**Description**
During the inception of MoDOT's Planning Framework, there was a prioritization tool available to help districts prioritize projects. That tool has fallen by the wayside, and is no longer receiving technical support. Meanwhile, the FAST Act has emphasized performance management. The Southwest District developed a prioritization tool that utilizes criteria aimed at improving tangible results to move various Tracker measures in the right direction, while also incorporating planning partner input. The tool was inspired by USDOT's Performance-based Planning and Programming Guidebook. This process has been used twice in the rural Southwest District. 1) Planning partners submit top needs to the district. 2) Planning partner staff and MoDOT district staff assess the ability of each of the needs against criteria related to Safety, Operations/Congestion and economic development. These criteria come from the Blueprint for Safety, MoDOT Freight Plan, and from the MoDOT district. They are intended to impact various tangible results, and these results are related to both MoDOT values and the broad goals of the MoDOT long-range transportation plan. A second meeting is held with MoDOT district staff and planning partners. Each planning partner presents the needs from their area. Then each Planning Partner, working with local officials from their area and MoDOT liaisons, allocates additional points according to their local preference. The overall final score prioritization is thus a combination of planning partner preference and an assessment of how well addressing the need would improve various performance measures.

**Benefit**
The tool efficiently incorporates various planning documents (MoDOT's long-range plan, freight plan, Tracker, Blueprint for Safety) into the planning framework into one tool. Regional priorities specifically and systematically consider Blueprint for Safety goals. Regional priorities better reflect planning partner preference while also considering performance measures. This means that the projects selected from the process better reflect shared MoDOT and Planning Partner values.

**Materials and Labor**
$320 in materials costs and a one-time set up of 292 hours of staff time.

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