Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee
Strategic Plan Screening and Prioritization Criteria – (Adopted 10.26.2021)

The Prop AA Expenditure Plan requires that the Strategic Plan include a prioritization mechanism to rank projects within each of the three programmatic categories. The intent of this requirement is to provide the Transportation Authority Board, the public, and Prop AA project sponsors with a clear understanding of how projects are prioritized for funding within program. Having a transparent and well-documented prioritization methodology in place allows for an open, inclusive and predictable project development process, intended to result in a steady stream of projects that are ready to compete for Prop AA, Prop K, and other discretionary (i.e., competitive) fund sources for implementation. In addition, a robust prioritization methodology helps to ensure that projects programmed for Prop AA funds can deliver near-term, tangible benefits to the public as intended by the Expenditure Plan. Finally, it allows project sponsors to better take advantage of coordination opportunities with other transportation projects funded by Prop AA and other funding sources that should result in efficiencies and minimize disruption caused by construction activities.

I. SCREENING

Projects must meet all screening criteria in order to be considered further for Prop AA funding. The screening criteria focus on meeting the eligibility requirements for Prop AA funds and include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- Project sponsor is an eligible administering agency per the Prop AA Expenditure Plan guidelines.

- Project is eligible for funding from one or more of Prop AA's three programmatic categories.

- Project is seeking Prop AA funds for design or construction phases only.

- Project is consistent with the regional transportation plan.

- Project is consistent with agency adopted plans; existing and planned land uses; and adopted standards for urban design and for the provision of pedestrian amenities; and supportive of planned growth in transit friendly housing, employment and services.

II. GENERAL PRIORITIZATION

Projects that meet all of the Prop AA screening criteria will be prioritized for Prop AA funding based on, but not limited to the factors listed below. Neither the general prioritization criteria listed below nor category-specific criteria listed in Section III are in any particular order nor are they weighted. In general, the more criteria a project satisfies and the better it meets them, the higher a project will be ranked.

- **Project Readiness:** Priority shall be given to projects that can implement the funded phase(s) within twelve months of allocation. Implementation includes issuance of a purchase order to secure project components, awarding a contract, or encumbrance of staff labor charges by project sponsor.

- **Time Sensitivity:** Priority shall be given to projects that are trying to take advantage of time sensitive construction coordination opportunities and whether the project would leverage other funding sources with timely use of funds requirements.

- **Community Engagement/Support:** Priority shall be given to projects with clear and diverse community support and/or developed out of a community-based planning process (e.g., community-based transportation plan, the Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program, corridor improvement study, campus master plan, station area plans, etc.).

- **Benefits Equity Priority Communities:** Priority will be given to projects that directly benefit

disadvantaged populations, whether the project is directly located in an Equity Priority Community or can demonstrate benefits to disadvantaged populations.

- **Fund Leveraging:** Priority shall be given to projects that can demonstrate leveraging of Prop AA funds, or that can justify why they are ineligible, have very limited eligibility, or compete poorly to receive Prop K or other discretionary funds.

- **Geographic Equity:** Prop AA programming will reflect fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco's neighborhoods. This factor will be applied program-wide and to individual projects, as appropriate.

- **Project Sponsor Priority:** For project sponsors that submit multiple Prop AA applications, the Transportation Authority will consider the project sponsor's relative priority for its applications.

- **Project Delivery Track Record:** The Transportation Authority will consider the project sponsor(s)' past project delivery track record of prior Prop AA and other Transportation Authority-programmed funds when prioritizing potential Prop AA projects. For sponsors that have not previously received Transportation Authority-funds, the Transportation Authority will consider the sponsors' project delivery track record for capital projects funded by other means.

III.   PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORY PRIORITIZATION

In addition to the general prioritization criteria detailed in Section II, listed below are prioritization criteria specific to each programmatic category.

Street Repair and Reconstruction

- Priority will be given to projects based on an industry-standard pavement management system designed to inform cost effective roadway maintenance.

- Priority will be given to streets located on San Francisco's bicycle and transit networks.

- Priority will be given to projects that include complete streets elements. Specifically, priority will be given to projects that include at least a minimal level of enhancement over previous conditions and that directly benefit multiple system users regardless of fund source (e.g. Street Repair and Reconstruction category, other Prop AA category or non-Prop AA fund source). Enhancements include complete streets elements for pedestrians, cyclists, or transit passengers that are improvements above and beyond those triggered by the street repair and reconstruction work (e.g. ADA compliant curb ramps required because of the street repair and reconstruction work).

Pedestrian Safety

- Priority will be given to projects that shorten crossing distances, minimize conflicts with other modes, and reduce pedestrian hazards.

- Priority will be given to projects on corridors that are identified through or are consistent with Vision Zero and related or successor efforts (e.g. active transportation plan).

- Priority will be given to infrastructure projects that improve access to transit and/or schools.

Transit Reliability and Mobility Improvements

- Priority will be given to projects that support existing or proposed rapid transit, including projects identified in transit performance plans or programs such as the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Muni Forward program and Rapid Network initiative.

- Priority will be given to projects that increase transit accessibility, reliability, and connectivity (e.g. stop improvements, transit stop consolidation and relocation, transit

signal priority, traffic signal upgrades, travel information improvements, wayfinding signs, bicycle parking, and improved connections to regional transit).

- Priority will be given to travel demand management projects that aim to reduce congestion and transit crowding and are aligned with San Francisco's citywide travel demand management goals.

- Priority will be given to projects that address documented safety issues.