

## SMCTA 2024 Measure A & W Calls for Projects Look Ahead

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) wishes you a happy New Year as we look toward an exciting 2024 that includes both the Alternative Congestion Relief/Transportation Demand Management (ACR/TDM) Program and the Pedestrian & Bicycle (Ped/Bike) Program Calls for Projects (CFPs). We look forward to funding more projects in 2024 that help people walk, bike, and access transit.

This look ahead is intended to help inspire our local partners and eligible sponsors to begin planning and budgeting for these upcoming opportunities. Key details for each CFP are listed below. We also encourage you to check our CFP webpage for updates throughout the year as deadlines and funding is subject to change. Please feel free to contact Patrick Gilster, the TA's Manager of Planning and Funding Management at <u>gilsterp@samtrans.com</u> with any questions.

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

## 2023 CFP RECAP

In early 2023, the TA and C/CAG released the Peninsula Shuttle Program CFP which included up to \$10 million in TA Measure A funds and up to \$1 million in C/CAG Congestion Relief funding. The final 2023 Peninsula Shuttle program included awards for 26 routes to five different sponsors. In total, \$8 million in Measure A funds went to 24 shuttle routes along with \$980,000 in C/CAG Congestion Relief Funds to the two additional routes for Fiscal Year's 2024 and 2025. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out of <u>Peninsula</u> <u>Shuttle Program page</u>.

During Summer 2023, the TA released the Highway Program CFP advertising up to \$100 million in available Measure A and W funds. In total, \$135.9 million was recommended to fund 11 out of the 12 projects submitted for consideration using a combination of re-programmed funds from closed, delayed, or cancelled projects and by providing a small amount of additional sales tax funds. Many projects this cycle are multimodal, Complete Streets projects on arterial highways that include significant bicycle and pedestrian enhancements. These projects are specifically eligible primarily for Measure W Highway Program funding. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out our <u>Highway Program page</u>.

# Summer 2024 – Joint Pedestrian & Bicycle and Alternative Congestion Relief & Transportation Demand Management CFPs

In 2024 the TA will try a new format of conducting a joint CFP with both the Cycle 7 Ped/Bike and Cycle 2 ACR/TDM funding programs. The goal is to reduce the number of CFPs per year that local jurisdiction staff need to prepare for and develop applications while simultaneously reducing the administrative time for the TA to conduct the CFPs. Additional time will be given to local agencies complete applications as compared to previous years to account for this change. The TA acknowledges the State & Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funding applications are expected to be released in March 2024 and have pushed back the CFP to Summer 2024 to minimize conflicts.

The Cycle 7 Bike/Ped Program will release approximately \$19 million in available Measure A and W funds. For capital projects (large and small), all phases of work are eligible for projects that can meet the TA's timely use of funds requirements. Quick build strategies that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort are highly encouraged to apply for the small capital project funds. The Planning & Promotions category may fund a wide variety of projects such as corridor implementation or feasibility studies for priority projects (including traffic or parking analysis, initial concept designs, and cost estimating), Vision Zero programs, encouragement activities, public engagement, and more.

The Cycle 2 ACR/TDM Program will release approximately \$6 million in available Measure A and W funds. Strategies funded by this program should encourage the use of sustainable transportation options and enhance mobility across San Mateo County. A continued focus of this second CFP is to encourage cities to apply for funding for a Citywide TDM Plan to help identify strategies that cities themselves can lead and get funded from this program. Examples of eligible TDM competitive projects include bike parking, vanpools, wayfinding/signage, transit pass subsidies, E-bike subsidies, micro-mobility subsidies, pedestrian/bicycle crossing treatments near transit, and more. This program also includes separate funding buckets for projects in small/coastal communities and mid/large jurisdictions.

## **Key Dates\***

- Release of CFPs: June 10, 2024
- Applications Due: August 30, 2024
- Expected Awards: December 5, 2024

## Available Funding\*

- Bike/Ped Program Approximately \$19 million available for Cycle 7
  - Large Capital Projects (Max request up to \$2 million) \$12 million
  - Small Capital/Quick Build Projects (Max request up to \$1 million) \$6 million
  - Planning & Promotions \$475,000 (Max request up to \$100,000)
  - Safe Routes to School \$475,000 (administered by <u>SMCOE</u>)
- ACR/TDM Program Approximately \$6 million available for Cycle 2
  - ITS Planning & Design: \$2.2 million (Max request up to \$200k)
  - TDM Competitive Projects: \$3.2 million (Max request up to \$200k)
  - TDM Planning: \$670,000 (Max request up to \$100k)

\*Note the funding availability and planned dates are subject to change based on Measure A & W funding availability or TA staffing.