2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)

Caltrans District 9 Region Branch Workshop

February 13, 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

Application Types

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)

Program Status

- Anticipate Approximately $568,700 million 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

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

Highlights from the 2025 Guidelines

- Program Schedule

- Application Update – Submittable

- Justice40 Initiative

- New Federal Tools
  - [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)
  - [US DOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer](#)

- Quick-Build Program

- Policy Clarifications

District 9 Region in the ATP

- Submitted 52 projects over six Cycles
- 13 projects have been funded overall (25% success rate):
  - 8 projects funded through the Statewide component
  - 2 projects funded through the SUR component
  - 3 projects funded through the MPO component

  - 9 projects funded from Kern County
  - 2 projects funded from Inyo County
  - 2 projects funded from Mono County
- Average scores have fluctuated each cycle, staying in the low 60's to 70's, excluding Cycle 1.
- Highest scoring application was a 99 from Cycle 2.

District 9 Region in Cycle 6

- 3 applications submitted
  - 1 application was funded – 33% success rate
    - Funded in the MPO Component

- General Feedback:
  - Narrative didn't address how DAC will have direct access to the project.
  - Key destinations and their significance were not clearly addressed. Mobility discussion was lacking.
  - Active transportation needs of students were not discussed.
  - Safety/collision analysis was lacking. One application didn't include any attachments to support safety concerns. Not clear how project will address safety concerns.
  - Public participation needed more supporting documentation of feedback received from community.

Thank You

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