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Points Distribution		
Intent	52	38
Location	25	20
Partnership	10	20
Implementation	13	22
	100	100

	Question	Responses	Sustainable Places Plan	Project Development
Intent	4.1 The project promotes improved travel choices (e.g. bicycling, walking, transit use, transportation demand management strategies, etc…):	project does not promote improved travel choices or	0	0
		project promotes improved travel choices without clear applicant description or	3	2
		applicant clearly describes how project promotes improved travel choices	6	4
	2.3 The mix of land use types contributes to the vibrancy of a place. [Points are cumulative.]	Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least two or more land use types	0	0
		The proposed scope includes an examination of land use in the study area.	3	2
		Half the blocks in the study area have at least 2 or more land use types	3	2
	2.6 Impervious surface can adversely affect infrastructure, water volumes, water quality and contributes to heat islands. [Points are cumulative.]	Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least 40% impervious surface	0	0
		Proposed scope explores potential solutions to address impervious surface, heat islands, or environmental stewardship solutions in the study area	3	2
		At least half the blocks in the study area have at least 40% impervious surface	1	1
		At least half the blocks in the study area have at least 60% impervious surface	2	1
	2.4 Housing choice is facilitated by a mix of housing land use types. [Points are cumulative.]	Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least two or more housing land use types	0	0
		The proposed scope includes an examination of housing land use in the study area.	3	2
		Half the blocks in the study area have at least 2 or more housing land use types	3	2
	4.2 The project advances improved public health:	project does not advance improved public health or	0	0
		project advances improved public health without clear applicant description or	3	2
		applicant clearly describes how project advances improved public health	5	4
	4.3 The project supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure:	project does not support investment in areas with existing infrastructure or	0	0
		project supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure without clear applicant description or	1	1
		applicant clearly describes how project supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure or	2	2
		applicant clearly describes how project supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure and explains how the condition of the existing infrastructure has been assessed	5	3

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Intent	4.4 The project improves economic growth (i.e jobs retention, jobs generator, tax growth):	project does not improve economic growth or	0	0
		project improves economic growth without clear applicant description	3	2
		applicant clearly describes how project improves economic growth	5	4
	2.1 Destinations contribute to the vibrancy and attraction of a place. Please tell us about any priority destinations that are to be connected.	There isn't at least 1 block in the lowest density tier for any destination type.	0	0
		At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 1 destination type.	1	1
		At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the second density tier for 1 destination type	2	2
		At least 1 block in the second density tier for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the middle density tier for 1 destination type	3	3
		At least 1 block in the middle density tier or higher for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the top two tiers for 1 destination type	4	4
	4.5 Describe how the project promotes resiliency (physical and/or economic):	project does not promotes resiliency	0	0
		project clearly explains how the project promotes resiliency	6	3
	4.6 Describe how the project includes innovation in project development, concepts, and/or public engagement:	project does not include innovation	0	0
		applicant clearly describes how project includes innovation	3	4

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Location	5.1 The project serves a defined redevelopment area :	project is not within the defined redevelopment area or	0	0
		project is within the defined redevelopment area or	5	2
		project is within the defined redevelopment area that has declined in population and/or employment	10	5
	5.3 The project serves a regional activity center on MARC's map of activity centers:	project is not within an activity center on MARC's map of activity centers or	0	0
		project is within any activity center	1	1
		project is within a center of medium intensity of activity AND sponsor clearly and objectively documents how the activity center has increased in intensity and walkability in order to warrant a higher intensity status	3	3
		project is within a center of very high or high intensity of activity AND/OR implements elements & recommendations of "Planning Sustainable Places" or corridor demonstration projects from "Creating Sustainable Places" initiatives AND/OR sponsor clearly and objectively documents how the activity center has increased in intensity and walkability in order to warrant a higher intensity status	5	5
	5.5 The project serves a transit corridor or mobility hub (Smart Moves 3.0)	project is not within a Smart Moves 3.0 transit corridor or mobility hub	0	0
		applicant describes how the project serves a future transit corridor or mobility hub (Smart Moves 3.0) or	2	2
		applicant describes how the project serves a current transit corridor or mobility hub (Smart Moves 3.0)	5	5
	5.7 The project is within an environmental justice tract(s) or has areas with hidden environmental justice populations or provides environmental justice tracts connections to opportunities (i.e. jobs access, education, reduce health disparities):	project is not within nor connects environmental justice tract(s) to opportunities and doesn't have a hidden population	0	0
		project is within environmental justice tract(s), has documented a hidden population or connects environmental justice populations to opportunities or	2	2
		project is within environmental justice tract(s), has documented a hidden population or connects environmental justice populations to opportunities and clearly describes how it addresses existing adverse health, social and environmental effects	5	5

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Partnership	6.1 The project demonstrates partnership:	project does not document project partnership or	0	0
		applicant documents project coordination	2	5
		applicant documents project coordination within sponsor entity <u>and</u> partnership with entities outside sponsor entity	5	10
	6.2 The project demonstrates sustained involvement with equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders	project does not demonstrate involvement of equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders	0	0
		equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders support the project (i.e. provide support letter)	2	2
		equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders are participants and are committed to the project (i.e. will serve on steering committee)	3	6
		equity and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders are participants, are committed to the project, and have committed resources (i.e. staff time, meeting space) to project	5	10
Implementation	1.9 The project commits a non-federal match of greater than 20% (the minimum required):	project commits minimum non-federal match	0	0
		project commits non-federal match of 25% - 49.9% or	2	1
		project commits non-federal match of 50% or greater	3	2
	3.8 The applicant demonstrates a commitment towards implementation:	applicant does not demonstrate past success or	0	0
		applicant clearly explains what previous planning the project builds upon	10	10
	6.3 The project has taken steps toward implementation (points are cumulative)	project does not demonstrate commitment to implementation		0
		project application includes letter from mayor		2
		project is in a community that has achieved Gold Community for All Ages recognition		2
		project demonstrates how results of public engagement have been used in project		2
		project has approvals in place (i.e. rezoning, commission approvals, or other administrative approvals; entitlements are in place)		4