

### 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