



SAN MATEO COUNTY

**Transportation
Authority**

2015 Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Call for Projects

November 12, 2015
Sponsor Workshop



Presentation Overview

- **TA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Overview**
- **Eligibility Requirements**
- **Process**
- **Evaluation Criteria**
- **Summary of Proposed Changes**
- **Overview of Guidelines & Application**
- **Schedule**



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

Criteria Category	Detailed Criteria
Description of Eligible Projects	<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">• Paths, trails and bridges over roads and highways• Pedestrian/bicycle component of a larger multi-modal project <p>Ineligible projects/activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General citywide planning• Maintenance/rehabilitation
Sponsors and Application/ Funding Caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible sponsors: cities and the county of San Mateo• Limit of 3 applications per sponsor• Maximum funding award of \$1 million per sponsor



Process: Funding & Evaluation

- **Approximately \$4.9 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">• Clear and Complete Proposal• Right of Way certification complete (if applicable)• Permits, agreements and or environmental clearance obtained (if applicable)• Results from a public planning process• Demonstrates stakeholder support• Has a solid funding plan
	Project Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meets commuter and/or recreational purposes• Identified pedestrian and/or bicycle need• Safety improvement/enhancement



Evaluation Criteria: Effectiveness

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



Evaluation Criteria: Policy Consistency

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



Evaluation Criteria: Funding & Sustainability

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



Summary of Proposed Revisions

To address Measure A shortfall & leverage other funding sources:

- **New 10% minimum match requirement**
- **Projects with an unfunded phase/minimum operable segment over \$1 million:**
 - **Consider allocating Measure A funds conditioned on sponsor securing remaining funds within 1 year**
 - **Contingency list to be created in case sponsors are not successful in securing remaining funds within 1 year**



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**



Schedule

Timeline	Activity
November 2015	Information item to TA CAC and TA Board, and C/CAG Technical Advisory Committee
November 10, 2015	2015 Call for Projects released covering period from March 2016 through March 2018
November 12, 2015	2015 Call for Projects sponsor workshop
December 18, 2015 4:00pm	Applications due
February 2016	Information item to TA CAC and TA Board on Draft Program of Projects
March 2016	TA Board approves proposed Program of Projects



Questions?

Call for Projects Materials @
www.smcta.com/2015PedBikeCFP

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