



# Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program 2015 Call for Projects

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## Presentation Overview

- **TA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Overview**
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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**

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## Eligibility Requirements

Criteria Category	Detailed Criteria
<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>

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## 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

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## 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

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## Evaluation Criteria

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

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## 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>

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## Evaluation Criteria: Effectiveness

Prioritization Criteria Category	Detailed Criteria
Effectiveness – 35%	<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>

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## Evaluation Criteria: Policy Consistency

Prioritization Criteria Category	Detailed Criteria
Policy Consistency – 10%	<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>

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## Evaluation Criteria: Funding & Sustainability

Prioritization Criteria Category		Detailed Criteria
<b>Funding – 10%</b>	Ability to Leverage Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local match contribution (sliding scale for more matching funds)</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability – 10%</b>	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>

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## 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**

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## Schedule

Timeline	Activity
November 2015	Information item to TA CAC and TA Board, and C/CAG Technical Advisory Committee
November 2015	2015 Call for Projects released covering period from March 2016 through March 2018
November 2015	2015 Call for Projects sponsor workshop
Mid-December 2015	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