




Typical Project Evaluation Questions & Considerations






Background Information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the primary motivation for initiating the project? • Who are anticipated to be the key users? • What is the basic facility function (regional, citywide, local connection)? • Are there other project partners (park districts, neighborhoods, cities)?
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Safety & Comfort

	<p><i>Level of accommodation / protection / buffering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails & Paths / protected bike lanes / on-street bike lanes • Type of protection (barriers, curbs, boulevards, bollards, etc.)? • Are there any pinch points or encroachments requiring special treatment?
	<p><i>Roadway Crossing configurations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the crossing opportunities look like? • Do crossings include enhancements (APS, medians, RRFBs, etc.)? <p><i>Conflicts at driveways & intersections</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any serious challenges crossing high volume driveways or streets?

Modal Interactions

	<p>What is the nature, type & frequency of interactions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict points (level of interaction) • Multiple threat situations • Speed differentials <p>What is the mixture of user types?</p>
	
	
	
	

Design Configuration



Consistent Design Configuration

- Is the design consistent with county plans, policies, and initiatives? (Mobility 2040 Plan, Climate Action Plan, ADA Sidewalk Accessibility Plan, Complete Streets Policy, etc.)
- Is the design compatible with other federal, MnDOT, Metropolitan Council, city and/or park district plans?
- Is the design user-friendly and intuitive for users?
- Anticipating future use cases

Access to key destinations

- Does the project remove system gaps or improve connections?
- Does the design avoid circuitous routing?
- Is the design compatible with the overall county-wide system configuration?

Environmental Considerations

- Incorporation of green infrastructure
- Enhanced Landscaping
- Green storm water elements

Other Considerations



Comparisons to similar improvements elsewhere

- Have the project design considerations been compared to the outcomes of previous projects in the area (including those by other agencies)?
- Does the project include any unique or innovative design elements?
- Have any innovative solutions used in other locations been used or considered?

Background on options considered and their trade-offs

- Choice of materials
- Life cycle cost considerations
- Size & alignment of facility

Maintenance

- Who is responsible
- Special or extensive efforts needed
- Unique costs
- Schedule

Project schedule and ATC desired actions

- What does the project implementation schedule look like?
- Is ATC support or a formal resolution for the project desired?