SMCTA 2026 Measure A & W Calls for Projects Look Ahead

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) wishes you a happy New Year as we look toward our 2026 Calls for Projects (CFPs) for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program and the Pedestrian & Bicycle (Ped/Bike) Program.

This look ahead is intended to help our local partners and eligible sponsors plan and budget 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 are subject to change. Please feel free to contact Patrick Gilster, SMCTA's Director of Planning and Funding Management at gilsterp@samtrans.com with any questions.

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

2026 CFP's: Joint Pedestrian & Bicycle and Transportation Demand Management

In 2026, the SMCTA will conduct a joint CFP for the Cycle 8 Ped/Bike and Cycle 4 TDM funding programs.

The Cycle 8 Bike/Ped Program will release approximately $24.7 million and features new subcategories following the adoption of the SMCTA Strategic Plan 2025-2029:

- Competitive Plans and Capital Projects - Includes funding for all phases of work (planning, environmental, design, and construction) if they can meet the TA's timely use of funds requirements, including citywide and corridor planning work.
- Education and Encouragement – Includes funding for a wide variety of projects such as bicycle education training, e-bike safety programs, Vision Zero programs, or similar efforts.
- Safe Routes to School - Includes funding for smaller competitive on and off school site improvements which the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) administers directly with schools and school districts. SMCOE will likely host a separate SRTS CFP in Summer 2026.

The Cycle 4 TDM Program will release approximately $2.2 million to fund strategies that encourage the use of sustainable transportation options and enhance mobility across San Mateo County. Our focus for this fourth CFP is to encourage cities to apply for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) planning and design subcategory which has approximately $1.2 million available.

Key Dates*

- Release of CFPs: August 10, 2026
- Applications Due: October 30, 2026
- Expected Awards: January 7, 2027

Available Funding*

- **Bike/Ped Program – Approximately $24.7 million available for Cycle 8**
  - Competitive Plans & Capital Projects (Max request up to $2 million for pre-construction phases and up to $3.5 million for construction)
    - Mid/Large Jurisdictions - $15.6 million
    - Small/Coastal Jurisdictions - $6.6 million
  - Education & Encouragement - $1,235,193 (Max request up to $250,000)
  - Safe Routes to School - $1,235,193 (administered by SMCOE)
- **ACR/TDM Program – Approximately $2.2 million available for Cycle 4**
  - ITS Planning & Design: $1.4 million (Max request up to $500k)
  - TDM Competitive Projects: $770k (Max request up to $500k)

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

2025 CFP Recap

In 2025, SMCTA held four competitive CFPs and awarded $280 million to transportation projects that will improve mobility and quality of life in San Mateo County including:

- **Peninsula Shuttle Program:** SMCTA awarded $13.7 million in Measure A funds to 22 shuttle routes for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 while C/CAG also awarded $929,000 to fund one additional route. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out our Peninsula Shuttle Program page.
- **Regional Transit Connections Program:** SMCTA awarded $69.7 million in Measure W funds to 11 projects in the agency's first ever CFP for this new program. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out our Regional Transit Connections Program page.
- **Transportation Demand Management Program:** SMCTA awarded $6.8 million in Measure A and W funds to 19 projects. This mid-cycle CFP was the first time the program has ever been fully subscribed and able to award all available SMCTA funds. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out our TDM Program page.
- **Highway Program:** SMCTA presented the draft Highway Program recommendations at the December 2025 Board of Directors meeting which includes $189.9 million in Measure A and W funds for 17 projects. This cycle was the first to include SMCTA's modernized highway program focus on congestion management and multimodal safety. To read more about the program and review the full list of awards, check out the Highway Program page.