## 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)



Nevada County Branch Workshop January 8, 2024 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Program Goals

- Increase walking and biking
- Increase safety of non-motorized users
- Help regional agencies meet their SB 375 goals
- Enhance public health
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users

#### Program Structure

- Competitive funding program
- Funds distributed into the 3 ATP components
  - 50% for the Statewide Component
  - 10% for Small Urban & Rural Component
  - 40% for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component
- A minimum of 25% of funds in each of the 3 components must benefit disadvantaged communities

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## **Application Types**

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Large Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure

- Total Project Cost of greater than \$10 million
- Large applications may apply for Pre-Construction phases only
- Medium Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of greater than \$3.5 million and up to \$10 million
- Small Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of \$3.5 million or less

**Non-Infrastructure Only** 

• Education and Encouragement Activities

#### Plans

 Community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan that encompasses disadvantaged community

## **Eligible Applicants**

- Local, Regional, or State agencies
- Caltrans
  - Caltrans can also partner with other eligible agencies
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Public Schools or School Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Private Nonprofit (recreational trail funding)

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#### **Program Status**

- Anticipate Approximately \$568,700 in Funding
- Six Cycles of Projects Selected for Funding
- Over 1,000 Projects Funded
- Most Provide Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Almost 100% Delivery Rate
- All the Cycle 1 Projects are Completed or Under Construction

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## **Program Challenges**

- Very Over Subscribed
  - Massive Community Need
  - Not Enough Funding
- Funding Requests are Getting Larger
- Ensure Program is Open to All Geographic Areas Across the State
- Program Funds all Project Phases
- Measuring Performance

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#### Highlights from the 2025 Guidelines

- Program Schedule
- Application Update Submittable
- Justice40 Initiative
- New Federal Tools
  - <u>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool</u>
  - US DOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer
- Quick-Build Program
- Policy Clarifications

## Nevada County in the ATP

- Submitted 20 projects over six Cycles
- 4 projects have been funded overall (20% success rate):
  - 1 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 3 projects funded through the SUR component
- Average scores have remained in the mid-50's to 60's excluding Cycle 5 and Cycle 6.
- Highest scoring application was a 93 from Cycle 6.

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## Nevada County in Cycle 6

#### 2 applications submitted

- Both applications were funded 100% success rate
  - 1 funded in the Statewide Component
  - 1 funded in the SUR Component

#### • General Feedback:

• Need was not clearly conveyed in narrative response. (Addressing lack of mobility and Non-Infrastructure)

- Safety/collision analysis was thorough even with lack of collisions in project area.
- Public participation needed to be more recent and include community member participation.
- Non-Infrastructure discussion fell short throughout the application. How will it help encourage usage? How will it help address safety concerns?

#### Placer County in the ATP

- Submitted 27 projects over six Cycles
- 10 projects have been funded overall (37% success rate):
  - 4 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 1 project funded through the SUR Component
  - 5 projects funded through the MPO component
- Average scores have gone back and forth between 50's and 70's each cycle, excluding Cycle 6.
- Highest scoring application was a 90 from Cycle 4.

## Placer County in Cycle 6

#### 5 applications submitted

- 1 application was funded 20% success rate
  - Funded in the MPO Component
  - 1 project was deemed ineligible

#### • General Feedback:

- Not clear if the project was requested or supported by the disadvantaged community.
- Need question lacking adequate responses. Connectivity and mobility discussion was lacking. Local health concerns were too general. Active transportation needs of students not included.
- Safety/collision analysis was lacking and not clearly tied to countermeasures. Some crash hot-spots fell outside of project area.
- Public participation needed more detail. Documentation was lacking or feedback received was conflicting with what was proposed in app. Some outreach was dated or insufficient for project size.

#### Remaining Central Workshops



January 10, 2024
1:00pm – 4:00pm
Applications
Virtual

• February 6, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm Scoring Rubrics *Virtual* 

#### Thank You



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