

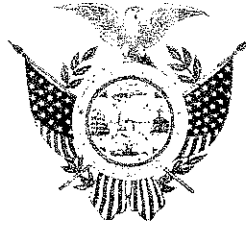
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June 13, 2012

**Recommendations for Housing Advisory Committee:**

- I. The Housing Advisory Committee recommends that SEWRPC alter the process by which it selects federally-funded road and other projects for the TIP.

This amended process should be based on objective criteria that give greater preference to projects in communities that meet *all* the following criteria, with lesser scoring for projects in communities that only meet some of the criteria (e.g., higher priority to communities that have transit, affordable housing and focus on road repairs; lesser scoring if a community has affordable housing but no transit).

This amended process should also ensure that it is, in law and in intent, fully compliant with civil rights laws, in particular regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which prohibit federally-funded entities from using criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of discriminating against, or providing lesser services to, persons of color and persons with disabilities, and the Fair Housing Act and CDBG laws and regulations which prohibit the perpetuation of segregation and discrimination.

A. Projects in communities that are providing affordable housing for families and/or persons with disabilities and that do not have any jobs/housing imbalance as defined the Housing Study

1. Second tier: projects in communities that have no jobs/housing imbalance for lower wage workers, or that have a jobs/housing imbalance for lower wage workers and are taking concrete steps to reduce that imbalance, such as zoning for, facilitating and actively soliciting construction of affordable rental housing.
2. Third tier: projects in communities with no jobs/housing imbalance for lower wage workers, but a jobs/housing imbalance for moderate wage workers that are taking concrete steps to reduce that imbalance, such as zoning for and soliciting construction of moderate-income housing.

B. Projects in communities that provide public transportation in compliance with at least 75% of those transit recommendations from the regional transportation plan focused on connecting transit-dependent workers (i.e., workers who lack cars) to jobs in that community

1. Second tier: projects in communities that provide, or intend to provide, more than 50% of the transit services for that community in the regional transportation plan focused on connecting transit-dependent workers (i.e., workers who lack cars) to jobs in that community

C. Projects to repair and maintain roads (as vs building, expanding or widening roads).

And, conversely, that the process reduce preference within the TIP to:

D. Projects in communities with job/housing imbalances as defined in the Housing Study, especially for lower income workers;

E. Projects in communities that fail to provide transit service for lower-wage workers to access jobs in those communities.

II. The Housing Advisory Committee recommends that SEWRPC alter its decision-making processes so that, to the maximum extent allowable by law, it uses federal flexible funding to increase transit investments to enable lower-wage workers to access employment.

According to USDOT,

The ability to transfer funds (with certain restrictions) between highway and transit programs was introduced so metropolitan areas could apply federal transportation funds to their highest priority transportation projects. The funds are not actually transferred from one bank account to another; rather, FHWA and FTA confirm program-eligible expenditures and reimburse accordingly. In urbanized areas (UAs) with populations greater than 200,000, MPOs are responsible for considering "flexing" funds to meet local planning priorities.

[http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/briefingbook/bbook\\_07.pdf](http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/briefingbook/bbook_07.pdf) (pp 12-13)

**Potential New Recommendation for Regional Housing Plan  
For Review by Advisory Committee  
June 13, 2012**

The following would be added as Recommendation No. 7 under the Job/Housing Balance Recommendations:

SEWRPC will explore with local governments, through its Advisory Committees for Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine urbanized areas, potentially establishing revised criteria that would take job/housing balance into consideration when recommendations are developed for funding, and including in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), projects with Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program - Milwaukee Urbanized Area funding and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding.

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