



### What is the Action Plan?

The Action Plan is a process for turning transportation needs and ideas into projects that are ready for funding.

An individual Action Plan is presented for each major transportation corridor in the UVLSRPC region.

### Action Plan Components

#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

UVLSRPC staff will provide assistance to project partners with project development, including any needed planning, feasibility, and/or engineering studies; public input; and data collection. The goal of this process is to develop complete projects that are ready to apply for funding.

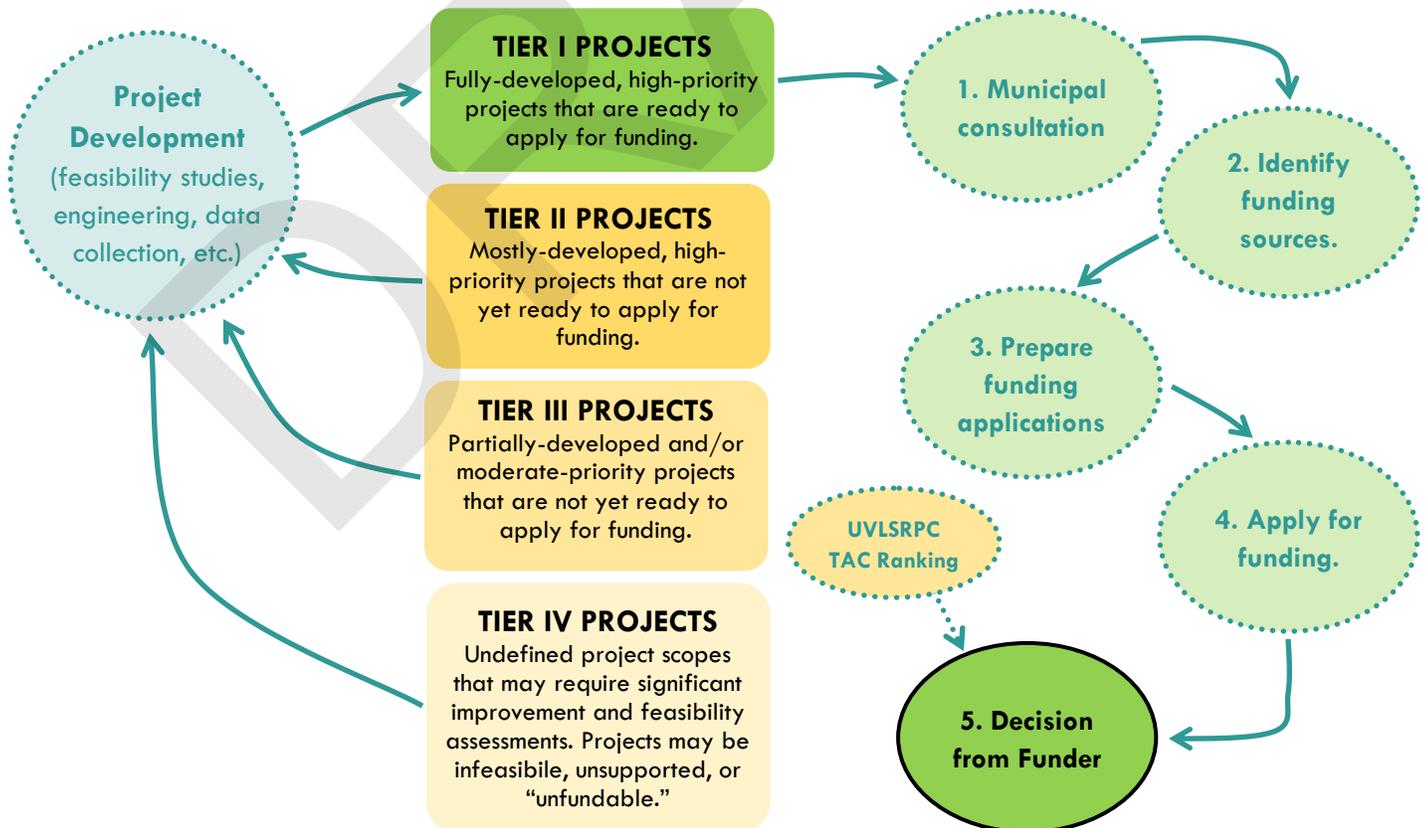
#### PROJECT TIERS

Projects in the Action Plan are assigned to tiers based on level of need and project readiness. Projects in **Tier I** are the highest priority and are ready to apply for funding. Projects can advance to higher tiers by moving through the **Project Development** process. See **page 2** for more detailed descriptions of project tiers.

#### APPLY FOR FUNDING

UVLSRPC staff will assist partners in identifying and applying for funding for **Tier I** projects. For some statewide funding sources, the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is asked to rank proposed projects from the region. Accordingly, the TAC will be tasked with ranking **Tier I** projects based on regional priorities (**page 3**).

### Action Plan Process



# REGIONAL CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW



### Project Tier Descriptions

All projects in the Action Plan are assigned to **tiers**. Projects in **Tier I** are the **highest-priority** projects that are ready to apply for funding.

Projects in **lower tiers** (II, III, IV) may be able move up to higher tiers by completing needed **data collection, planning, and/or feasibility studies**.

#### TIER I

1. Project directly addresses a defined need.
2. All needed data collection/studies completed. Project is ready to apply for and receive funding.
3. Project scope is well-defined.

*Projects in Tier I are the priority for the NH Ten Year Plan and other funding sources.*

#### TIER II

1. Project directly addresses a defined need.
2. Most needed data collection/studies are completed - project is mostly “application ready.”
3. Project scope is mostly defined.

*Projects may move up to Tier I after completing needed data collection/studies.*

#### TIER III

1. Project somewhat directly addresses a defined need.
2. Needed data collection/studies are not yet completed.
3. Project scope is somewhat undefined and/or needs improvement.

*Projects may move up to Tier I/II after completing needed data collection/studies.*

#### TIER IV

1. Project scope is undefined or in need of significant improvement.
2. The need for the project may not be well-defined.
3. Needed data collection/studies are not yet completed.
4. Project may be infeasible, unsupported, not needed, and/or “unfunda-ble.”

*Projects may move up to Tier I/II after completing needed data collection/studies.*

### Information Included in the Action Plan

The Action Plan provides information on every project in each transportation corridor. The Action Plan will also be used to **track the status** of strategies and project ideas as they are developed into projects that are ready for funding.

The table to the left describes the various categories of information that are presented in the Action Plan for each corridor.

In addition to what is presented in the table, UVLSRPC will also track potential funding opportunities, needed studies, and cost estimates for each project in the Action Plan.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Tier</b>	The priority level and “readiness” of the project.
<b>Municipality</b>	City/Town name(s)
<b>Project Partners</b>	Entities that would be involved in project development and implementation, including municipalities, state agencies, transit operators, and other non-profit/private partners.
<b>Location Description</b>	Roadway name(s) or location.
<b>Project Description</b>	Project scope and goals.
<b>Land Use</b>	Types of land uses and development patterns in the project area.
<b>Mode Focus</b>	The mode(s) of transportation that the project addresses.
<b>Planning Notes</b>	Relevant plans/efforts, project constraints, and/or other comments by UVLSRPC staff.



### Ranking Tier I Projects

Tier I projects will be ranked by the **UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** to develop regional priorities for various funding sources. To rank projects, the TAC will use the project evaluation **criteria** that are used for the **NH Ten-Year Plan**, with some adjustments depending on the specific funding source.

CRITERIA	DEFINITION
<b>Safety</b>	1) an historical analysis of the safety performance (i.e. crash history) of a location over the past five (5) year period for all modes, and; 2) a forward-looking analysis of how the countermeasures proposed as part of a project would improve safety performance for all modes.
<b>Mobility</b>	1) an historical analysis of the mobility need and performance of a location for all modes, and 2) a forward-looking analysis of how interventions proposed as part of a project would improve the mobility performance for all modes.
<b>Network Significance</b>	The extent to which the project area is regionally-significant based on 1) traffic volume; and 2) the importance of the facility to the local and the regional transportation system.
<b>State of Repair</b>	1) the degree to which the project improves infrastructure condition in the project area (state of repair); and 2) the degree to which the project impacts NHDOT and/or municipal maintenance.
<b>Natural Hazard Resiliency</b>	The degree to which a project mitigates known natural hazards in the project area.
<b>Equity, Environmental Justice, and Accessibility</b>	The degree to which 1) a project benefits traditionally-underserved populations (equity & environmental justice); and 2) ensures accessibility by all potential users.
<b>Economic Development</b>	The degree to which a project supports economic development needs and opportunities at the 1) local and regional level; and 2) the degree to which the project impacts the movement of goods (freight).
<b>Support</b>	The degree of support for the project at the local, regional, and statewide level.

The Action Plan was developed using a combination of public input, consultation with municipal boards and staff, research and data analysis, and best practices for transportation planning.

### How was the Action Plan Developed?

