

REGIONAL CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW



Turning transportation needs into “fundable” projects.

The Action Plan is a process for turning transportation needs and concepts into projects that are ready to compete 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 compete 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 considered the highest priority and are ready to compete for funding.

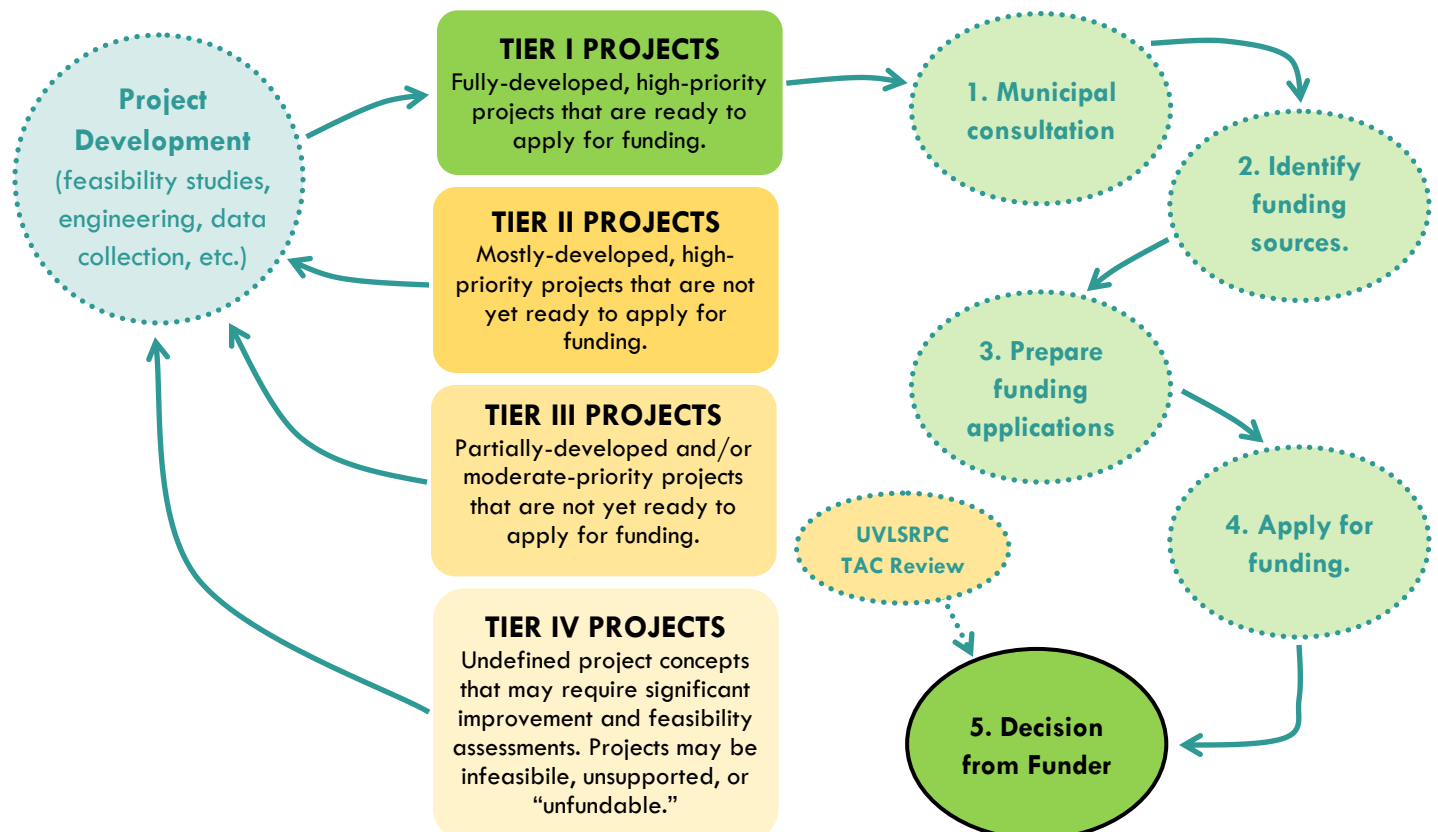
Projects can advance to higher tiers by moving through the **Project Development** process. See **page 2** for more detailed descriptions of project tiers.

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. The TAC will use the Action Plan to inform their review of proposed projects

Action Plan: Project Development Process



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

Project Tiers

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 to compete for funding.

The table to the right describes the 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 and needed studies for each project in the Action Plan.

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

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Funding Opportunities

The goal of the Action Plan is to get transportation projects ready to compete for funding. Major transportation funding programs are listed below.

Not all projects listed in the Action Plan will be eligible/appropriate for these programs; some projects may require local funding for implementation.

PROGRAM	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
NH Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program ("Ten-Year Plan")	FHWA	UVLSRPC region currently allocated \$3.77 million in federal aid every-other year. Many types of transportation improvements are eligible.
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	FHWA	Federal aid program focused on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements.
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ)	FHWA	Federal aid program focused on air quality improvements; eligible projects focus on pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, and/or vehicular congestion improvements.
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	FHWA	Federal aid program focused on design improvements at locations with severe crash history. Improvements typically must be identified through a Road Safety Audit before funds are awarded.
RAISE Discretionary Grants	USDOT	Major federal aid program with funding awards up to \$25 million. Many types of transportation improvements are eligible.
USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs	USDA	Federal loans and/or grants to support transportation improvements in small/low-income communities.
State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program	NBRC	Federal grants to support transportation infrastructure improvements or repair; funding amounts vary by community income levels.
State Aid Bridge Program (SAB)	State of NH	State program for improving locally-owned bridges and culverts.

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.

Development of the Action Plan

