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## IDEA TSP Informational Workshop #1

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### 1. Scoring:

- a. **If our county population is under 1,000,000 but the transit agency's monthly ridership is over the 500,000 threshold, do we get the 5 points?**
- b. **If a CTA is applying as a project sponsor partnering with the transit agency, will they get 5 points if the criteria regarding the population and ridership are met?**

The points for jurisdiction/agency size looks only at the lead agency. If the lead agency is the transit agency, ridership is the metric to look at. If the lead agency is a city or county, the population is the relevant metric. If the county is the lead agency and the population for the county is under 1 million - or a city is the lead and the city population is under 500,000 - you would receive the 5 points. The ridership for the transit agency won't affect any points for jurisdiction size, since the county or city is the lead agency, not the transit agency.

However, you would also get 5 points for partnering, if the transit agency is partnering on the project.

### 2. Funding Requirements:

- a. **Is the requirement to move out of Preliminary Engineering within 10 years starting from PE obligation?**

Yes. (And MTC will lead the PE obligation.)

3. **Partnering:**

**a. We have project that is on Caltrans ROW, and we have had issues working with Caltrans in the past. What is the role of Caltrans in this?**

Ideally, Caltrans would be a project partner – and you would get 5 extra points for interjurisdictional coordination. MTC is providing this funding to help work through obstacles for planning for TSP, including coordination with project partners, such as Caltrans or other local jurisdictions. If you know that the project will require engagement with Caltrans or any other jurisdiction, make sure to engage with them whether they will be a direct project partner, or just in consultation with the project. MTC can also assist in leveraging our relationships as well.