

NEW STARTS RATING ESTIMATION	
PROJECT NAME:	Red Line Extension
Use this tool to calculate your New Starts project's potential overall rating. Enter a value from the drop down menu in each of the yellow cells based on the ratings you anticipate. *	

Project Justification				Local Financial Commitment			
Criterion	Weight	Estimated Rating	Source/Calculation	Criterion	Weight	Estimated Rating	Source/Calculation
Mobility Improvements	16.66%	MEDIUM-HIGH	Mobility, Cost-Effectiveness, and Congestion Relief Templates	Current Financial Condition	25%	MEDIUM-LOW	Enter your estimations of these ratings. See the Local Financial Commitment section in the New Starts chapter of the CIG Program Final Interim Policy Guidance for information on how FTA rates these factors.
Cost Effectiveness	16.66%	LOW		Commitment of Capital and Operating Funds	25%	HIGH	
Congestion Relief	16.66%	MEDIUM-HIGH		Reasonableness of Financial Plan	50%	MEDIUM-LOW	
Environmental Benefits	16.66%	MEDIUM	Environmental Benefits Template	CIG Share (34%)	-	+1 level	Finance Template
Land Use	16.66%	MEDIUM-HIGH	Enter your estimations of these ratings. See FTA's Guidelines for Land Use and Economic Development Effects on how FTA determines the ratings for these criteria.	Summary Rating		MEDIUM-HIGH	Ratings are assigned to each subfactor on a five-point scale, with Low = 1, Medium-Low = 2, Medium = 3, Medium-High = 4, and High = 5. Individual subfactor ratings are then weighted as shown to develop the summary Local Financial Commitment rating. If the summary rating is at least Medium and the CIG share is less than 50%, the summary rating is increased one level.
Economic Development	16.66%	MEDIUM					
Summary Rating		MEDIUM	Ratings are assigned to each criterion on a five-point scale, with Low = 1, Medium-Low =2, Medium = 3, Medium-High = 4, and High = 5. Individual criterion ratings are then weighted 16.66% each to develop the summary Project Justification rating.				

Estimated Overall Project Rating:

(The Project Justification and Local Financial Commitment summary ratings are each weighted equally at 50%. However, both must be at least Medium to obtain a Medium or better overall rating.)

MEDIUM-HIGH

[Link to CIG Program Guidance on the FTA Website](#)

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