

# NATS Road Project Prioritization Criteria for the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

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## **System Preservation (8 total points possible)**

### **PASER Rating (5 points possible)**

- 5 points: The most recent PASER is 2-3 and the project was applied for previously when the PASER was 4 or higher
- 3 points: The most recent PASER is 2-3 and this is the first application for this project
- 3 points: The most recent PASER is 4
- 1 point: The most recent PASER is 5-6
- 0 Points: The most recent PASER is 7-10

### **Project Category per MDOT's "Guidelines for Geometrics on Local Agency Project" (3 points possible)**

- 3 points: The project follows the MDOT 4R guidelines
- 2 points: The project follows the MDOT 3R guidelines
- 1 point: The project follows the MDOT Preventative Maintenance guidelines

## **Regional Significance (8 total points possible)**

### **Traffic Volume (5 points possible)**

- 5 points: AADT is more than 8,000 vehicles per day
- 4 points: AADT is between 4,500 and 7,999 vehicles per day
- 3 points: AADT between 2,000 and 4,499 vehicles per day

### **Functional Classification (2 points possible)**

- 3 points: The project is located on a Principal Arterial
- 2 points: The project is located on a Minor Arterial
- 1 point: The project is located on a Major Collector

## **Safety (6 total points possible)**

### **Safety Countermeasures (3 points possible)**

- 1 point per traffic safety countermeasure included in the project, up to 3 points maximum

### **Addressing Specific Crashes (3 points possible)**

For the following criteria, use crash data from the most recent five full years for which data is available

- 3 points: The project addresses a fatal or serious injury crash within the project limits
- 1 point: The project addresses any crash other than a fatal or serious injury crash within the project limits
- 0 points: The project does not address any crashes.

### **Complete Streets (5 total points possible)**

#### **Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities (3 Points possible)**

- 1 point: The road currently has pedestrian or bicycle facilities and there is a maintenance plan in place
- 2 points: The road currently has pedestrians or bicycle facilities and the project will add additional facilities
- 3 points: The project will add pedestrian or bicycle facilities where none existed previously

#### **Improving Non-motorized Connectivity (2 points possible)**

- 2 points: The new pedestrian or bicycle facilities will contribute to regional non-motorized connectivity by connecting to existing pedestrian/bicycle facilities or those expected to be completed before 2029

### **Strategic Planning & Investment (7 total points possible)**

Projects can earn one point for meeting each of the following criteria:

- 1 point: The project is listed in a Pavement Asset Management Plan
- 1 point: There is an asset management plan covering other utilities along the limits of the project
- 1 point: The city, Village or Township has adopted an asset management policy
- 1 point: The project contributes toward achieving a goal identified in another local planning document, such as a master plan or a parks and recreation plan
- 1 point: The project is limits begin or end at a road segment with a PASER of 7 or higher
- 1 point: The agency contributes more than the minimum 18.15% local match
- 1 point: The agency is willing to use an Advance Contract for the project.

### **Coordination with sewer and water projects (Pass/Fail)**

If there are known water or sewer issues, the project must coordinate utility and road fixes.

### **Project Readiness (No Points Pass/Fail)**

If the project requires any of the following, each item must be addressed in the application and indicated on the project schedule: utility relocations, ROW acquisition, environmental sensitivity, or Railroad crossings.

### **Cross Jurisdictional Coordination (No Points)**

The project crosses jurisdictional boundaries (i.e. city to township) and it is arranged in such a way to be bid as a single project.