Growing Transit Communities Plan

The GTC Plan gathered public feedback on criteria and priorities to use for evaluating all the options of potential projects to include in the Plan. From the public feedback, our Technical Advisory Committee, and Community Advisory Group, the highest priority/most important criteria were identified (they are in **bold** below). Potential projects with those components were scored double in the technical analysis.

Criteria:

- **Improves transportation safety**
- **Makes it easier to get to bus stops**
- Makes it easier to get to key places; school, park, grocery store, clinic, daily services
- **Equity: Benefits people of color, low income households, people with disabilities, etc.**
- Identified previously as a community priority
- Improves convenience of walking and biking in your neighborhood
- Improves bus speed and reliability
- Public support/ stakeholder input
- Serve the most people nearby

Technical Analysis Tools:

- Active Trans Priority Tool
    - National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 803: Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Along Existing Roads—Active Trans Priority Tool. This tool and guidance helped score and prioritize improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Pedestrian Network Analysis
    - Developed a model using mapping software to do a pedestrian network analysis on a routable network. This enabled us to better understand the convenience, connectivity and access benefit for sidewalk & crossing projects.

Additional factors helped determine how projects were tiered. These included:

- Community / Political Support
    - Is the project a very high priority for communities along the corridor and/or their elected representatives?
- Funding Opportunities
    - Does the project have clearly identified potential opportunities for funding, and meet the criteria for those opportunities?
- Cost Considerations
    - Is the project a relatively low-cost improvement that could be funded and built in the next five to ten years and could be reasonably tied to transit service levels?
- Technical Feasibility
    - What is the degree of technical feasibility and complexity? What is the degree of impacts?
- Bundling
    - Are projects closely related so that it makes sense to bundle projects together?