

2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)



Central Workshop

October 31, 2023

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Goals for Today



- Recap October 18 Workshop
- Discuss Federal Tool Scoring
- Discuss Policy Clarifications
- Action Items

Program Basics



- Program 4 years of funds
 - Fiscal years 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29
- Anticipate approximately \$555,500 in funding
 - \$100,000 fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27
 - \$177,750 fiscal years 2027-28 and 2028-29

Central Workshop Schedule



Milestone	Date
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 (San Diego CTC Meeting)	Kick-Off (South)
Thursday, September 14, 2023 (North State Super Region)	Kick-Off (North)
Thursday, September 28, 2023	Guidelines
Thursday, October 5, 2023	Guidelines
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (Madera CTC Meeting)	Guidelines
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Guidelines
<i>Share Draft Guidelines with Equity Advisory Committee</i>	
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Guidelines
Thursday, November 16, 2023	Quick Build Program
<i>Finalize Draft Guidelines</i>	
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 (Riverside CTC Meeting)	PSR Equivalency Workshop
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	Applications
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Scoring Rubrics

2025 ATP Virtual Site Visits



- Availabilities each Tuesday and Thursday beginning October 2023 through March 2024
- Register for a site visit using the online form: <https://forms.gle/AWE5e43eohsFDsBQA>

Final 2025 ATP Schedule



Topic	Dates
Draft ATP Guidelines presented to Commission	January 25-26, 2024
Draft ATP Fund Estimate presented to Commission	January 25-26, 2024
Commission hearing and adoption of ATP Guidelines	March 21-22, 2024
Commission adopts ATP Fund Estimate	March 21-22, 2024
Call for projects	March 21-22, 2024
Scoring rubrics posted on Commission website	March 29, 2024
Large MPOs submit optional guidelines to Commission	May 10, 2024
Project application deadline	June 17, 2024
Commission approves or rejects MPO Guidelines	June 27-28, 2024

Final 2025 ATP Schedule (cont.)



Topic	Dates
Staff recommendation for Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components and Quick-Build projects posted	November 1, 2024
Commission adopts Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components and Quick-Build projects	December 5-6, 2024
Projects not programmed distributed to large MPOs based on location	December 2024
Deadline for MPO draft project programming recommendations to the Commission	February 21, 2025
Deadline for MPO final project programming recommendations to the Commission	April 22, 2025
Recommendations for MPO Component posted	June 2, 2025
Commission adopts MPO selected projects	June 2025



October 18 Workshop Recap

Leveraging Points



- Applicants can earn up to 5 points in the medium and large application for non-ATP funds pledged to the project.
- Commission staff is not recommending any changes to leveraging points at this time.
- However, Commission staff will revisit this topic with the Technical Advisory Committee in preparation for Cycle 8.

DAC Qualifier Data Years



- **Median Household Income**
 - 2018-2022 American Community Survey
 - Data will be released in December 2023
- **National School Lunch Program**
 - 2022-2023 school year
 - Data is currently available
- **CalEnviroScreen (CES)**
 - CES 4.0
 - Data is currently available
- **Healthy Places Index (HPI)**
 - HPI 3.0
 - Data is currently available

Justice40 Initiative



- The ATP is required to comply with Justice40 requirements.
- At least 40% of federal investments must benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Commission staff will use the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) and the US DOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer to determine which projects meet these requirements.
- Applicants will only be required to provide census tract numbers for the project area.
- If the 40% threshold is exceeded in the Statewide component, the thresholds may be reduced proportionally in the Small Urban and Rural and MPO components.



Federal Tool DAC Severity Scoring

USDOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer



- Web tool to help agencies understand cumulative burdens communities face.
- National results compare census tracts nationally
- State results compare census tracts on a state-by-state basis
- Measures five components:
 - Transportation Insecurity
 - Climate & Disaster Risk Burden
 - Environmental Burden
 - Health Vulnerability
 - Social Vulnerability
- Indicators under each component are summed and percentile ranked to come to a Final Index Score

USDOT ETC Explorer



- **USDOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer**
 - A census tract identified as among the most disadvantaged 25% in the state according to the ETC Explorer State Results (final index score must be greater than or equal to 3.43447). The map and data can be found on the United States Department of Transportation website.

Points	USDOT ETC Explorer	
0	Above 25% most disadvantaged	Less than 3.43447
1	20% to 25% most disadvantaged	3.43447 to 3.53701
2	15% to <20% most disadvantaged	3.53702 to 3.65156
3	10% to <15% most disadvantaged	3.65157 to 3.78569
4	<10% most disadvantaged	3.78570 or greater

ETC Explorer Example



Census Tract #	Population	State Results Index Score
18097310104	3025	3.75400
18097310105	3911	4.45703
18097310106	4256	3.93064
18097310108	3725	2.93657

- **Weighted average of Index Scores: 3.78459**
- **Severity score: 3**
- **Location score: 1 (partially)**

Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)



- Tool identifies disadvantaged census tracts nationally.
- A tract must meet **one** indicator threshold in one of the tool's categories of burden to be classified as disadvantaged.
- Categories include:
 - Climate Change
 - Energy
 - Health
 - Housing
 - Legacy Pollution
 - Transportation
 - Water and wastewater
 - Workforce development
 - Tribal Lands
 - Neighboring DACs
- No ranking – tract may qualify as a DAC under 0 categories, 1 categories, or several.

CEJST



- **Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)**
 - A census tract identified as disadvantaged in at least one of the tool's ten disadvantaged community categories (climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, workforce development, Tribal overlap, and neighboring disadvantaged tracts). The map can be found on the [federal Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool website](#).

Points	Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
0	Weighted average of the number of DAC categories project census tracts qualify under is less than 1
1	Weighted average of the number of DAC categories project census tracts qualify under is at least 1 and less than 3
2	Weighted average of the number of DAC categories project census tracts qualify under is at least 3 and less than 5
3	Weighted average of the number of DAC categories project census tracts qualify under is at least 5 and less than 7
4	Weighted average of the number of DAC categories project census tracts qualify under is 7 or greater

CEJST Example



Census Tract #	Population	# of DAC Categories
01015000600	1893	6
01015000700	2918	3
01015000800	981	5
01015000900	3617	3

- **Weighted average of DAC categories: 3.81**
- **Severity score: 2**
- **Location score: 2 (fully)**



Potential Guidelines Changes

California Native American Tribes



- Federally-recognized tribes are currently eligible for the ATP.
- A stakeholder requested expanding eligibility to California Native American Tribes (non-federally recognized).
- Commission staff is supportive of expanding eligibility to California Native American Tribes but more work is needed to resolve contracting issues.
- Commission staff will continue to work with our TAC, Tribal liaisons, and Tribal experts and bring this proposal back to Cycle 8.



Policy Clarifications

Project Cancellation Process



- Section 27, Project Cancellation
 - Existing language/proposed new language

If an implementing agency elects to cancel a project, the agency must cease all invoicing and relinquish any remaining funds to the program. The implementing agency must submit a letter signed by the Chief Executive Officer, Public Works Director, or other officer authorized by its governing body to Caltrans and Commission staff that includes the following information:

- Reason for project cancellation
- Efforts made to avoid cancellation
- Lessons learned from challenges faced

Caltrans and Commission staff will hold a follow-up call with the implementing agency to discuss the project cancellation further.

Leveraging Clarifications



- Section 8, Leveraging Funds

- Applicants must provide a complete (phase-by-phase) project funding plan through construction that demonstrates that the ATP and leveraged funding in the plan (local, federal, state, private sources) is reasonably expected to be available and sufficient to complete the project. Additionally, applicants must attach a signed letter of commitment indicating the amounts and sources of leveraged funds. **Applicants without a signed letter of commitment will not receive leveraging points.** Applicants may also include other documentation to substantiate leveraging, including meeting minutes from a governing body, a budget sheet, a board or council resolution, etc.

Timely Use of Funds Guidance



- Section 31, Timely Use of Funds
 - Add the following paragraph:
 - Additional guidance on ATP timely use of funds expectations and policies can be found on the [Caltrans Local Assistance website.](#)

Timely Use of Funds



- Section 33, Timely Use of Funds
 - Second to last paragraph, changes in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold/underline**
 - It is incumbent upon the implementing agency to develop accurate project cost estimates. If the amount of a contract award is less than the amount allocated, or if the final cost of a phase is less than the amount allocated, the savings generated will ~~not be available for future programming~~ **be returned to the ATP.**

Next Steps



- **Guidelines Workshop 5**

November 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Thank You



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