



# **TIP Criteria Revisions: Capacity Management and Mobility**

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# Today's Presentation

- **Goals for today**
- **Framing the conversation**
- **Summary of feedback**
- **Proposed changes to current criteria**
- **Equity scoring**
- **Next steps**
- **Discussion**

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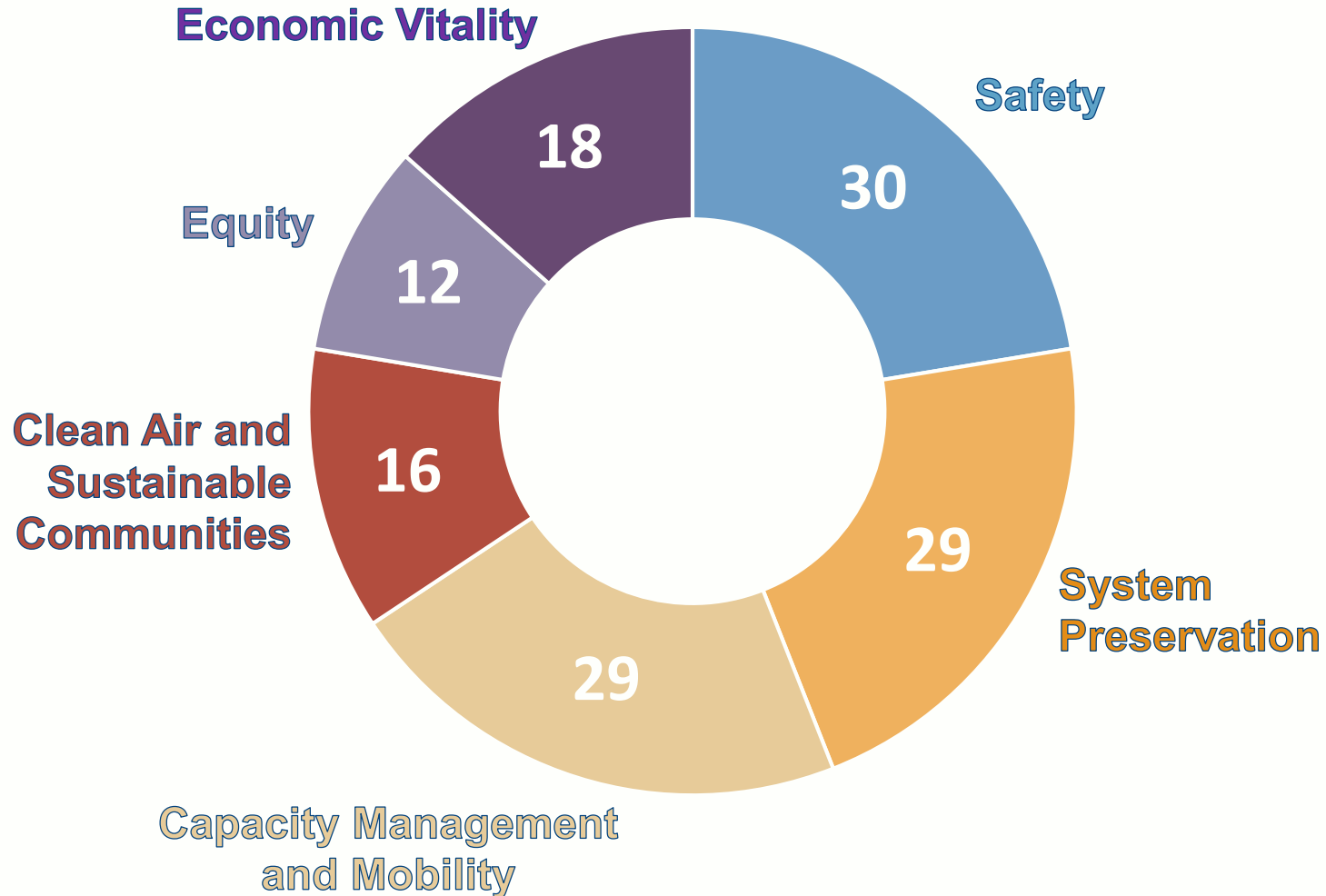
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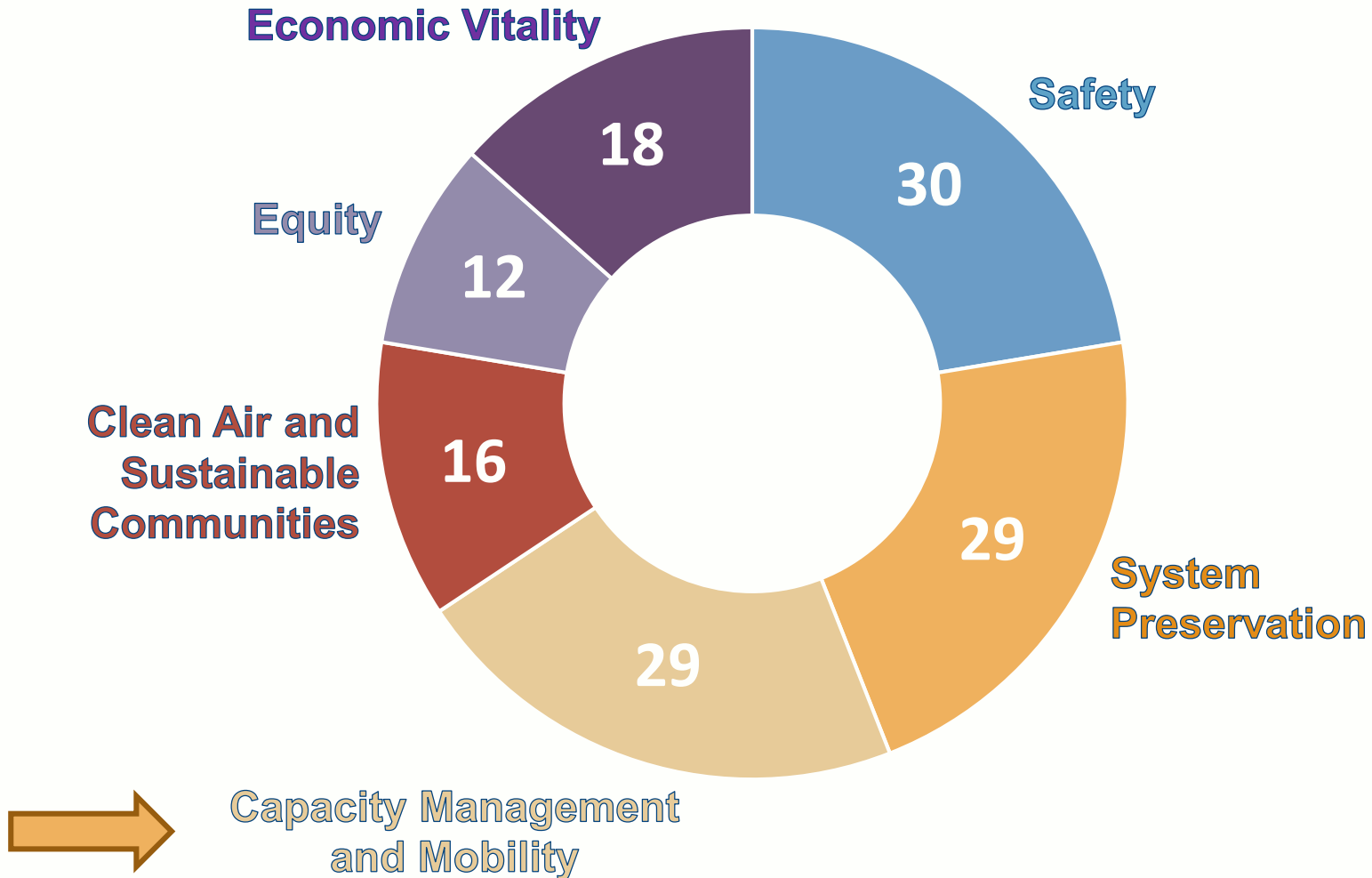
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- **Focus Group**

- Mode shift is more important than congestion reduction
- Connections between modes (walking/biking and transit) should be prioritized



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- **Transportation for America**
  - Measure increase in accessibility of jobs and services, rather than specific improvements to facilities

# Proposed Changes to Current Criteria

# Approach to Criteria Changes

- Incorporate new transit elements, including bus lanes
- Focus pedestrian and bicycle criteria on creating new high-utility links
- Move from vehicle-delay to person-delay measures
- Recognize additional improvements, including loading zones, bike share stations, and additional accessibility infrastructure
- Tailor criteria to specific investment programs

# Capacity Management: Summary

Change	Updated Criteria
<b>New Criterion</b>	Enhances transit usability
<b>Updates to Existing Criteria</b>	Improves pedestrian network and ADA accessibility
	Improves bicycle network
	Improves truck movement
	Reduces person delay
<b>Removed Criterion</b>	Improves intermodal accommodations/connections to transit

# Criterion: Enhances Transit Usability

Criterion	Project enhances transit usability
<b>Key Features</b>	<p>Awards points for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adding dedicated bus lanes, queue jumps, or transit signal priority</li><li>• Improving bus stop locations or spacing</li><li>• Enhancing bus stops with shelters and technology</li><li>• Providing new or expanded transit service</li></ul>
<b>Updates to Existing Criterion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A (new criterion)</li></ul>
<b>Program Modifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicycle/Pedestrian Program not scored</li><li>• Transit Modernization Program includes points for transit station parking enhancements</li><li>• Transit Modernization and Major Infrastructure Program include points for transit expansion</li></ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criterion is separate from transit delay scoring</li></ul>

# Criterion: Improves Pedestrian Network

## Criterion

**Project improves pedestrian network and ADA accessibility**

## Key Features

Awards points for:

- Adding new sidewalks on high-utility links
- Closing a gap in or extending the pedestrian network
- Enhancing ADA accessibility beyond minimum standards
- Creating pedestrian connections to transit

## Updates to Existing Criterion

- Use of MAPC's Local Access tool for scoring
- Increased focus on closing gap
- Clarification of ADA scoring

## Program Modifications

- Higher point values for Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
- Transit Modernization Program scoring focuses on station access enhancements and connections to transit

## Discussion Topics

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# Criterion: Improves Bicycle Network

Criterion	Project improves bicycle network
<b>Key Features</b>	Awards points for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adding new bicycle facilities on high-utility links, scored by type of facility</li><li>• Closing a gap in or extending the bicycle network</li><li>• Making accommodations for bicycle parking or bike share</li><li>• Creating bicycle connections to transit</li></ul>
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# Criterion: Improves Truck Movement

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<b>Key Features</b>	Awards points for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving truck movement, with a focus on freight corridors</li><li>• Addressing freight bottlenecks</li><li>• Making accommodations for freight deliveries/loading zones</li></ul>
<b>Updates to Existing Criterion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on freight corridors</li><li>• New curb usage scoring</li></ul>
<b>Program Modifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Modernization Programs not scored</li></ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future of the Curb implementation</li></ul>

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# Criterion: Reduces Person Delay

Criterion	Project reduces person delay
<b>Key Features</b>	<p>Awards points for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reducing total person delay for transit and autos</li><li>• Addressing bus routes performing below on-time performance standards</li><li>• Addressing NHS routes designated as unreliable</li></ul>
<b>Updates to Existing Criterion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combines transit and auto delay metrics</li><li>• Shifts focus from vehicles to people</li><li>• Introduces points for addressing certain types of routes</li></ul>
<b>Program Modifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicycle/Pedestrian Program not scored for this criterion</li><li>• Transit Modernization Program focused on transit delay only</li></ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shift to combined transit and auto delay measure focused on passengers, not number of vehicles</li></ul>

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# Equity Scoring

# Proposed Equity Evaluation Framework

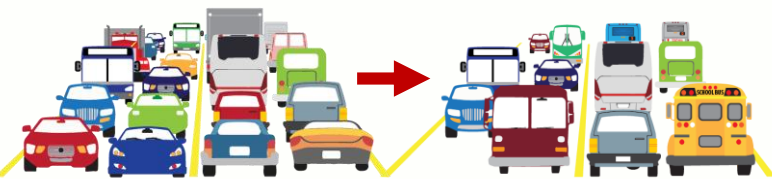
Goal: Evaluate project's impacts on equity populations

Evaluate Equity Criteria

Capacity Management  
and Mobility Criteria



Evaluate equity criteria in each goal area



Enhances transit usability

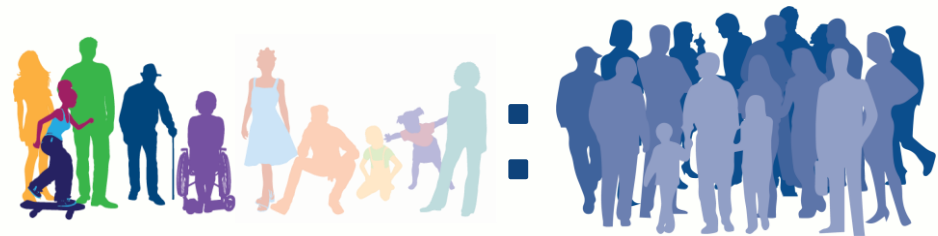


Base Score

Identify Equity Populations in Project Area



Determine the share of the equity population  
and compare to the regional average



Equity Multiplier

X

= Final Score

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# Discussion