



Incorporating Local Projects Seeking Federal Funding into MPO Plans

BACKGROUND

GOAL: Develop consistent process to review and incorporate local projects seeking federal funding into MPO plan(s)

- MPO received local requests to include projects in MTP/TIP for earmark and transportation reauthorization
- No consistent, formal process established for including local projects in MTP and TIP.
- Need to distinguish between MTP amendment/modification and TIP amendment/modification for local projects

MTP COST FEASIBLE PLAN FEDERAL GUIDANCE

- **23 CFR § 450.324 (f)(11)(iii)**

“The financial plan shall include recommendations on any additional financing strategies to fund projects and programs included in the metropolitan transportation plan. In the case of new funding sources, strategies for ensuring their availability shall be identified.”

- **23 CFR § 450.324 (f)(11)(vii)**

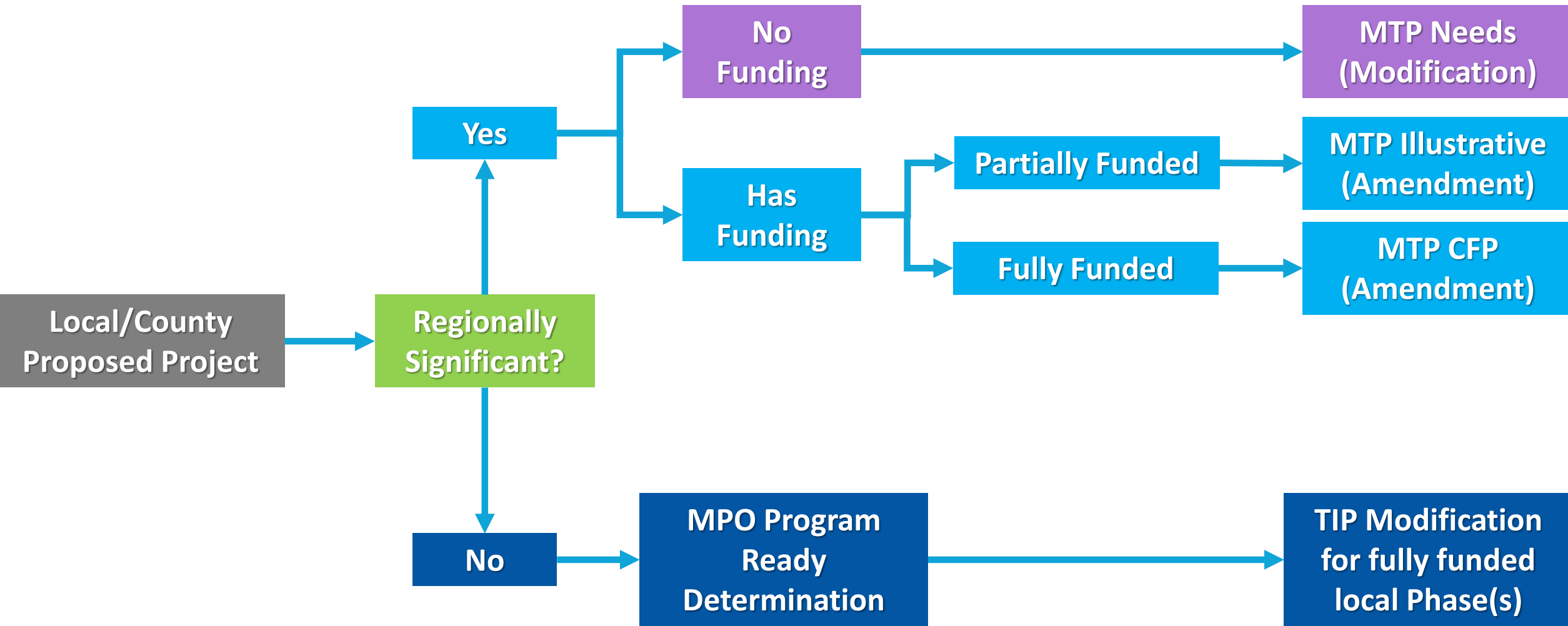
“For illustrative purposes, the [MTP] financial plan may include additional projects that would be included in the adopted transportation plan if additional resources beyond those identified in the financial plan were to become available.”

REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT DEFINITION

- **23 CFR § 450.104**

Regionally Significant Project – means a transportation project (other than projects that may be grouped in the TIP and/or STIP or exempt projects as defined in EPA's transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93, subpart A)) **that is on a facility that serves regional transportation needs** (such as access to and from the area outside the region; major activity centers in the region; major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, or employment centers; or transportation terminals) **and would normally be included in the modeling of the metropolitan area's transportation network.** At a minimum, this includes all principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.

LOCAL PROJECTS SEEKING FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING APPROACH*



**This is a simplified approach. Consideration will need to be given to individual projects on a case by case basis. Partners are encouraged to meet with MPO staff to determine the best approach for their local project.*

LOCAL PROJECTS SEEKING FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING MTP AMENDMENT REQUEST

1. Staff level coordination meeting with MPO/Project Sponsor and presentation to the MPO Board
2. Project Sponsor must identify funding amount and type (local, state, federal discretionary, etc.) in adopted budget
3. Project Sponsor submits MTP Amendment request to MPO by November 10
4. MPO Staff evaluates amendment request based on internal, federal, and state guidance to determine eligibility



Questions/Discussion