

Proposed Revisions to the OKI Project Prioritization Process

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Proposed Changes to the OKI Project Prioritization Process for 2026 Capital Program

Process

- Staff presents items for discussion (today)
- Committee reviews over the course of the next month
- Staff makes refinements desired by the committee
- Staff requests concurrence with final recommendations (Feb)
- Staff updates Application and Guidance document ahead of the March workshop

Discussion items

- Local Planning Factor (impacts all projects)
- Pavement Condition (impacts only roadway projects)

Local Planning Factor

The Local Plan factor awards up to 5 points and examines the degree to which a project helps to implement the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) through effective local comprehensive planning. The SRPP emphasizes complete and current local government comprehensive plans.

The central objective of OKI's SRPP is for each local government to have an up-to-date comprehensive plan that links transportation, land use, economic development, public facilities, housing, natural resources, recreation, intergovernmental coordination and capital improvements.

Local Planning Factor

A complete **comprehensive plan** contains the following, as outlined in OKI's Elements of an Effective Local Comprehensive Plan Guide:

1. Contains **data, analysis of trends**, and statements of goals, objectives and policies **related to both transportation and land use**, among other elements;
2. One or more **goal statements** establishing the long-term end toward which transportation improvements and actions are directed;
3. Contains **objectives which support the goals** and address all relevant modes, transportation facilities, and coordinates with existing and future land uses;
4. Contains **policies for each objective** to address proposed implementation activities and projects. Implementation activities and projects should be reasonably detailed in location, improvement or facility type, and action called for. These details may be expressed in text, maps, diagrams, or a combination thereof;
5. Was developed with **engagement with the community and stakeholders** throughout the course of the planning process.

Local Planning Factor

Supplements to the Comprehensive Plan will be considered and evaluated together with the comprehensive plan towards meeting the five criteria outlined above.

Equivalent Plans: OKI will consider and award up to 5 points to proposed transportation projects that are consistent with a comprehensive plan or other approved discrete studies or adopted plans such as **thoroughfare plans, corridor studies, small area plans, trail or pedestrian connectivity plans**, or other planning documents if the applicant can demonstrate that the plan meets similar analysis and content criteria as a comprehensive plan **and included significant public engagement**.

Routine Maintenance: Comprehensive plans typically do not address routine maintenance projects; however, routine maintenance is a key factor in preserving the region's existing transportation system. **A project that is predominantly comprised of routine maintenance will receive local planning points commensurate with the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan and/or equivalent plans** even though the maintenance project or maintenance of the transportation system is not cited in the plan.

Local Planning Factor – Current Scoring

5 Points

- Consistent with a local comp plan approved <5 years ago

3 Points

- Consistent with a local comp plan approved >5 years ago

0 Points

- Inconsistent with a local comp plan or no plan exists

Local Planning Factor – Proposed Scoring

5 points

- Community has a comprehensive or equivalent plan
- Plan includes all five required criteria
- Plan is ≤ 5 years old
- Proposed project **aligns with specific implementation activities** in the plan

4 points

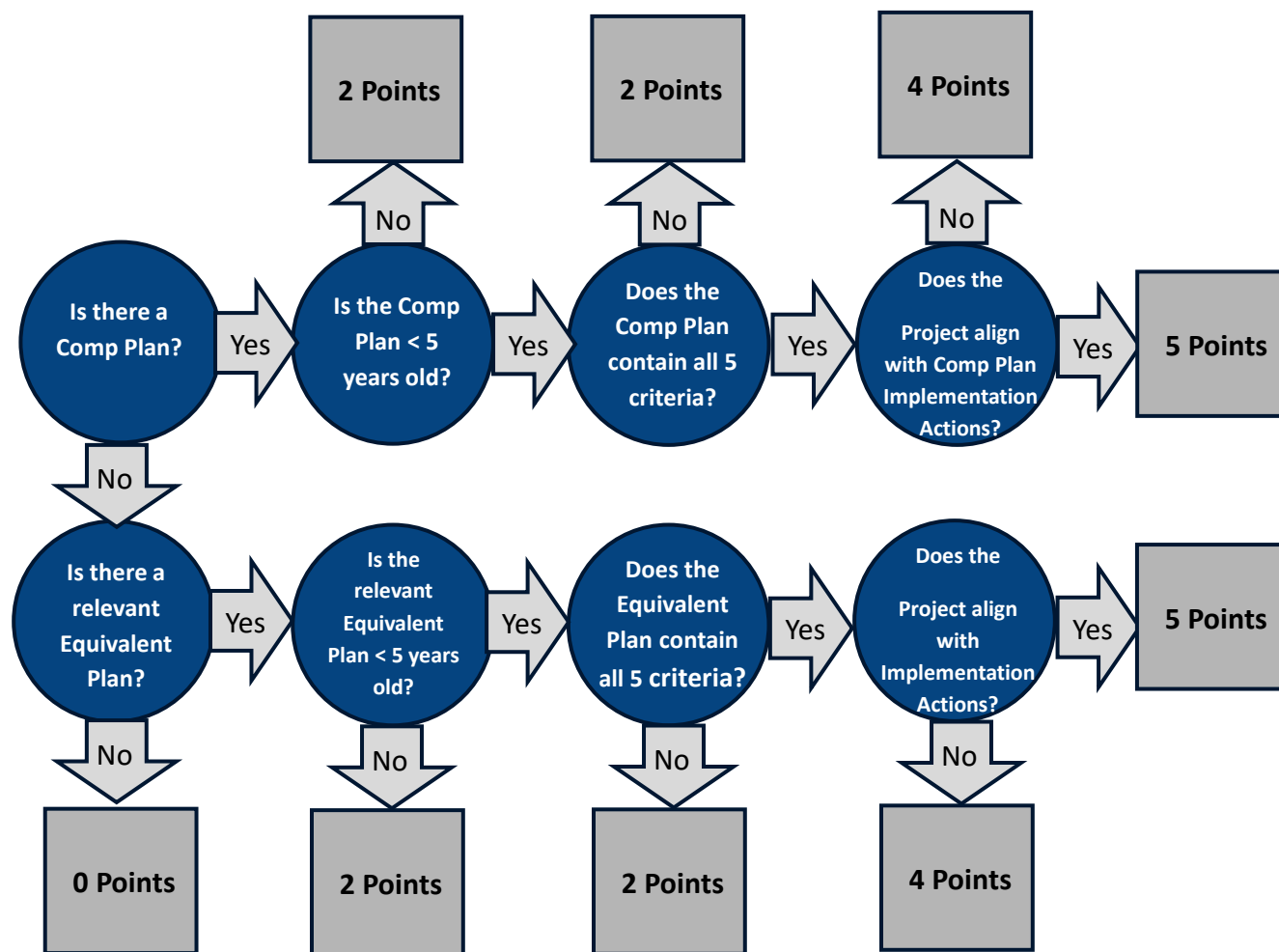
- Community has a comprehensive or equivalent plan
- Plan includes all five required criteria
- Plan is ≤ 5 years old
- Project supports general plan goals/objectives but **does not align with specific implementation activities**

2 points

- Community has a comprehensive or equivalent plan
- Plan does not include all five criteria or is older than 5 years

0 points

- Project is clearly inconsistent with the local plan or no plan exists



Local Planning Factor Decision Tree

Pavement Condition Factor

- Applicants must use PCR rating score listed in PAA
- IF PCR is not available in the PAA:
 - Ohio projects: Use the PCR rating listed in the **ODOT TIMS** system for roadway project
 - Kentucky projects: Applicant must provide own pavement rating score and include methodology

Next Steps

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Questions and Discussion