

How were the Major Criteria Weighted

Based on input received from the public and from agency stakeholders, the following weighting has been given to the major criteria and used in the evaluation of the alternative haul routes:

Major Criteria	Relative Weighting
Aquatic Environment / Surface Water	More Important
Terrestrial Environment	More Important
Land Uses	Important
Social Environment and Community Impacts	Most Important
Economic Environment and Business Impacts	More Important
Cultural and Heritage Resources	Important
Transportation and Safety	Most Important
Cost	More Important

These weightings are reflected in both the qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

