an effective criteria.
- Section (7C) is being updated based on recently completed PVPC Housing Coordination and Production Plan and IJJA requirements.
- Access to education (7f) is being consolidated into the new 7c.
- Construction of Rest Areas (7l) is being modified to include Parks.

Existing Quality of Life: Section 7c, 7f, and 7l

c	Improves Connections between Housing and Employment, Service Facility or Retail Establishment	Project will serve an existing or planned area identified as a major employment center in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. 2013 CEDS - 2 points	Select if applicable	Identify the major employment center	2	0
		Project is adjacent to documented affordable housing - 1 point				
f	Provide Safe and Reliable Access to Education	Project includes design elements to improve safety and/or access (regardless of mode) to an existing or planned educational facility (sidewalks, traffic calming measures, crosswalk signals)	Select if applicable	Identify the educational facility and the design elements	0.5	0
		Project helps to implement an accepted Safe Route to School or the recommendations of a Safe Route to School study Safe Routes to Schools				
l	Construction of Rest Areas and Parks	Construction or reconstruction of roadside rest areas, or Parks , including sanitary and water facilities	Select if applicable	Identify location	0.5	0

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Proposed update to Quality of Life: Section 7c

c	Improves safe and reliable connections between housing and key destinations such as employment, education, services, and retail centers	Project is located within or adjacent to a zoning district where multi-family residential is permitted by right. Within district where multi-family by right and with high density zoning. – 1.5 points	Select if applicable	Reference specific zoning district	4
		Adjacent to district [.5 mile] - 1 point			
		Within district where multi-family is allowed by special permit - 0.5 point			
		Project supports zoning or infrastructure that enable housing affordability. Project is in or helps create a corridor with zoning allowing affordable/mixed-income multi-family and is tied to housing strategy identified in an Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) - approved Housing Production Plan -1 point			
		Project is adjacent to documented affordable housing that appears on the municipality's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI), listed by the EOHLC - 0.5 Point			
		Project incorporates concepts of on-street parking supply efficiency or is adjacent to development that uses standard parking minimums but includes features of shared parking - 1 Point			
		Project advances recommendations from a locally adopted plan that encourage economic development. - 0.5 point			
		Project helps to implement recommendations of a Safe Routes to School study - 0.5 Points		Identify the design elements	

What TEC Factors are Changing?

- Rename Section 8 to Title VI
- Remove criteria - a, criteria - c and criteria - e
- Update criteria g to read Local Public Involvement

Proposed update to Section 8

Title VI				SID #	0
		Maximum Points for this Subsection:		2.5	#REF!
Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
Reduce and Limit Disproportionate Impacts on Title VI Communities	Project is located within one or more identified Title VI Areas, has no adverse impacts projected, and will reduce travel time to work	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	0.5	0
Improve Transit or pedestrian connections for Title VI Populations	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide new transit or pedestrian access – 1 points	Select one only.	Identify project on Title VI map	1	
	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide improved transit or pedestrian access – 0.5 points				
	Project provides no improvement in transit or pedestrian access or is not in a Title VI area – 0 points				
Reduce Burdens on Title VI Areas	Project creates a burden or negative impact in identified Title VI Area	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	-5	0
Local Public Involvement	Project has a documented local public involvement process (above and beyond the MassDOT 25% public hearing)	Select if applicable	Identify process	1	0

8	Environmental Justice Title VI			SID #	0	
		Maximum Points for this Subsection:			4-2.5	0
	Criterion	Factor	Instructions	Details	Max Score	Actual Score
-a	Reduce and Limit Disproportionate Impacts on EJ Communities	Project is located within one or more identified Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas, has no adverse impacts projected, and will reduce travel time to work	Select if applicable	Identify project on EJ map	0.5	0
b	Reduce and Limit Disproportionate Impacts on Title VI Communities	Project is located within one or more identified Title VI Areas, has no adverse impacts projected, and will reduce travel time to work	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	0.5	0
e	Improve Transit or pedestrian connections for EJ Populations	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, an environmental justice area and will provide new transit or pedestrian access — 1 points Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, an environmental justice area and will provide improved transit or pedestrian access — 0.5 points Project provides no improvement in transit or pedestrian access or is not in an environmental justice area — 0 points	Select one only.	Identify project on EJ map	1	
d	Improve Transit or pedestrian connections for Title VI Populations	Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide new transit or pedestrian access – 1 points Project is located within half-mile buffer of, or affects, a Title VI area and will provide improved transit or pedestrian access – 0.5 points Project provides no improvement in transit or pedestrian access or is not in a Title VI area – 0 points	Select one only.	Identify project on Title VI map	1	
e	Reduce Burdens on EJ Areas	Project creates a burden or negative impact in identified EJ Area	Select if applicable	Identify project on EJ map	-5	0
f	Reduce Burdens on Title VI Areas	Project creates a burden or negative impact in identified Title VI Area	Select if applicable	Identify project on Title VI map	-5	0
g	Local Public Involvement with Impacted Underserved Communities	Project has a documented local public involvement process with an impacted underserved community (above and beyond the MassDOT 25% public hearing)	Select if applicable	Identify process	1	0

System Preservation, Modernization and Efficiency	Livability	Mobility	Smart Growth and Economic Development	Safety and Security	Environment and Climate-Change	Quality of Life	Environmental Justice and-Title VI
Improves Substandard Pavement	Design is consistent with Complete Streets policies	Improves efficiency, reliability and attractiveness of public transit	Encourages development around existing infrastructure	Reduces number and severity of collisions	Preserves floodplains and wetlands	Enhances or preserves greenways and blueways	Reduces and limits disproportionate impacts on an EJ community
8	3	4	2	7	1	1	0.5
Improves Intersection Operations	Provides multi-modal access to a downtown, village center, or employment center	Improves existing peak hour LOS	Prioritizes transportation investments that support land use and economic development goals	Promotes safe and accessible pedestrian and bike environment	Promotes green infrastructure and low impact development to reduce stormwater impacts	Improves access to parks, open lands and open space	Reduces and limits disproportionate impacts on Title VI community
6	2	6	1	4	2	1	0.5
In a Congestion Management Process Area	Enhance non motorized transportation	Reduces traffic congestion	Provides services to a TOD, TND or cluster development district	Improves emergency response	Reduced impervious surfaces	Improves safe and reliable connections between housing and key destinations	Improves transit for EJ populations
7	1	5	0.5	4	0.5	4	1
	Project serves a targeted development site		Supports mixed-use downtowns and village centers		Protects or enhances environmental assets	Preserves historical and cultural resources	Improves transit for Title VI populations
	2		0.5		0.5	0.5	1
	Completes off-road bike and ped network		Improves Intermodal Connections		Supports Brownfield redevelopment	Preserves prime agricultural land	Creates an EJ Burden
	3		4		0.5	0.5	-5
			Reduces congestion on freight routes		Improves air quality	Provides safe and reliable access to education	Creates an Title VI Burden
			2		2	0.5	-5
					Improves fish and wildlife passage	Supports designated scenic byways	Enhance Public Involvement with Impacted Underserved Communities
					1	0.5	1
					Supports Green Communities	Implements ITS Strategies	
					0.5	1	
					Improves storm resilience	Improves Network Wayfinding	
					3	1	
					Carbon Reduction Program	Access to Sensative Receptors	
					0.5	1	
					Project Improves Habitat Connectivity	Length of Time Project has been in queue for TIP funding	
					1	1	
						Construction of Rest Areas and Parks	
						0.5	
Maximum Score							
21	12	15	10	15	12.5	12	2.5

