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Physical Safety		Includes minor improvements that may improve transportation safety	Includes project elements that have a significant positive impact to transportation safety OR is a Tier 2 improvement in the transportation plan	Project is being driven by a transportation safety need OR is a Tier 1 improvement in the transportation plan
Regulatory/Policy Compliance		Project maintains or refreshes existing active transportation system regulatory marking requirements (ex: pavement marking visibility, sign retro-reflectivity, curb ramps etc.)	Project enhances or updates systems towards regulatory or policy compliance (ex: Countdown X-walk heads, RRFB, new curb ramps, etc.)	Project addresses significant regulatory or policy compliance issues (ex: MMUTCD, eliminating stairs in a right of way, etc.)
Access & Mobility	Equity	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a low percentage of households in poverty (less than 5%) per Neighborhoods at Risk	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a moderate percentage of households in poverty (5- less than 10%) per Neighborhoods at Risk	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a high percentage of households in poverty (greater than 10%) per Neighborhoods at Risk
	User Experience	A sidewalk gap identified as mid-low in the city's sidewalk prioritization metrics OR crosswalk requested by a single household OR adding a new bike lane in an area not identified in the transportation plan	A sidewalk gap identified as mid-high in the city's sidewalk prioritization metrics OR a crosswalks identified as a minor mid-block crossing in the transportation plan OR crosswalk requested by two or more households OR a bicycle network identified as non-critical in the transportation	A critical sidewalk gap identified as high or highest in the city's sidewalk prioritization metrics or identified in the transportation plan OR a crosswalk identified as a major mid-block crossing in the transportation plan OR a bicycle network identified as critical in the transportation plan
Funding		Funding is identified from uncertain sources (i.e. General fund, special assessments, competitive grant that are not yet awarded)	Funding available from standard City funding sources (i.e. Act 51, city or county Street Millage).	Has anticipated substantial project funding (>33%) from certain outside sources (i.e. TAP, STP-U, HSIP, U of M, Developers, other grants, etc.)
Coordination with other Projects & Agencies		A project that has minimal interaction with other asset groups	A project that is coordinated with other asset groups resulting Modest in cost savings and minimizes disruption to the public OR has partnership with external agencies that minimize disruption to the public AND/OR provides opportunity to increase consistency across jurisdictional boundary	A project that is coordinated with other asset groups resulting in Significant cost savings and minimizes disruption to the public OR has partnership with external agencies that minimize disruption to the public AND/OR provides opportunity to increase consistency across jurisdictional boundary
Complexity		Low impact on community, OR requires minimal coordination with other agencies	Special assessment charges apply OR medium impact on community (ex: modest level of community engagement)	Requires significant easement or ROW acquisition, OR multiple funding sources or agency sources to coordinate, OR high impact on community (ex: significant tree removal or high level of community engagement)

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Sustainability Framework Goals	Modestly contributes to meeting two to three of the City's Sustainability Framework goals	Significantly contributes to meeting two or three of the City's Sustainability Framework goals OR modestly contributes to meeting four or more of the City's Sustainability Framework goals	Significantly contributes to meeting four or more of the City's Sustainability Framework goals
Safety / Compliance / Emergency Preparedness	Moderately contributes to reducing a public health or safety hazard, but is not required for compliance	Will assist in ability to continue governmental services during emergencies OR will eliminate a low risk public health or safety hazard or reduce exposure to a high risk public health or safety exposure OR necessary to meet recommended regulatory compliance	Contributes to mandatory regulatory compliance OR will eliminate exposure to a high risk public health or safety hazard OR is necessary to assure continuance of governmental services during emergencies
Funding	Has uncertain funding source(s) (e.g., Special Assessment, General Fund) OR has anticipated funding from low-interest loan source (e.g., SRF, DWRF, Energy Fund) with no loan forgiveness	Funding available from standard City funding sources (e.g., utility rates, road millage, etc.) OR has anticipated funding from low-interest loan source (e.g., DWRF, SRF, Energy Fund) with high potential for loan forgiveness OR has anticipated partial project funding (<50%) from outside non-loan source(s)	Has anticipated substantial project funding (≥50%) from outside non-loan sources (e.g., STP, grant funding, developer, Township financed)
Coordination with other Projects & Agencies	Promotes regional or interagency planning and coordination OR public/private partnership	Costs can be modestly reduced (<20%) by aligning project with another project (e.g., street reconstruction with utility replacement) OR no cost savings will be realized but aligning with another project minimizes disruption to the public	Costs can be significantly reduced (≥20%) by aligning project with another project (e.g. street reconstruction with utility replacement) OR schedule is driven by other high-priority improvements that must be completed within the next two fiscal years
Master Plan Objectives	Modestly contributes to meeting one of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals	Significantly contributes to meeting one of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals OR modestly contributes to meeting two or more of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals	Significantly contributes to meeting two or more of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals
User Experience (Level of Service)	Modestly improves existing Level of Service	Provides a new service requested by and that benefits a small segment of the community	Significantly improves existing Level of Service OR provides a new service which is requested by and benefits a large segment of the community
System Influence / Capacity	Meets future user demand	Addresses immediate user demand that benefits a small segment of the user population	Addresses immediate user demand that benefits a large segment of the user population
O & M (Operations & Maintenance)	Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction	Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction AND creates opportunities to improve operational flexibility, use of technology, or extends asset life	Makes significant contribution to O&M cost reduction AND creates opportunities to maximize operational flexibility, use of technology, or extends asset life, or utilizes materials or techniques that provide lowest overall life-cycle costs
Daily Users Carried	Carries less than 1,000 users per day	Carries 1,001 - 10,000 users per day	Carries 10,001 or more users per day
Complexity	Project to address need will not affect any other infrastructure item	Project to address need will affect 1 or 2 other infrastructure item(s)	Project to address need will affect 3 other infrastructure items
Urgency		Bridge is critical to operation of related system OR at least one critical facility	Bridge is critical to operation of related system AND at least one critical facility

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Quality of Life	Provides Access	Provides ADA access AND/OR Provides amenities not easily found within 1 mile radius from the project location	Provides ADA access plus limited Universal access AND/OR Provides amenities not easily found within 1/2 mile radius from the project location	Provides full Universal access AND/OR Provides amenities not easily found within ¼ mile radius from the project location AND/OR Provides an amenity in a neighborhood with a high percentage of households in poverty (greater than 10%) per Neighborhoods at Risk
	Enhances Customer Experience and Satisfaction	Response to a localized need	Provides a larger area opportunity for play and learning AND/OR enhances the visitor Experience (comfort / cleanliness / enjoyment) AND/OR improves overall customer Satisfaction	Creates diverse Recreation Opportunities and Experiences AND/OR provides new recreation opportunities or experiences
	Creates Excellent Parks & Spaces	Provides a respite from Built Environment AND/OR provides a connection to natural world	Meets Low Desirability PLUS helps to enhance human connection, gatherings and events AND/OR aesthetic/Place Making	Meets Medium Desirability PLUS helps support Innovation AND/OR stewardship of cultural resources
Sustainability	Protect Natural Systems	Project meets rules and regulations regarding stormwater runoff OR project has minimal positive impact on existing natural system and biodiversity OR project has minimal positive impact on natural resources	Meets at least 2 of the 4 following objectives: - Project exceeds rules and regulations on stormwater runoff by reducing volume of stormwater and improving quality of stormwater runoff AND/OR - Project links together two or more high quality natural areas AND/OR - Project creates natural systems which increases the biodiversity of an area AND/OR - Project has a positive impact on natural resources	Meets at least 3 or 4 of the 4 following objectives: - Project exceeds rules and regulations on stormwater runoff by reducing volume of stormwater and improving quality of stormwater runoff AND/OR - Project links together two or more high quality natural areas AND/OR - Project creates natural systems which increases the biodiversity of an area AND/OR - Project has a positive impact on natural resources
	Contribute to A2Zero Goals	Project does not contribute to an A2Zero Strategy* AND project does not contribute to the City's interconnected non-motorized transportation network AND Does not play a role in the production of local food AND energy sources from the project come from the existing power grid *Power Our Electrical Grid with 100% Renewable Energy; Switch our Appliances...from Gasoline, Diesel, Propane, Coal, and Natural Gas to Electric; Significantly Improve the Energy Efficiency in our... Recreational Sites and Government Facilities; Reduce the Miles we Travel in our Vehicles by at least 50%; Change the Way We Use, Reuse, and Dispose of Materials;; Enhance the Resilience of Our People and Our Place	Project contributes to at least one of the A2Zero Resilience Strategies as outlined above AND/OR project improves and enhances the City's interconnected non-motorized transportation network AND/OR improves or expands existing local food production projects AND/OR project operates with partial renewable energy sources (less than 50%) or does not require power	Project contributes to two or more of the A2Zero Resilience Strategies as outlined above AND/OR project extends the City's interconnected non-motorized transportation network (Another level - Extending the City's interconnected non-motorized transportation network to underserved communities) AND/OR generates opportunities to add to the City's local food production programs AND/OR project operates with partial renewable energy sources (greater than 50%) or generates a surplus of energy that can be used to offset energy demands elsewhere in the Park System.
Financial Health		- Partnerships & Grants: City assumes all capital costs OR - Impacts Operating Budget: Project increases operating budget expenditures, generates no additional revenue. (example – a new boardwalk in a nature area)	- Partnerships & Grants: Partnerships and/or grant funding cover less than 50% of the capital project cost OR - Impacts Operating Budget: Project decreases operating budget expenditures with little or no impact on revenue (example – mechanical upgrades to Vets Pool that reduce utility and chemical costs – revenue might increase slightly if there is less pool down time), OR increased operating expenditures as a result of the project are offset by new revenues for a net zero effect.	- Partnerships & Grants: Partnerships and/or grant funding cover more than 50% of the capital project cost OR - Impacts Operating Budget: Project generates new revenues that exceed new expenditures (example, Argo Cascades).
Park System Infrastructure	Meet or exceed Regulatory Compliance & Industry Standards	Results in meeting minimal current industry standards	Results in meeting all current industry standards	Results in exceeding all current standards and adopts recommended practices that are not required
	Maintain Infrastructure Condition	Provides minimal infrastructure condition improvement	Provides moderate infrastructure condition improvement	Provides substantial infrastructure condition improvement

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Sustainability		Addresses areas with known SSO issue (contributes to clean air and water) OR provides moderate electrical savings (1-2%)	- Plant : Project reduces greenhouse gases OR - Collection : Project occurs in a neighborhood with a high percentage of households in poverty (greater than 10%) per Neighborhoods at Risk OR - Plant : Provides significant electrical savings (2-5%)
Regulatory Compliance / Safety	Modestly contributes to reducing a public health or safety hazard, but is not required for regulatory compliance (i.e sewer extensions, plant improvement)	Contributes to continued regulatory compliance (NPDES or identified area with known SSO issues)	Contributes to mandatory regulatory compliance (new NPDES requirement or identified area with known SSO issues) OR will eliminate exposure to a high risk public health or safety hazard
Outside Funding	Has internal funding only OR competitive outside grant funding source with uncertain outcome	Anticipated non-competitive outside funding (<50%) (ex: UM cost-share, grant, stimulus, private developers, DOM) OR low interest loans with high potential for loan forgiveness	Anticipated non-competitive outside funding (>50%) (ex: UM cost-share, grant, stimulus, private developers, DOM)
Coordination with other Projects & Agencies	Inter-agency coordination	Align project schedules to minimize disruption and save costs, OR Inter-agency project implementation (eg. Townships, MDOT, UM)	Align project schedules to minimize disruption and save costs AND Inter-agency partnership (eg. Townships, MDOT, UM)
Customer Experience	N/A	- Collection : Project lines or replaces pipe with known callouts - Plant : N/A	Collection: - Projects identified in wet weather planning documents (SSWWE) OR - Adds new requested service (extensions) OR - Reduces odor issues Plant: - Reduces odor issues
Risk	- Collection : SCREAM pipe Risk grade 1-2, OR - PLANT : Maintains or replaces low risk process equipment	- Collection : SCREAM pipe Risk grade 3, OR - PLANT : Maintains or replaces moderate risk process equipment OR Reduces risk to add redundancy	- Collection : SCREAM pipe Risk grade 4-5, OR - PLANT : Maintains or replaces high risk process equipment
O & M (Operations & Maintenance)	Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction	Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction AND creates opportunities to improve operational flexibility, use of technology, or extends asset life	Makes significant contribution to O&M cost reduction AND creates opportunities to maximize operational flexibility, use of technology, extends asset life, or utilizes materials or techniques that provide lowest overall life-cycle costs

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Water Quality		Replace and repave around catch basins, OR detention of storm water	Non-green infiltration, OR non-measurable reduction in TMDLs, OR non TMDL pollutant removal	Green infrastructure, OR stream bank stabilization, OR measurable reduction of TMDLs
Master Plan Objectives		Modestly contributes to meeting one of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals	Significantly contributes to meeting one of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals, OR modestly contributes to meeting two or more of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals	Significantly contributes to meeting two or more of the City's master plan or other strategic planning document goals
Level of Service	Reduce Flooding	Improves Conveyance (eg. culvert and headwall projects)	- Reduces flooding in a localized area - # of parcels <= 3	- Reduces flooding in a regional area - # of parcels > 3
	Maintain Healthy Urban Forest	Adds 0-10 new trees	Adds 11-50 new trees	Adds >50 new trees
O&M Efficiency		Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction	Makes modest contribution to O&M cost reduction, AND creates opportunities to improve operational flexibility, use of technology, or extends asset life	Makes significant contribution to O&M cost reduction, AND creates opportunities to maximize operational flexibility, use of technology, extends asset life, or utilizes materials or techniques that provide lowest overall life-cycle costs
Coordination & Collaboration		Inter-agency coordination	Align project schedules to minimize disruption and save costs, OR inter-agency project implementation (SRF)	Align project schedules to minimize disruption and save costs AND inter-agency partnership (eg. UM, WCWRC)
Condition		SCREAM pipe Risk grade 1-2, OR slightly restores natural or built function	SCREAM pipe Risk grade 3, OR moderately restores natural or built function	SCREAM pipe Risk grade 4-5, OR significantly restores natural or built function
Complexity		Low impact on community, OR requires minimal coordination with other agencies	- Special assessment district projects (SADs) - Medium impact on community	Requires significant easement or ROW acquisition, OR multiple funding sources or agency sources to coordinate, OR high impact on community
Urgency		Slight cost impact if delayed, OR slight impact on life or property if delayed	Moderate cost impact if delayed, OR moderate impact on life or property if delayed	Significant cost impact if delayed, OR significant impact on life or property if delayed, OR capitalize on unique available funding

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Pavement Condition		PASER score 9+	PASER score 5	PASER score 1
Pavement Asset Management Plan		No significant contribution to the plan	Modestly aligns with plan (utility driven projects that require higher treatment level than what the plan specifies)	Significantly aligns with plan (matches recommended annual investment level)
Sustainability	Expands Transportation Options	Maintains or improves existing active transportation and/or transit features	Adds active transportation and/or transit features	Prioritizes active transportation and transit
	Enhances Equity	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a low percentage of households in poverty (less than 5%)	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a moderate percentage of households in poverty (5- less than 10%)	Project occurs in a neighborhood with a high percentage of households in poverty (greater than 10%) https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/neighborhoods-at-risk/
Transportation Safety / Plan		Includes minor improvements that may improve transportation safety	Includes project elements that have a significant positive impact to transportation safety OR implements a Tier 2 improvement in the transportation plan	Project is being driven by a transportation safety need OR implements a Tier 1 improvement in the transportation plan
Coordination		A project that has minimal interaction with other asset groups	A project that is coordinated with other asset groups resulting Modest in cost savings and minimizes disruption to the public OR has partnership with external agencies that minimize disruption to the public AND/OR provides opportunity to increase consistency across jurisdictional boundary	A project that is coordinated with other asset groups resulting in Significant cost savings and minimizes disruption to the public OR has partnership with external agencies that minimize disruption to the public AND/OR provides opportunity to increase consistency across jurisdictional boundary
Funding		Funding is identified from unstable/unreliable sources (i.e. General Fund, Special Assessments, Competitive Grants that are not yet awarded)	Funding available from standard City funding sources (i.e. Act 51, Street Millage, County Millage).	Has anticipated substantial project funding (>33%) from outside non-loan sources (i.e. STP, U of M, Developers, Grants, etc.)
O&M		Creates a net increase (i.e. adds facilities) in O&M	Makes a modest contribution to O&M cost reduction (i.e. nonstructural improvements)	Has anticipated substantial project funding (>33%) from outside non-loan sources (i.e. STP, U of M, Developers, Grants, etc.)

