Highways Division Project Prioritization Guideline

The following guideline used to determine overall project selection. The overall method is not absolute and is subject to some intangible adjustments.

First Priority

1. Mandated Projects, such as:
   a. American Disability Act (ADA)
   b. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance Projects

2. Safety Projects, such as:
   a. Hazard Elimination Program
   b. Guardrail Installation
   c. Rockfall/Slope Stabilization Mitigation

3. System Preservation Projects
   a. Bridge Program – Bridge Replacement; Bridge Rehabilitation/Widening; Seismic Retrofit; Bridge Lead Abatement; Bridge Repairs; Tunnel Repair
   b. Roadway upgrades (no additional capacity)
   c. Pavement upgrades/preservation

Next Priority

1. Congestion Relief Projects, such as:
   a. Traffic Signal Upgrades
   b. Operational Improvements (intersection improvements)
   c. Intelligence Transportation System (ITS)

2. Modernization Projects, such as:
   a. Interim Capacity Improvement (road widening)
   b. Regular or New Capacity Improvement (new roads or major widening)

Other Priority

1. Highway Planning and Research
2. Non-highway Improvements (baseyards/maintenance facilities, buildings, etc.)
3. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Facilities
4. Beautification/Landscaping
5. Other miscellaneous projects

Projects within each of the categories are further prioritized based on inventory and analysis, management systems and various studies.

Other Factors

1. Commitments by current or past administrations
2. Legislative requests
3. Requests or directives by administration
4. Project cost / Optimizing implementation given available funding
5. Lapsing funds