

Draft Proposal to Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines  
Section 16 Evaluation Criteria  
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### 16.1 Primary Evaluation Criteria

The primary evaluation will be based on how well a project meets the primary objective of the program of addressing congestion by making specific improvements designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation improvements, community impacts, and that provide environmental benefits.

- The project shall identify the extent of congestion in the corridor, including the congestion of all modes. The nomination should address current community and environmental impacts with existing condition. The nomination should discuss how much worse will the problem get under the no-build environment. Identify if other improvements have been done in the corridor and the impacts of not completing the corridor. Identify and discuss other issues the corridor faces.
- Discuss the proposed solution in the corridor. How will the proposed improvements relieve congestion? Does the project incorporate multiple modes? **How** Will the project **reduce or** minimize vehicle miles traveled while maximizing person throughput in the corridor? **If so, how?** How is the solution balancing transportation, environment, and community? Why is this solution the most beneficial improvement in the corridor? What improvements to other modes were considered and why were they not chosen? For highway and local road projects, will the project induce demand?
  - **Solutions that include the following will be better prioritized for funding: investments in bus and rail transit, active transportation, and highway solutions that improve transit travel times and reliability or generate revenue for VMT reducing projects through employing vehicle demand management strategies.**