**Thank you** for your participation in today’s kickoff meeting as the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) begins to examine the economic factors used in the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) prioritization process.

We would appreciate your feedback about today’s meeting as well as any additional observations you may have regarding economic factors’ role in the TRAC prioritization process.

**TRAC process**

1. Should economic impact, economic development, or other business factors be used in the TRAC’s scoring and prioritization process?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Maybe
   * Unsure
2. If you answered yes to question 1, why should economic impact, economic development, or other business factors be used in the TRAC’s scoring and prioritization process?

* Demonstrates good investment
* Allows for a more informed decision
* Other – please specify

1. If you answered no to question 1, why shouldn’t economic impact, economic development, or other business factors be used in the TRAC’s scoring and prioritization process?
   * Too difficult
   * Too controversial
   * Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. If economic factors are included in the TRAC’s scoring and prioritization process, how should they be scored?
   * Quantitatively (i.e. – modeling)
   * Qualitatively (i.e. – stakeholder input)
   * Combination of the two
2. What specific economic factors should be considered in the TRAC’s scoring process? You may select as many as you would like.
   * Jobs
   * Salaries and wages from jobs
   * Environmental factors
   * Impact to tax base
   * Consumer surplus and other social welfare
   * Considering factors of economic distress
   * Positioning land for redevelopment
   * Impact on specific industries (e.g. tourism, state priority industry, struggling industry)
   * Vehicle operating costs
   * Reduced travel time
   * Value of personal time
   * Safety
   * Logistics/freight costs
   * Productivity from access/connectivity
   * Other (please specify)
3. To what extent should the following factors be considered in the TRAC’s prioritization process?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Major consideration | Minor consideration | No consideration |
| Urban/rural considerations |  |  |  |
| Balance among major cities |  |  |  |
| Balance among ODOT districts |  |  |  |
| Modal balance |  |  |  |
| Special consideration for distressed regions |  |  |  |
| Stakeholder feedback |  |  |  |

Other (please specify)

1. Which of the following groups is most important for outreach during the prioritization process? Check all that apply.
   * General public
   * Chambers of commerce and other business organizations
   * Port authorities
   * Economic development groups/experts
   * Academia
   * Metropolitan planning organizations
   * Rural groups
   * Local governments
   * Citizen coalitions
   * Industry groups
   * Other (please specify)
2. What concerns, if any, do you have about the TRAC prioritization process? Please select all that apply.
   * Transparency with scoring process
   * Not enough money
   * Too political
   * Rural areas cannot compete
   * How economic development is defined
   * Inconsistent application of criteria
   * No concerns
   * Other (please specify)
3. Of the following list of issues, what is important for TRAC to focus on when evaluating economic factors in the prioritization process? Please check all that apply.
   * Transparency in scoring process
   * More weight should be assigned to economic factors in scoring
   * Less weight should be assigned to economic factors in scoring
   * More qualitative approach to scoring economic factors
   * More quantitative approach to scoring economic factors
   * Ensure that the right issues are being characterized as economic factors (i.e. – jobs, reduced travel time, etc.)
   * No change – working as is
   * Other (please specify)
4. Who else should we be talking to throughout this study?

1. Is there anything else you’d like to mention about economic factors in the prioritization process?

1. Is there anything else you’d like to mention about the TRAC that we haven’t covered?

1. What organization do you represent?
   * Ohio Department of Transportation
   * Ohio Rail Development Commission
   * Metropolitan planning organization
   * County
   * Transit authority
   * Municipality
   * Port authority
   * Chamber of commerce
   * Economic development organization
   * Other (please specify)
2. How did you participate in today’s kickoff meeting?
   * In person
   * Webinar