### Transportation Equity

**Goal:** Facilitate an inclusive and transparent transportation-planning process and make investments that eliminate transportation-related disparities borne by people in disadvantaged communities.

An equity multiplier (EM) is applied to criteria that the MPO has identified through public outreach and data analysis as critical for meeting transportation needs or where there exist disparities that negatively impact equity populations. These criteria are denoted by a check mark on the right side of this scorecard. Each project’s multiplier is based on the percent of the population in the project area that belongs to each of the MPO’s six equity populations in the project area relative to their regionwide averages. The higher the share of equity populations in the project area, the higher the multiplier.

To calculate a final Transportation Equity score, a project’s raw equity multiplier is scaled to 18 points, the value of the two criteria listed below are added, and then that figure is added to the project’s base score.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
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Project expands or maintains direct access to a safe bicycle facility | 1 |  
Project serves a community with a low rate of automobile ownership | 1 | 20 possible points

### Connectivity

**Goal:** Improve first- and last-mile connections to key destinations.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
--- | --- | ---
Project sites are near to existing areas of concentrated development or public spaces | 3 |  
Project sites are near to planned developments or public spaces | 3 |  
Project sites are near to transit stops | 3 |  
Project sites complement transit routes | 3 |  
Project sites are safely accessible by walking | 3 |  
Project sites are near to safe, bicycle-supportive infrastructure | 3 | 18 possible points

### Regional and Interlocal Coordination

**Goal:** Encourage project coordination or cooperation across sectors and organizations.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
--- | --- | ---
Project includes a substantial public engagement process | 4 |  
Project demonstrates collaboration between multiple local entities | 2 |  
Project demonstrates collaboration between multiple municipalities | 2 |  
Project demonstrates collaboration with other state or federal agencies | 2 |  
Project demonstrates collaboration across multiple sectors | 4 |  
Project collaborators submit letters of support to MPO | 2 | 16 possible points

### Plan Implementation

**Goal:** Support local, regional, and statewide planning efforts.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
--- | --- | ---
Project is included in local plans or studies | 6 |  
Project is included in regional plans or studies | 6 |  
Project is included in statewide plans or studies | 4 |  
Project anchors the development of a sustainable bicycle network | 2 | 18 possible points

### Climate Change Mitigation

**Goal:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation by reducing single-occupancy-vehicle trips, and improve the resilience of the transportation system to climate hazards.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
--- | --- | ---
Addition of new racks promotes mode shift, or the replacement of existing racks sustains strong ridership | 4 |  
Demand estimates are realistic and grounded in thorough analysis | 4 |  
Project complements a larger, bike-supportive capital project | 6 |  
Racks reinforce access to an existing surface transportation facility | 4 | 18 possible points

### Performance Management

**Goal:** Support financially viable projects with meaningful, long-term benefits towards modal shift.

**Criteria** | **Points** | **EM**
--- | --- | ---
Project application includes a budget worksheet that outlines project funding sources | 3 |  
Project proponent outlines maintenance activities | 3 |  
Bicycle rack usage estimates are sound | 4 | 18 possible points

**Final Score Calculation**

**Total Project Evaluation Score**

100 possible points