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## IDEA TSP Questions and Answers

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### 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?**

Caltrans, and/or other partner agencies/local jurisdictions that are affected by the project, should ideally be a project partner (and would receive 5 extra points for interjurisdictional coordination). MTC is providing this grant in part to facilitate working through any obstacles for planning for TSP, including coordination with project partners. MTC can also assist in this coordination as well.

## **Written Questions Received:**

Through 8/1/2024

- 1. Is a that project evaluates existing TSP Operations, and develops optimized signal splits and offsets eligible?**

Yes, this is an eligible project.

- 2. Does the “Planning and Design to Prepare for Implementation” project type allow for the consultant to help with the implementation/fine-tuning of calculated splits and offsets? Would this require a before/after evaluation component**

Yes, if there is implementation, before/after analysis would be