



SAN MATEO COUNTY

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# 2017 Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Call for Projects

November 8, 2017  
Sponsor Workshop



# Presentation Overview

- **TA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Overview**
- **Eligibility Requirements**
- **Process**
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# Program Overview

- **3% of Measure A Program**
- **Purpose of program is to fund specific projects that improve conditions to encourage walking and bicycling**
- **2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan includes a list of bikeways and overcrossings but other projects can be considered**



# Eligibility Requirements

<b>Criteria Category</b>	<b>Detailed Criteria</b>
<b>Description of Eligible Projects</b>	<p>Funding for the project development, right of way acquisition (with conditions) and construction of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.</p> <p>Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paths, trails and bridges over roads and highways</li><li>• Pedestrian/bicycle component of a larger multi-modal project</li></ul> <p>Ineligible projects/activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General citywide planning</li><li>• Maintenance/rehabilitation</li></ul>
<b>Sponsors and Application/ Funding Caps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligible sponsors: cities and the county of San Mateo</li><li>• Limit of 3 applications per sponsor</li><li>• Maximum funding award of \$1 million per sponsor</li></ul>



# Project Eligibility

<b>Criteria Category</b>	<b>Detailed Criteria</b>
<b>Matching Funds Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum of 10 percent</li><li>• Eligible sources: federal, state, regional and/or local funds, including development fees and private contributions as well as Measure A Local Streets and Transportation funds</li><li>• For projects with an unfunded phase/minimum operable segment over \$1 million, TA will consider allocating Measure A funds conditioned on sponsor securing remaining funds within 1 year</li></ul>



# Process: Funding & Evaluation

- **Approximately \$5.0 million available**
- **Projects reviewed based on a set of evaluation criteria**
- **Funding recommendations anchored to the evaluation criteria**
- **Project Review Committee assembled to evaluate applications**
- **Committee consists of staff from the TA, SamTrans, C/CAG, County Public Health and a C/CAG BPAC member**



# Process: Timely Use of Funds

- **Allowable expenditure period varies from:**
  - **2 years for pre-construction activity**
  - **3 years for construction activity**
  - **Total of 5 years allowed if both pre-construction and construction are part of Measure A allocated work scope**



# Evaluation Criteria

- **Project Readiness & Need: 35%**
- **Effectiveness: 35%**
- **Policy Consistency: 10%**
- **Sustainability: 10%**
- **Funding Leverage: 10%**



# Evaluation Criteria: Readiness & Need

Prioritization Criteria Category		Detailed Criteria
Readiness and Need – 35%	Project Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear and Complete Proposal</li><li>• Right of Way certification complete (if applicable)</li><li>• Permits, agreements and or environmental clearance obtained (if applicable)</li><li>• Results from a public planning process</li><li>• Demonstrates stakeholder support</li><li>• Has a solid funding plan</li></ul>
	Project Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets commuter and/or recreational purposes</li><li>• Identified pedestrian and/or bicycle need</li><li>• Safety improvement/enhancement</li></ul>



# Evaluation Criteria: Effectiveness

<b>Prioritization Criteria Category</b>	<b>Detailed Criteria</b>
<b>Effectiveness – 35%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodates multiple transportation modes (pedestrian &amp; bicycle)</li><li>• Provides connectivity to pedestrian &amp; bicycle system</li><li>• Closes gap in countywide pedestrian &amp; bicycle network</li><li>• Enhances connectivity to schools, transit stations and other activity centers</li><li>• Value: Benefit relative to the amount of funding requested (supports high impact, low-cost projects)</li><li>• Serves a low-income/transit dependent population in the immediate vicinity</li></ul>



# Evaluation Criteria: Policy Consistency

Prioritization Criteria Category	Detailed Criteria
<b>Policy Consistency – 10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2004 Expenditure Plan</li><li>• Countywide Transportation Plan</li><li>• Countywide Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Plan</li><li>• City Pedestrian and/or Bicycle Plan</li><li>• City General Plan, Specific Plan, other local plans</li><li>• Grand Boulevard Initiative Guiding Principles</li><li>• MTC Regional Priority Development Area</li><li>• Americans with Disabilities Act</li></ul>



# Evaluation Criteria: Funding & Sustainability

Prioritization Criteria Category		Detailed Criteria
Funding – 10%	Ability to Leverage Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local match contribution (sliding scale for more matching funds)</li></ul>
	Sustainability – 10%	
	Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduces emissions and improves air quality</li><li>• Innovative low environmental impact/green development</li></ul>
	Transit-oriented Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improves links for pedestrian and/or bicycle access between TOD, transit and other high-use activity centers</li><li>• Supports livable, walkable and healthy communities</li></ul>
	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integral transportation component that can support existing and help spur new economic development in the immediate vicinity</li></ul>



# Schedule

Timeline	Activity
November 2017	Information item to TA CAC and TA Board, and C/CAG Technical Advisory Committee
November 6, 2017	2017 Call for Projects released covering period from March 2018 through March 2020
November 8, 2017	2017 Call for Projects sponsor workshop
December 15, 2017	Applications due
February 2018	Information item to TA CAC and TA Board on Draft Program of Projects
March 2018	TA Board approves proposed Program of Projects



# Program Guidelines Overview

- **Board Resolutions required**
- **Funding Agreement Template**
- **Letters of Support**
- **Match**
- **Eligible Costs**
- **Progress Reports**
- **Supplantation**
- **Reimbursable Program**
- **Scope and Schedule Changes**



# Application Tips

- **Assume panel doesn't know project**
- **Be clear and concise**
- **Graphic aids are good**
- **Each question relates to the evaluation criteria**
- **Supporting documents – make it easy for panel to find relevant information**
- **Phase-able/segment-able projects**



# Questions?

**Call for Projects Materials at**  
<http://www.smcta.com/2017pedbikecfp>

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