

APPENDIX E. LCI GOALS AND APPLICATION REVIEW

CRITERIA:

The Livable Centers Initiative application will be reviewed and rated based on the completeness of the application and the relevance of the study to program goals and PLAN 2040 Goals and Objectives. Funding decisions will be based on how well the applications address the following:

- Advances the LCI goals identified in the following section
- Demonstrates regional significance
- Demonstrates commitment and ability to implement
- Demonstrates a “confluence of opportunities”

The application should include an issue statement that clearly identifies the need and purpose of the study along with the desired outcomes. See specific items that must be included in the issue statement as described in the application requirements.

Livable Centers Initiative Goals

In support of the LCI program goals, the issue statement should define how the proposed study addresses each of the following goals. Successful applicants will be required to address these goals during their LCI study. The issue statement should be limited to 1 page.

1. Encourage a diversity of medium to high-density, mixed income neighborhoods, employment, shopping and recreation choices at the transit station, local and regional center level.
2. Provide access to a range of travel modes including transit, roadways, walking and biking to enable access to all uses within the study area.
3. Develop a local planning outreach process that promotes the involvement of all stakeholders particularly low income, minority and traditionally underserved populations.
4. Encourage integration of uses and land use policy/regulation with transportation investments to maximize the use of alternate modes.
5. Through transportation investments increase the desirability for redevelopment of land served by existing infrastructure at transit stations, corridors, and centers.
6. Preserve historic elements and character-defining features that create community identity within the LCI area
7. Develop a community-based transportation investment program at the transit station, corridor, local and regional center level that will identify capital projects, which can be eligible to be funded in the annual TIP.
8. Provide transportation infrastructure incentives for jurisdictions to take local actions to implement the resulting transit station, corridor, activity or town center study goals.
9. Provide for the implementation of PLAN 2040 objectives, quality growth initiatives and Best Development Practices in the study area and at the regional level.
10. Provide planning funds for development of transit station, corridor, local and regional centers that showcase the integration of land use policies/regulations and transportation investments with urban design tools.

Furthermore, LCI is a resource to support implementation of the regional plan – PLAN 2040. Studies should show how they relate to the five PLAN 2040 Objectives below:

- Increase mobility options for people and goods.
- Foster a healthy, educated, well trained, safe, and secure population.
- Promote places to live with easy access to jobs and services.
- Improve energy efficiency while preserving the region’s environment.
- Identify innovative approaches to economic recovery and long-term prosperity.

In addition, advancing the concept of Lifelong Communities (LLC), a place where individuals can live throughout their lifetime, through the LCI program is a priority to ARC and will be considered when selecting applications. Please see [Lifelong Communities](#) for further information.

Commitment and Ability to Implement

The development of the LCI study is the first step in a larger commitment to implement the plan and create positive changes at the community level. The study applicant should discuss prior activities in support of quality growth projects in the study area. The applicant should also discuss their commitment and ability to implement local initiatives in support of the proposed plan and anticipated outcomes.

Confluence of Opportunities

Study areas that will be given priority consideration are those that show a “confluence of opportunities” – that is, areas that include multiple opportunities for development that support regional goals. Priority consideration will be given to study areas that incorporate issues such as:

- Lifelong Communities concepts
- Brownfield and grayfield redevelopment sites
- Corridors that increase connectivity to existing LCI areas, transit station areas (existing or planned), and other major centers
- Centers and corridors with existing, but relatively underutilized infrastructure
- Centers and corridors that have or could have the density to support alternative transportation modes and mixed land uses

Discretionary Points

Additional points may be awarded to each LCI application to account for discretionary factors related to the project applicability, feasibility and commitment, such as:

- Innovation in project scope
- Diversity in project scope and type
- Reliance on existing or programmed infrastructure
- Areas within Medium to Very High Equitable Target Areas
- Leveraging of local, state and/or federal resources
- Coordination with other organizations and non-profits to address a full range of needs
- Practicality/feasibility of scope of work, schedule and budget
- Applicability and transferability of project outcomes locally and regionally

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- Coordination with and support of other ARC programs such as Lifelong Communities, Green Communities, and Community Choices
- Support of LCI program and successful implementation of past studies/projects (including LCI and TIP projects)