California Transportation Commission 2021 Active Transportation Program Quick-Build Project Pilot Program Staff Recommendations

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a competitive statewide funding program created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) established the ATP, and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) (Chapter 2031, statutes of 2017) directed additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the program.

The 2021 ATP is the program's fifth funding cycle, with approximately \$445.5 million available for funding. During each funding cycle, the Commission develops guidelines that describe the policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for the program's development and management. The 2021 ATP Guidelines were adopted at the March 2020 Commission meeting and were developed through an extensive engagement process that took place from November 2019 to March 2020. As part of this engagement process, Commission staff conducted 19 workshops and attended 42 site visits in communities across California.

As part of the guideline development process, stakeholders identified quick-build projects as a potential new project type for funding. Quick-build projects are interim capital improvement projects that aim to immediately implement safety needs, allowing communities to benefit quickly from improvements. With the help and guidance of a quick-build technical assistance workgroup, the Commission incorporated a Quick-Build Project Pilot Program into the 2021 ATP Guidelines. The pilot program aims to assess the feasibility of including quick-build projects in future program cycles, while also identifying challenges related to their inclusion. The Commission can dedicate up to \$7 million to the Quick-Build Project Pilot Program and has the option to select several projects for funding, or to select none.

Applications to the pilot program were due to the Commission by July 15, 2020. The Commission received 22 project applications, totaling \$15.2 million in ATP funding requests and valued at approximately \$15.6 million. An evaluation team consisting of Commission staff reviewed the project applications based on the screening and evaluation criteria as established in the Commission's adopted guidelines.

Commission staff recommendations for funding are set forth on the attached list of projects. The recommended projects were determined by staff to be the projects that best address the program's objectives and the established screening and evaluation criteria. Commission staff is only recommending funding projects that earned a medium-high or high score. Recommending only the very highest scoring projects is in keeping with the competitive nature of the Active Transportation Program, where in the 2019

Active Transportation Program only projects that scored at least 89 out of 100 points were funded in the statewide competition.

Staff recommends funds totaling \$4.4 million for eight projects valued at approximately \$4.7 million. The recommended projects include a variety of quick-build improvements such as pedestrian safety enhancements, protected bikeways, intersection redesigns, and more. As noted in the list of recommended projects, the cost of one project was adjusted in alignment with a request from Commission staff to substitute a project material for an alternative. The remaining \$2.6 million will be included in the total funding available for the 2021 ATP statewide component.

Projects not recommended were found less competitive for a variety of reasons, including a lack of narrative and/or information around various evaluation criteria and areas of non-compliance with the guidelines. Additionally, Commission staff found four projects to be ineligible. These projects were deemed ineligible for various reasons, including lack of consistency with quick-build elements, project permanency, and project type.

The Commission will consider the staff recommendations for adoption at the Commission's October 21-22, 2020 meeting.

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PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING^{1,2,3}

со	Implementing Agency	Project Title	Consensus Ranking	Pr	otal oject Cost	Total Requeste Amoun	ed	Recommended ATP Funding	20-21	21-22	22-23	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CON
FRE	City of Fresno	Palm & Belmont Class IV Protected Bikeway Project	High	\$	1,522	\$ 1,40	00 \$	\$ 1,400		\$ 1,400					\$ 1,400
ALA	City of Berkeley	Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Way Vision Zero Phase I Quick-Build Project	Med-High	\$	700	\$ 60	00 \$	\$ 600	\$ 130	\$ 470		\$5	\$ 125		\$ 470
CC	City of Richmond	Richmond Bay Trail Bicyclist & Pedestrian Safe Connections Quick-Build	Med-High	\$	790	\$ 72	25 \$	\$ 725	\$ 75	\$ 650		\$ 10	\$65		\$ 650
LA	City of Culver City	Overland-Kelmore-Ranch Intersection Safety Redesign	Med-High	\$	157	\$ 15	57 \$	\$ 157		\$ 157					\$ 157
LA	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	Shatto Place Redesign Project: SRTS School Zone Crossing	Med-High	\$	250	\$ 25	50 \$	\$ 250		\$ 65	\$ 185				\$ 250
LA	City of Palmdale ⁴	Domenic Massari Park Bike Lane System	Med-High	\$	412	\$ 41	2 \$	\$ 412	\$ 412			\$ 7	\$ 13		\$ 392
SCL	City of San Jose Department of Transporation	Edenvale & Sylvandale Schools Pedestrian & Bicycling Safety	Med-High	\$	622	\$ 62	22 3	\$ 622	\$ 622				\$ 54		\$ 568
SM	City of San Carlos	San Carlos Avenue Quick-Build Project	Med-High	\$	274	\$ 27	'4 (\$ 274	\$ 6	\$ 47	\$ 221	\$ 12	\$ 36	\$ 5	\$ 221
			TOTAL	\$	4,727	\$ 4,44	0 5	\$ 4,440	\$ 1,245	\$ 2,789	\$ 406	\$ 34	\$ 293	\$5	\$ 4,108

(1) Funding amounts are shown in thousands.

(2) The fiscal year breakouts are subject to change, and will be finalized prior to adoption.

(3) Commission staff will contact all applicants on the recommended list with project clarification questions. Any issues must be resolved by September 30, 2020. If a project has unresolved issues, it will be removed from the recommended list. (4) The City of Palmdale's original project cost and requested funding amount were adjusted in alignment with a request from Commission staff to substitute a project material for an alternative.

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PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

со	Implementing Agency	Project Title	Consensus Ranking	Pro	otal oject ost	t ATP	
LA	City of Palmdale	Rancho Vista Bike Lane System	Medium	\$	612	\$	612
LA	City of Santa Clarita	Orchard Village Road Protected Pedestrian & Bicycle Facility	Medium	\$	985	\$	985
ORA	City of Costa Mesa	West 19th Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Project	Medium	\$	250	\$	250
SM	City of Millbrae	Millbrae Bikeway Improvements	Medium	\$	107	\$	107
SM	City of San Mateo	San Mateo Rapid Implementation Bicycle Network	Medium	\$	3,967	\$	3,967
ALA	City of Emeryville	Shared Doyle Street Quick Build Project	Med-Low	\$	212	\$	212
LA	City of Lancaster	Avenue H-8 Complete Street Corridor	Med-Low	\$	328	\$	328
SLO	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	Active Campus: Arrival/Dismissal Rebrand Pilot	Med-Low	\$	160	\$	160
SM	City of Daly City	Southgate Ave & School Street Safety Improvements Project	Med-Low	\$	275	\$	275
VAR	Southern California Association of Governments	Southern California Regional Quickbuild Implementation Project	Med-Low	\$	1,615	\$	1,615
			TOTAL	\$	8,511	\$	8,511

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INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

CO Implementing Agency		Project Title	Consensus Ranking	Total Project Cost		ATP Funding	
ED	El Dorado County DOT	Missouri Flat Road - Wayfinding Program	Ineligible	\$	248	\$	248
LA	City of Manhattan Beach	High Visibility Crosswalks Enhancements	Ineligible	\$	848	\$	848
LA	City of Manhattan Beach	Manhattan Village Senior Villas ADA Pathway Project	Ineligible	\$	1,307	\$	990
TUL	Tulare County	Countywide Safety Enhancement Quick-Build Project	Ineligible	\$	850	\$	780
			TOTAL	\$	3,253	\$	2,866