

Round 6 Pre-Application Applicant Training Q&A

Can a CoSS have an iCAP requirement? If so, would you just need to complete the iCAP tool form as stated in the IIM-TOD-397?

- Yes, there will be some features that - if present on a CoSS - will have an iCAP requirement; and you are absolutely correct to follow IIM-TOD-397 in those instances.

To meet the definition of a regionally significant project, would the project need to meet both criteria to be ungrouped in the TIP and modeled in the travel demand model, or just one or the other?

- Federal Code § 450.104 Definitions - *Regionally significant* project means a transportation project (other than projects that may be grouped in the TIP and/or STIP or exempt projects as defined in EPA's transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93, subpart A)) that is on a facility that serves regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside the region; major activity centers in the region; major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, or employment centers; or transportation terminals) and would normally be included in the modeling of the metropolitan area's transportation network. At a minimum, this includes all principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.

For SMART SCALE Screening, at a minimum to be considered as *Regionally Significant*:

- Cannot be grouped in the TIP and/or STIP
- Cannot be an exempt project type, which is defined here - <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-93/subpart-A/section-93.126>

Additionally consider, in order to be HPP Eligible, the location based VTrans Need (COSS or RN) and study requirements must still be met.

What documents are required to be completed by July 15th for Gates 2/3?

- The document requirements will vary based on feature selection. To see all document requirements, and necessary staff to be engaged listed in table format, please reference the Readiness Gates Appendix on the SMART SCALE Website: https://smartscale.org/documents/readinessgatesappendix_feb2024.pdf

Does a project have to be in the CLRP OR have a Resolution of Support at the pre-app deadline? Or can it wait until full app deadline? Does the resolution of support take the place of being in the CLRP?

- Full application deadline for locality's own Resolution of Support; if needing the Regional entity you will have until Sept 1st. If you are the MPO/TPO, etc. your own support would be due August 1st.
- Yes, it does take the place of the CLRP.

When is documentation for leveraged funding needed?

- Deadline is August 1st. For any leveraged funding listed on the application that has not yet been identified in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) or officially applied for via processes outside of the SMART SCALE process at the time of application submission, such funding should be noted as "local" funding. Applicants must submit a letter of commitment that they are responsible for such committed funds even if the original source of the funds becomes or is no longer available.