



Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant Program Overview

Riders' Advisory Council
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About FTA's Capital Investment Grant Program

- **Discretionary funding program administered by FTA**
 - MARTA's expansion program would typically involve New Starts and Small Starts
 - Will also explore Expedited Project Delivery program
 - Multi-year process
 - Eligibility based on project type, features and rating
- **Local commitments required**
 - Statutory funding match 20% to 40%, but policy has been 50%
 - Coordinated with Atlanta's regional planning, as required by state and federal law
 - Be ready, consistent and provide quality work products to FTA
- **Federal requirements and rigorous oversight apply**
 - Environmental review (NEPA) documents prepared by MARTA for FTA as lead agency
 - Buy America and prevailing wage provisions
 - Transportation reauthorization and supplemental infrastructure funding may result in changes

Potential CIG Changes



- **Status**

- HR 3684 approved by House, amended/approved by Senate last month
- How a bill becomes a law: more steps remain...and changes are possible

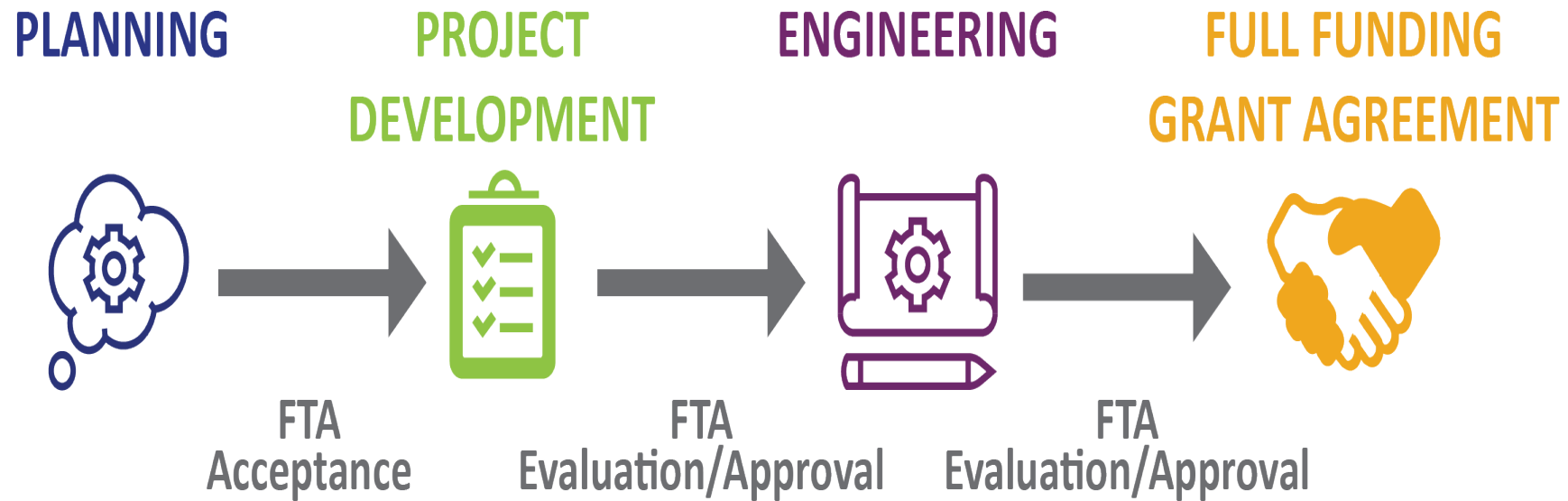
- **CIG funding highlights—effectively doubled per year**

- \$4.6B per year
- Includes advance appropriations through FFY26

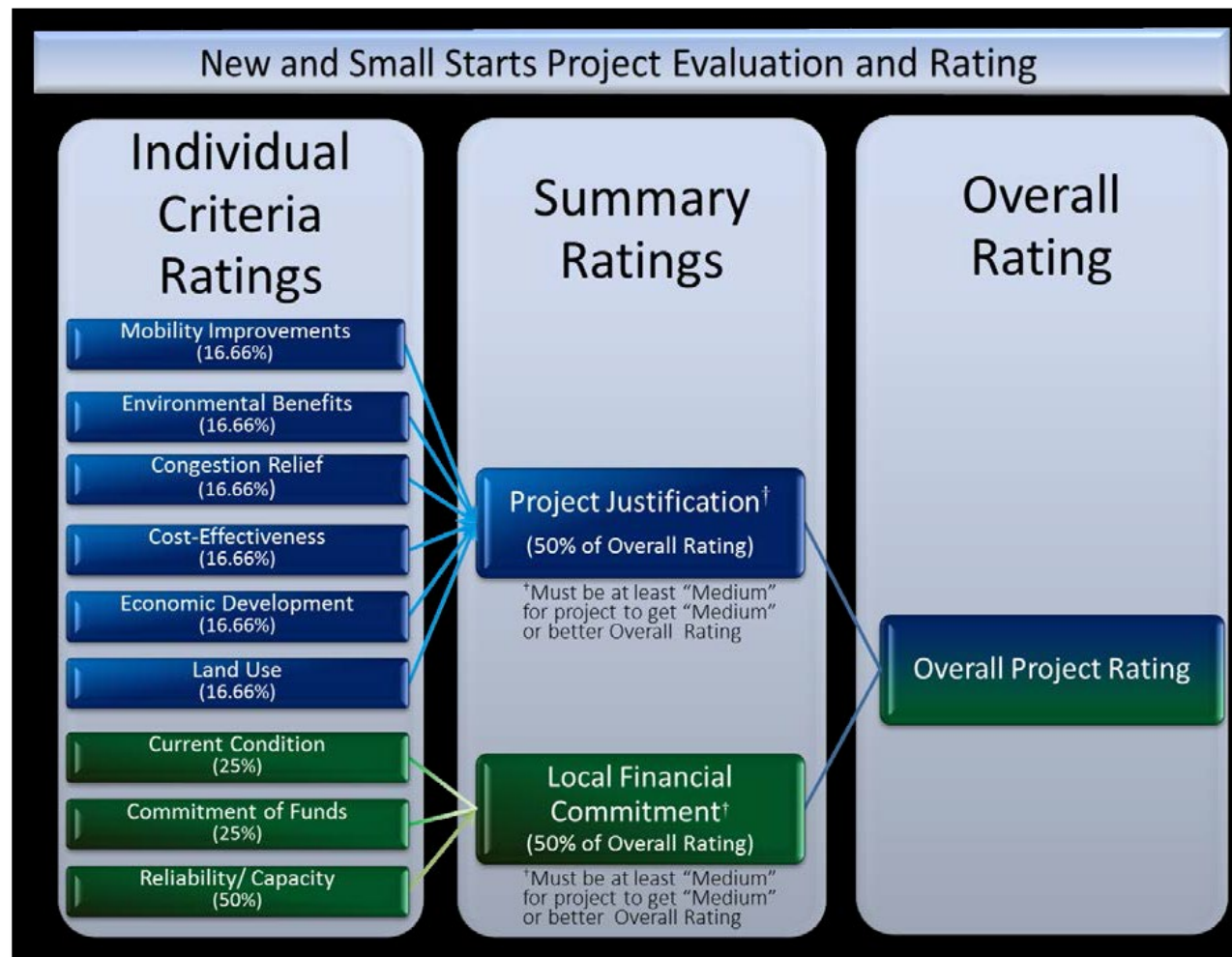
- **Key program changes**

- Increases Small Starts projects to \$400M and federal share maximum to \$150M
- FTA may waive Buy America requirement for materials that increase project cost by 25%

Process Steps



Rating Criteria



Roles and Responsibilities

- Staff
- Partners
- Board of Directors
- FTA

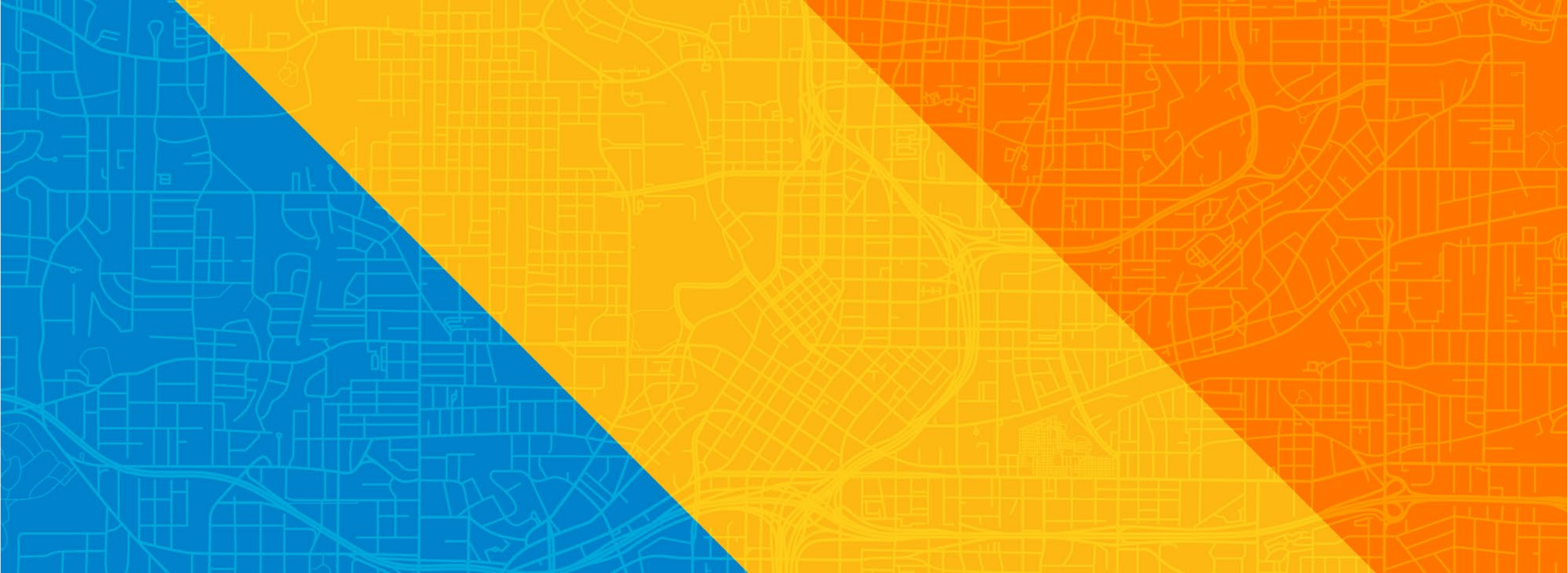
Next Steps

- Assemble resources and prepare a *CIG and Discretionary Funding Programs Strategic Plan*
- Identify and get ready candidate early action projects
 - Candidate projects with adequate committed local funds: Campbellton and Clayton County BRT
 - Candidate projects with gap in committed local funds: Clifton and GA-400 BRT
 - Get ready: synthesize input and technical data to prepare LPAs for public/partner review and Board action
- Conduct readiness reviews/business case to proceed
- Begin CIG process: request from FTA entry into project development
- Target FFY24 federal budget to demonstrate readiness for grant agreement execution at earliest—**prior to August 2022**



Questions & Discussion

More Information at:
www.transit.dot.gov/CIG



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