

Climate Action Component for Capital Project Scoring

Capital Improvements Committee

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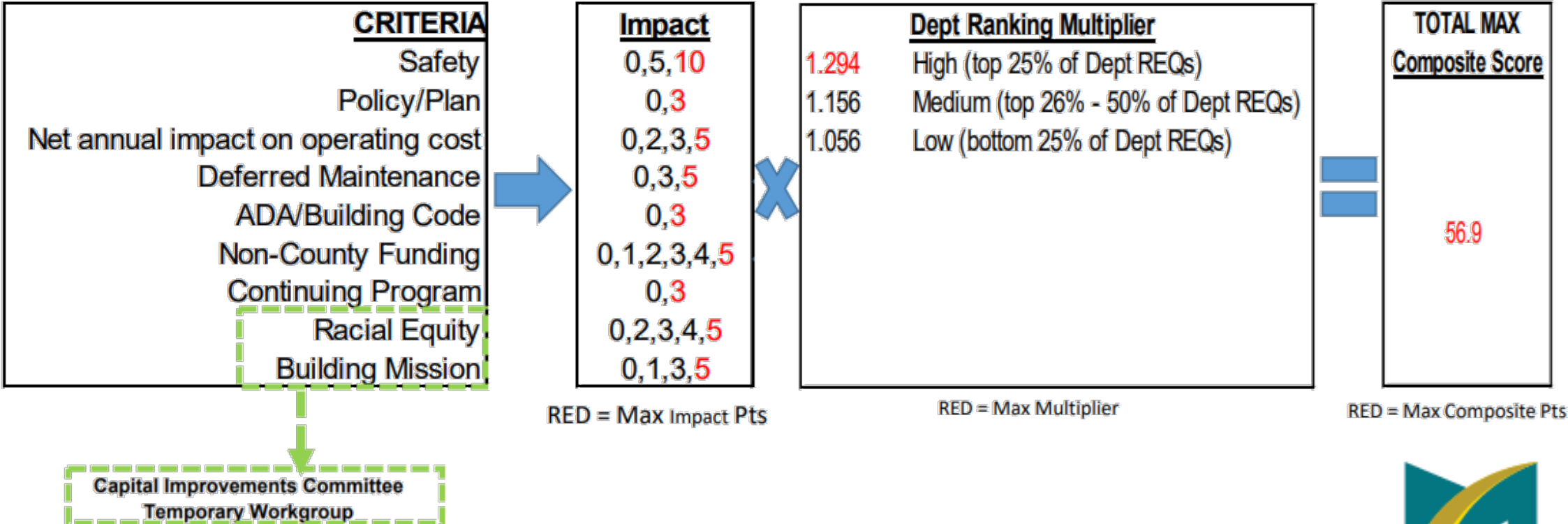


Background

- File 21-389: Sustainability Director to develop and administer strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and operations by 2050 ('CA50 Plan').
- File No. 23-485: Office of Sustainability to develop criteria to evaluate contribution of capital projects to Milwaukee County's carbon neutrality policy and strategic plan.
- File No. 23-697: Sustainability Director introduced 'Climate Action' component for possible inclusion in capital criteria.



Existing Scoring Criteria*



* Source: Capital Project Scoring Criteria Methodology for 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Plan. [File No. 23-723](#)



Potential ‘Climate Action’ Component

Component Impact

Climate Action	5 – Reduces county emissions & provides three or more co-benefits.
	4 – Reduces county emissions & provides two co-benefits.
	3 – Reduces county emissions & provides one co-benefit.
	2 – Reduces county emissions but does not provide co-benefits.
	1 – Does not reduce county emissions but provides at least one co-benefit.
	0 – Neither reduces county emissions nor provides co-benefits.

Definitions:

- ‘County emissions’ means greenhouse gas emissions generated by Milwaukee County government operations.
- ‘Co-benefits’ are beneficial outcomes from County’s climate actions that are not directly related to reducing emissions. Research suggests that local governments that track and report co-benefits have more successful climate action programs.



Climate Action Co-Benefits

- Essential to local government climate programs
- TBD by CA50 Plan stakeholders (June 2024 deliverable)
- Possible co-benefits per [Climate Action 2050 Framework](#):

Community Engagement: Increases or improves community engagement with county government.

Economic Inclusion: Exceeds county, state, or federal standards for TBE/DBE participation.

Public Health: Improves the health or wellbeing of county residents.

Model Government: Improves the efficiency or effectiveness of county government.

Workforce Development: Provides education, training and/or job opportunities for county residents.

Climate Resiliency: Increases preparedness of the County and residents for extreme heating, flooding, or other climate hazards.



Hypothetical ‘Climate Action’ Scores*

Project	Emissions Reduction	Community Engagement	Economic Inclusion	Public Health	Model Government	Workforce Development	Climate Resiliency	Climate Action Score
WP0760 – McKinley Beach Safety Improvements	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	1
WY062502 - Climate Action 2050 Plan	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	1
WJ0112 - HOC Admin Building Roof Replacement	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	3
WY062506 - Lighting Jobs Program	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	4

* Reflects the opinion of the Sustainability Director only.



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