



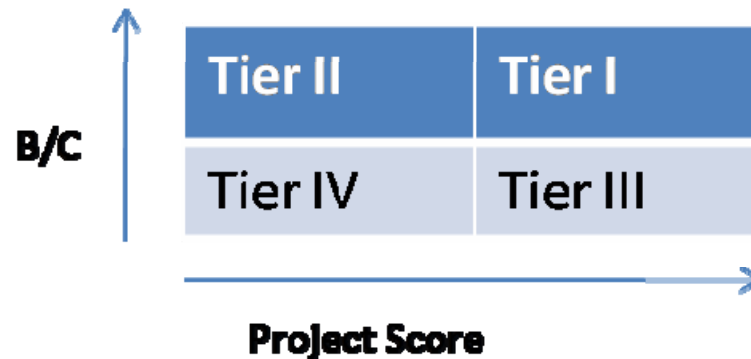
# Project Prioritization Process Status Briefing

Program Delivery Committee Meeting  
September 17, 2008

# Agenda

- Review of the input we have received on PrPP and Business Rules
- Review preliminary recommendation
- Next Steps – where do we go from here??

## Use of score and B/C



- There was general consensus regarding how the b/c and score were to be used.
- It was suggested that presenting the score using letter grades (A, B, C,D) instead of numbers may be clearer.
- The letter grade method could also apply to the tiers

## Local Commitment

- There is concern that :
  - Rural Projects can not compete with Urban Projects and only Atlanta regions projects will advance
  - The perception will be that Counties are required to “buy” there way into higher tiers
  - Poorer counties will not have the ability to pay for projects to move up
  - Financing poor scoring projects is not the best use of Federal dollars

## Special rules for major projects

- Overall agreement that major projects such as a Northwest Corridor, KIA or 17<sup>th</sup> Street will require special consideration
- Some criteria should still be required to evaluate these projects i.e. b/c, support of economic development, political support, etc.



## Interim vs. long term business rules

- There was general agreement that drastic steps would have to be taken to address the immediate crisis.
- Local priorities should still be considered during this process.

## Equity!!!!

- The process should be “fair and equitable to everyone”
- The definition of “fair” varied depending on the geographical location being discussed
- There was no consensus on how to resolve this issue
- There was NO consensus on whether or not to continue Congressional Balancing

## Discretionary decisions

- There was general agreement that discretionary decisions will have to be made
- It was suggested that the “Investment Committee” be renamed to “Statewide Strategic Committee”
- It was suggested that the Board Member representing the CD of the project under discussion be the second Board Member on the Committee
- It was suggested that the Deputy Commissioner and the District Engineer be added to the Committee

## “Safe” projects

- There was concern that a commitment could be made to the public and then not followed through
- There was concern over the financial loss resulting from a project not moving forward after R/W is purchased and design is near completion

## General Comments

- The process could be phased in gradually
- Prioritize each Congressional District
- Prioritization of a portion of the program should be considered i.e.
  - Prioritize 50% of the program using PrPP
  - The remaining would be a the discretion of the Board
- Allow each Board member to identify priorities within their own districts after conferring with their legislative and local governments leaders
- Clearly show how IT3 and PrPP work together



# Preliminary Recommendations

- The use of PrPP results should take a phased in approach. For development of the 2010-2013 STIP:
  - **Option A:** Assigned 100% of available funds to top scoring PrPP projects **in each CD**
  - **Option B:** Assigned 75% of available funds to top scoring PrPP projects **in each CD** and 25% funds using traditional methods
  - **Option C:** Assigned 50% of available funds to top scoring PrPP projects **in each CD** and 50% funds using traditional methods
  
- \*\* Please be reminded that in a MPO area, the projects selected are **recommended** to the MPO for inclusion in the TIP. This is not intended to circumvent or usurp the Planning Process.



# Preliminary Recommendations

- Local Commitment can be addressed in one of the following ways:
  - If a Local Government wishes to advance an unfunded project Federal/State participation could be capped and all project costs exceeding the Federal/State participation would then be the responsibility of Local Government
  - OR**
  - Assign additional points to the project score based on the percentage of the total project costs the Local Government is willing to commit
- The number of request to shift projects should be limited to one project per fiscal year



# Preliminary Recommendations

- Special projects should be evaluated by staff and the Commissioner based on economic development, political support and safety
- The Commissioner will then make a recommendation to the Board
- The Board would then make the final decision as to whether or not the project is added to the program
- Funding for the special project will be dependant on whether the project has:
  - Local Impact (big box development)
  - Regional Impact (Kia Plant)
  - Statewide Impact (i.e. Hartsfield Jackson International Airport)  
(Recommendation to go before the full GDOT Board)



# Preliminary Recommendations

- Projects in the current 2009/2010 program years will be prioritize in the following order:
  - eliminate all new PE
  - eliminate all new R/W
  - eliminate non-conformity construction projects
  - eliminate capacity projects based on PrPP and readiness
  - eliminate maintenance, safety and bridge as a last resort



# Preliminary Recommendations

- Implement the Statewide Strategic Committee to review/approve decisions regarding discretionary funds
- The Committee should be comprised of the following:
  - GDOT Commissioner
  - GDOT Board Chair
  - GDOT Board Member in the impacted area
  - GDOT Chief Engineer
  - GDOT Senior Staff
  - MPO Board Chair (if in MPO area) \*or\* GDOT Planning Division Director (or designee)



# Preliminary Recommendations

- A project can be stopped at any time
- It is only “safe” as long as it remains in the appropriate tier and funding is available
- B/C will be run throughout the project life
- Local funds could be at risk.
- An increased consultation process should be implemented to review the prioritization process and results with local governments



## Next Steps

- Continue to gather comments on Process and Business Rules from GDOT Board, RDCs, MPOs, Associations and others
- Continue Public Involvement
- Follow direction set by the GDOT Board

# QUESTIONS