# Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Call for Projects Cycle 6 – Fiscal Years 2023 & 2024

Applicant Workshop August 9, 2022



# **Program Overview**

- 3% of Measure A Program
- 5% of Measure W Program
- Funds specific projects to encourage walking and bicycling
- Project applications, guidelines and evaluation criteria have been updated to reflect the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.



# **Funding**



Program Category	Available Funds
Capital Projects (95%)	\$16,743,620
Small Capital Projects (33%)	\$5,545,675
Large Capital Projects (67%)	\$11,197,945
Planning and Promotions (2.5%)	\$592,325
Safe Routes to School (2.5%)* (Administered by County office of Education)	\$439,825
Total Available	\$17,775,771



Program Category	Available Funds
Safe Routes to School Capital Projects	\$200,000



# **Eligible Project Types**

- Small Capital Projects (All phases eligible)
  - Under \$1 million request + matching funds
- Large Capital Projects (All phases eligible)
  - Over \$1 million request + matching funds
- Planning and Promotions
  - Bike/Ped Plans, corridor studies, bike to work day, safety events, etc.
- Safe Routes to School
  - Funds were allocated to the County Office of Education in June.



## **KEY PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

Program Guideline	Recommendations
Matching Funds – All Categories	<b>Standard Match:</b> Require a minimum match of 10% for project/program applications in all sub-categories.
	<b>Equity-based Match:</b> Require a reduced minimum match of 5% for project/program applications based primarily in MTC Equity Priority Communities, C/CAG Equity Focus Areas, and Relmagine SamTrans Transportation Equity Zones.
General Guidelines – Maximum project cost	Capital – Large Projects: \$2 million Capital – Small Projects: \$909,090 with standard match / \$952,380 with equity-based reduced match Planning and Promotions: \$100,000 Total awards per sponsor for this CFP: \$5 million
General Guidelines - # of applications	Jurisdictions are limited to sponsoring and submitting up to 3 applications per Call for Projects cycle.
Eligible Sponsors	Cities/Towns, County, C/CAG, Commute.org, Public Transit Agencies that operate in San Mateo County



## **Award Conditions**

- Leveraging Competitive Grant Program Funding
  - TA funding is contingent on the outcome of any other competitive application identified by the project sponsor
  - Funding agreements will not be signed until other programs have announced grant awards
    - <u>Projects listing competitive grant funds as match to TA funds:</u> If the funds are not received, TA funding will be re-allocated to the next highest ranked eligible project.
    - <u>Projects fully funded by other competitive grants:</u> If a project is awarded other competitive funding to fully fund the project, TA funding will be reallocated to next highest ranked eligible project.



# **Timely Use of Funds**

- Planning and Promotions Category
  - 2 years for planning studies and promotional programs
- Capital Projects Category
  - 2 years for pre-construction activities (PLAN, PAED, PS&E phases)
  - 3 years for construction activity (ROW, CON phases)
  - Total of 5 years allowed if both pre-construction and construction are part of allocated work scope



#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### Call for Projects Released



Call for Projects Workshop



Pre-submittal Eligibility Meeting



Evaluation & Awards

 CFP released at August 4, 2022
 TA Board meeting  TA staff host a workshop with eligible project sponsors – August 9, 2022  Optional meeting with TA staff to discuss proposed project and equity-based reduced match

approval

- Evaluation
   Committee
   reviews
   applications
  - Draft awards presented to the TA Board
  - Final program adopted

Pre-submittal Meetings: August 22 to September 2, 2022 Request by Filling Out <u>Notice of Intent to Submit Survey</u> by August 19<sup>th</sup>



# **Application Process**

- 1. Review the Application Instructions document
- 2. Select the appropriate application for either Capital (infrastructure) or and Planning and Promotions (non-infrastructure) projects
- 3. Note some questions will be filled in by TA staff after submission for quantitative placed-based metrics
- 4. Use the online tools to provide data to aid quantitative scoring of projects
- 5. Submit all applications and all attachments labeled appropriately ("Attachment A\_") to the project specific DropBox you will be provided



#### **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Materials Needed will be posted to the <u>TA CFP Webpage</u>:

- 1. Cycle 6 CFP Guidelines
- 2. Fillable Word Application (Capital or Planning/Promotions)
- 3. Application Instructions
- 4. Evaluation Scoring Rubric (Capital or Planning/Promotions)
- 5. Sample Governing Board Resolution
- 6. Sample Funding Agreement and MOU
- 7. Workshop PowerPoint and Recording



#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Submitted Materials are due by September 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM, including :

- 1. Application
- 2. Attachment A: Cover Letter & Resolution
- 3. Attachment B: Letters of Support/Community Engagement Documentation
- 4. Attachment C: Site Photos
- 5. Attachment D: SMCTA Call for Projects Portal Zip File Export
- 6. Attachment E: CA ARB GHG Reduction & VMT Impact Form
- 7. Attachment F: Cost Estimates
- 8. Attachment G: TIMS ATP Map and Summary Export



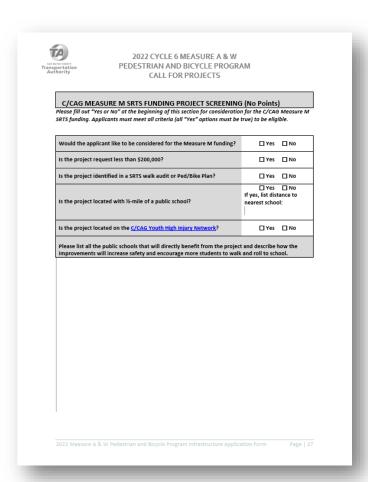
# **Application Tips**

- Read the application guidelines and instructions before you begin
  - Make sure you complete the correct application for your project type
  - Ensure you have the correct attachments with the required info included
  - Incomplete applications will be rejected
- Assume the scoring panel does not know your project
- Use the available text boxes to fill in responses, no limits are provided but all text must be visible in the box.
- Each question related to the evaluation criteria—be clear and concise when writing your narratives
- Submit your application on-time Late application's will not be accepted



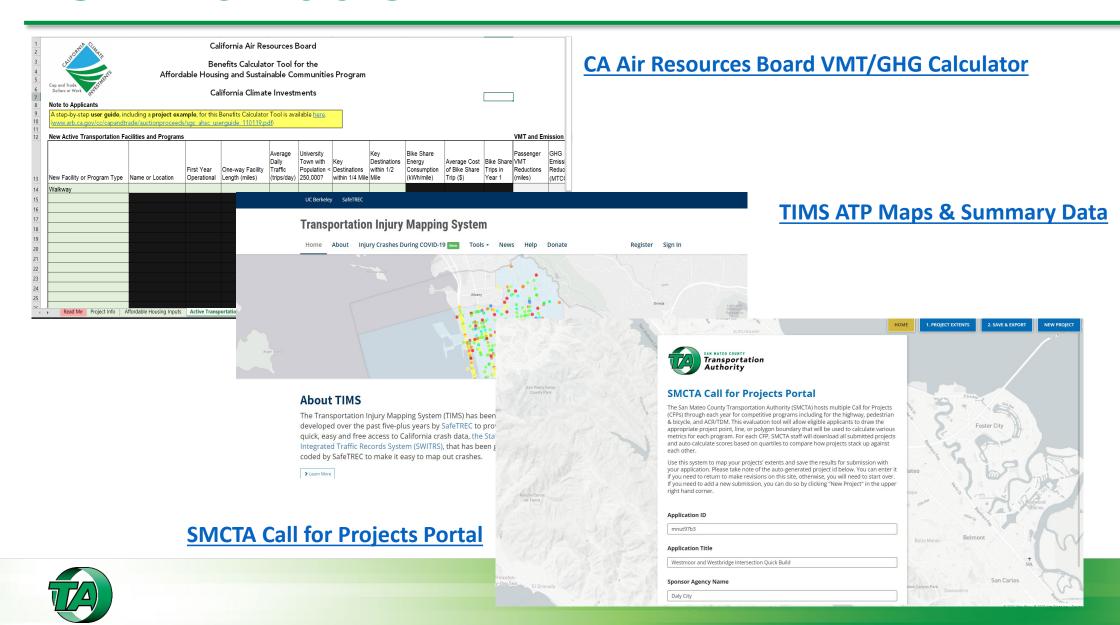
# C/CAG Application & Funding

- Same guideline requirements as TA funding with the following exceptions:
  - Does not apply to 3 application limit for TA funding
  - Requests must be less than \$200,000
  - Project identified in Ped/Bike Plan, SRTS Plan, or Walk Audit (or similar)
  - Project located within ½-mile of a public school
  - Project located on C/CAG Youth High Injury Network
- Sponsors must fill out the C/CAG screening page to be considered at the end of the application





## **Online Tools**

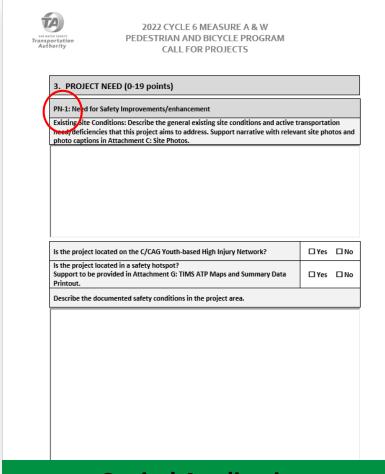


- Scoring of each application question ties directly to the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 evaluation criteria.
- Scoring panel will include TA staff, two representatives from the C/CAG bicycle and pedestrian and advisory committee (BPAC) as well as transportation planners/engineers familiar with bike/ped projects.

Scoring Criteria	Total Points
Need	19
Effectiveness	42
Sustainability	14
Readiness	15
Funding Leverage	10
<b>Total Points</b>	100



 Evaluation Scoring Rubrics are available on the CFP web page that detail the information needed to receive the maximum amount of points on each questions.





#### MEASURE A & W PEDESTRIAN AND BICYLE PROGRAM FY23-24 CALL FOR PROJECTS Issued on August 4, 2022

Instructions to Reviewer

	afety improvement/enhancement	
Criteria	Scoring Instructions	Points to Assign
Full Credit	All the following must be met:  1. Applicant provides detailed description of current site and safety conditions AND  2. Project is located at a safety hotspot where a higher percentage of the jurisdiction's total bicycle and pedestrian related collisions have occurred AND  3. Project is located on the C/CAG Youth-Based High Injury Network  4. Site photos and TIMS ATP Printout or Ped/Bike Plan collisions map AND C/CAG Youth-based High Injury Network are included in the application.	5
Partial Credit - High	All of the following must be met:  1. Applicant provides detailed description of current site and safety conditions AND  2. Project is located at a safety hotspot where a higher percentage of the jurisdiction's total bicycle and pedestrian related collisions have occurred AND  3. Site photos and TIMS ATP Printout or Ped/Bike Plan collisions map are included in the application.	4
Partial Credit - Low	All the following must be met:  1. If the project is <u>not</u> located at a safety hotspot, the applicant has adequately described how the site conditions match conditions where severe or fatal collisions have been documented elsewhere in San Mateo County AND  2. Site photos and TIMS ATP Printout are included in the application.	2
No Credit	None of the above conditions were met.	0

#### **Capital Application**

**Capital Scoring Rubric** 



Evaluation Criteria	Points
Need	19
Accommodates multiple transportation modes (pedestrian, bicycle and access to transit) and may include amenities at transit stations, such as bike lockers or micromobility stations	6
Extent that project serves a transportation need (recreation ok if it also serves a commute purpose)	5
Need for safety improvement/enhancement (e.g. project located in area of documented pedestrian or bicycle use collisions, or where significant barriers exist)	5
Project recognized in adopted statewide, regional, county, or local planning and fund programming documents (e.g. San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, City Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan, Vision Zero Plan, Specific Plan, Climate Action Plan)	3



Evaluation Criteria	Points
Effectiveness	42
Enhances first/last mile connections to employment centers, TOD, transit stations, schools, and other high density/activity areas	7
Potential increase in person throughput, mode share	7
Degree to which the project reduces stress level, increases safety, and accommodates people of all abilities	7
Closes gap in or extends Countywide pedestrian and bicycle network	6
Value: Benefit relative to the amount of funding requested (high impact, low cost projects – "bang for the buck"	5
Degree to which project reduces GHG emissions and improves air quality	4
Potential VMT reduction per capita	3
Potential travel time savings	3



Evaluation Criteria	Points
Sustainability	14
Serves high density/affordable housing (e.g. Planned Development Areas) in proximity to high quality transit service (high ridership & frequent service)	4
Serves low income, transit dependent and/or other vulnerable populations (e.g. Community of Concern, areas with high CalEnviroScreen scores and high concentrations of disabled, seniors and/or youth)	4
Innovative low environment impact/green infrastructure (includes resiliency elements to address climate change)	3
Project accounts for long term repair/maintenance/operations needs (e.g. uses materials with long life cycles, low maintenance costs & has a funding plan for maintenance)	2
Integral transportation component that can support existing economic activity and help spur new economic development in the immediate vicinity	1
Readiness	15
Clear and complete proposal	3
Project status and schedule	3
Ease and speed of implementation	3
Demonstrates stakeholder support/community engagement	3
Project has a credible cost estimate and funding plan	3
Funding Leverage	10
Percent of matching funds	8
Private sector contribution, including public/private partnerships	2



# Schedule

Activity	Timeline
Informational Item to TA CAC and Board	August 2 & 4 2022
Call for Projects Released	August 4, 2022
Sponsor Workshop (via Zoom)	August 9, 2022
Notice of Intent to Submit Survey Deadline	August 19, 2022
Option Pre-submittal Meetings with TA Staff	August 22 – September 2, 2022
Project Applications Due	September 23, 2022
Evaluation Period	October 2022
Draft Program of Projects Recommendation to CAC and Board	November 1 & 3 2022
Final Program of Projects Recommendations to CAC and Board	November 29 & December 1, 2022



## **Questions?**

#### **Call for Projects Materials:**

https://www.smcta.com/whats-happening/call-projects

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