

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: Adoption of the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Program (Fiscal Year 2020-21), Resolution G-20-64

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Program in accordance with the attached resolution and Commission staff recommendations.

Issue:

The 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Program prepared and submitted by the California Conservation Corps for programming in Fiscal Year 2020-21 totaling \$3,425,290 and the Substitution List totaling \$400,000, are being brought before the Commission as set forth in Resolution G-20-64.

The California Conservation Corps reviewed 19 applications and recommends 16 projects for funding in Fiscal Year 2020-21. Projects not recommended for funding did not meet the required minimum score of 36 points to receive a recommendation for funding. The programming recommendation is made with the following stipulations:

- In the event a project is removed, or savings are generated from the recommended project list, a project from the substitution list may be awarded if there is sufficient capacity to allow for a substitution.
- The California Conservation Corps shall report to the Commission when additional projects are awarded.
- The Commission expects that the funds allocated will be expended in a timely manner.

Commission staff recommends that the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps funds of \$3,425,000 be programmed to 16 projects (\$2,423,000 for 11 Northern California and \$1,002,000 for 5 Southern California). The remaining \$575,000 is anticipated to be programmed at a future Commission meeting.

- \$2,293,000 (66.9 percent of \$3,425,000) for 12 projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities.
- \$1,714,000 (50.0 percent of \$3,425,000) for 10 projects will be awarded to Certified Local Community Conservation Corps.

After this programming action, the California Conservation Corps will have \$575,000 in programming capacity remaining for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The California Conservation Corps' initial programming recommendations did not include enough projects implemented by Certified Local Community Conservation Corps to meet the requirement in Section 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code that not less than 50 percent of the \$4,000,000 directed to the California Conservation Corps be in the form of grants to certified Local Community Conservation Corps. The California Conservation Corps will submit a supplemental project list for consideration at the August Commission meeting to program the remaining \$575,000.

The Commission's adoption of the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Program is not an authorization to begin work on a project. Contracts may not be awarded and/or work cannot begin until an allocation is approved by the Commission.

Background:

Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013), created the Active Transportation Program, and Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 2031, Statutes of 2017) directs additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the Active Transportation Program. Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), signed by the Governor on April 28, 2017, directs \$100 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the Active Transportation Program beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

In addition, Assembly Bill 97 (Chapter 14, Statutes of 2017) directs \$4 million of the \$100 million annually beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year for the next five years, to the California Conservation Corps for active transportation projects to be developed and implemented by the California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps. The availability of these funds is subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature. Not less than 50 percent of these funds shall be in the form of grants to Certified Local Community Conservation Corps, as defined in Section 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code. A minimum of 25 percent of all California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps proposals that are approved must benefit a disadvantaged community as defined by median household income, CalEnviroScreen, or Free or Reduced Priced School Meals as defined in the 2019 Active Transportation Program Guidelines.

The California Conservation Corps held a competitive application process using the selection criteria set forth in the 2019 Active Transportation Program Guidelines – Appendix D: California Conservation Corps.

The California Conservation Corps solicited applications from California Conservation Corps Centers and Certified Local Conservation Corps and scored applications based on the criteria described in the approved Guidelines. The applications were reviewed and scored by the California Conservation Corps' Active Transportation Program Review Committee, which consisted of four representatives making up two separate teams – one representing the California Conservation Corps, and the other representing Certified Local Conservation Corps. Applications were competitively scored by each member of the respective review committee team independently to create two composite scores which were based on the sum of weighted and pre-determined scoring criteria scores. Applicants had the potential to receive 0 to 50 points. The scoring criteria were as follows:

- Projects can commence construction within six months of an award and shall be completed within two years from the project start date.
- Benefit to disadvantaged communities.
- Ability to further the goals of the Active Transportation Program.
- Ability to leverage other funds.

The California Conservation Corps program recommendations include significant active transportation projects throughout the state. Examples include:

California Conservation Corps San Diego Center partnering with the City of San Diego and the Balboa Park Conservancy - 26th Street Trail Improvement in San Diego County.

This project will increase access and safety for pedestrians traveling through Balboa Park by restoring, widening and fencing a half mile section of the well-traveled Golden Hill Trail along 26th Street. In collaboration with the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation and the Balboa Park Conservancy, California Conservation Corps San Diego corps-members will transform this section of heavily used trail by constructing a 5-foot wide trail to create safer and more accessible routes through the park, which features museums, science centers, theaters and the San Diego Zoo. These improvements are a component of the Balboa Park Master Plan to increase the proportion of non-motorized trips and to create a more pedestrian-oriented environment. California Conservation Corps San Diego Center has an average enrollment of 95 corps-members, many of whom will participate in the completion of this active transportation project.

Sequoia Community Corps partnering with the County of Tulare - Ledbetter Park

Sidewalk in Tulare County. This project is located on the southwest corner of Avenue 408 and Road 128 (State Route 63). It is located in the the only public park serving the Cutler and Orosi community, both of which qualify as disadvantaged communities under this program. Sequoia Community Corps-members will install 0.35 miles of ADA compliant sidewalk that will provide safer connectivity to and through the park, which features a playground, a skate park, a stage

area, a baseball field, a basketball court, and multiple picnic shelters. The added safety and convenience provided by sidewalks will encourage non-motorized travel for many residents of the Cutler-Orosi area – especially for students attending Cutler Elementary School. The project reflects the policies of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by the Tulare County Association of Governments. Sequoia Community Corps has an average annual enrollment of over 50 corps-members, many of whom participate in Active Transportation Program projects.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution G-20-64
- Attachment B: 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Projects Recommended for Funding
- Attachment C: 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps Project Substitution List
- Attachment D: 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps Applications Not Recommended

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Adoption of the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps (Fiscal Year 2020-21)

RESOLUTION G-20-64

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking; and
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1, signed by the Governor on April 28, 2017, directs \$100 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for the Active Transportation Program beginning in Fiscal Year 2017-18; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 97 directs \$4 million of the \$100 million annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2017-18, for the next five years, to the California Conservation Corps for active transportation projects to be developed and implemented by the California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Conservation Corps is charged with evaluating proposals submitted for this program and providing a list of projects recommended for funding to the California Transportation Commission (Commission); and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is responsible for awarding grants to fund projects which are included on the list prepared by the California Conservation Corps; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the California Conservation Corps has prepared a Projects Recommended for Funding List totaling \$3,425,290 for 16 projects, and that list has been reviewed by the Commission; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the California Conservation Corps has prepared a Project Substitution List totaling \$400,000 for 1 project, and that list has been reviewed by the Commission.
- 2.1 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission adopts the 2019 Active Transportation Program – California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps program of projects, as indicated in the List of Projects Recommended for Funding (attached); and
- 2.2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission adopts the California Conservation Corps' Project Substitution List, as indicated in the attached list. In the event a project is removed, or savings are generated from the recommended project's list, a project from the substitution list may be awarded if there is sufficient

capacity to allow a substitution. The California Conservation Corps shall report to the Commission when additional projects are awarded; and

- 2.3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is the intent of the Commission to allocate available funds for the Projects Recommended for Funding and expects that the funds allocated will be expended on a timely basis and expects that the California Conservation Corps will follow all reporting requirements as specified in the current Active Transportation Program Guidelines.

**2019 Active Transportation Program Recommendations
California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps
Projects Recommended for Funding
(\$1000's)**

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Attachment B

Lead Applicant	Partnering Agency	County	Project Title	Total Project Cost	ATP Request	CEQA	DAC	CCC or LCC	Final Score
Conservation Corps North Bay	Sonoma County Regional Parks	Sonoma	Kawana Springs Trail Construction	\$173	\$159	NOD	X	LCC	47.5
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	City of Signal Hill	Los Angeles	View Park Trail Construction and Landscaping	\$559	\$159	NOD	X	LCC	47.5
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	County of Sacramento, Department of Regional Parks	Sacramento	American River Parkway Signs (Phase II)	\$194	\$159	NOE	X	LCC	47
CCC San Diego	Balboa Park Conservancy	San Diego	26th Street Trail Improvement	\$385	\$383	NOD	X	CCC	45.5
Greater Valley Conservation Corps	City of Stockton	San Joaquin	American Legion Park Improvement Plan	\$143	\$143	NOE	X	LCC	45.5
Sequoia Community Corps	County of Tulare	Tulare	Ledbetter Park Sidewalk	\$159	\$159	NOE	X	LCC	45
Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire	Mountains Transit	San Bernardino	Shaping Active Transportation in San Bernardino and Highland	\$143	\$143	N/A	X	LCC	45
CCC Delta	City of Stockton	San Joaquin	Stockton Parks Sidewalks and Trees R-R	\$356	\$346	NOE	X	CCC	44
Sequoia Community Corps	City of Dinuba	Tulare County	Delgado Park Sidewalks	\$159	\$159	NOE	X	LCC	43.5
Civicorps	East Bay Regional Park District	Alameda County	Green Transportation Network Project (Phase III)	\$159	\$159	NOE	X	LCC	43.5
CCC Delta	Mariposa County	Mariposa	Mariposa County Paseo Trail & Landscaping	\$177	\$167	NOE	X	CCC	43.5
Orange County Conservation Corps	Orange County Parks	Orange County	Aliso Creek Bike Way and Hiking Trail Restoration	\$169	\$159	NOE		LCC	41
Urban Corps of San Diego County	City of La Mesa	San Diego	La Mesa Sidewalk Connections	\$169	\$159	NOE		LCC	40.5
San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School	City of San Jose	Santa Clara	Trail Safety Phase II	\$179	\$159	N/A	X	LCC	40
CCC Redding	City of Redding	Shasta	Canyon Hollow Trails	\$541	\$500	NOD		CCC	38.5
CCC Tahoe	California Department of Parks and Recreation	El Dorado	General Creek Watershed Trails Rehabilitation and Access	\$345	\$315	NOE		CCC	37.5
			Total:	\$4,008	\$3,425				

**2019 Active Transportation Program Recommendations
 California Conservation Corps and Certified Local Community Conservation Corps
 Project Substitution List
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 Attachment C

Lead Applicant	Partnering Agency	County	Project Title	Total Project Cost	ATP Request	CEQA	DAC	CCC or LCC	Final Score
CCC Delta	Mariposa County	Mariposa	Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase II Enhancements	\$400	\$400	NOE	X	CCC	37
			Total:	\$400	\$400				

**2019 Active Transportation Program Recommendations
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 Applications Not Recommended
 (\$1000's)**

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 Attachment D

Lead Applicant	Partnering Agency	County	Project Title	Total Project Cost	ATP Request	CEQA	DAC	CCC or LCC	Final Score
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation - Environment Services Group	Los Angeles	Vermont Harbor Tree Planting	\$143	\$143	NOE	X	LCC	28
CCC Delta	Merced Irrigation District	Merced	Merced Irrigation District Trails	\$605	\$575	NOD	X	CCC	32
			Total:	\$748	\$718				