

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

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Subject: Adoption of the 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Resolution G-26-32

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, as proposed in Attachment B.

Issue:

Streets and Highways Code Section 2382 allows the Commission to adopt separate Active Transportation Program guidelines for the state and for the metropolitan planning organizations in urban areas with populations over 200,000. Pursuant to statute, metropolitan planning organizations with large, urbanized areas are responsible for overseeing a competitive project selection process for projects in the Metropolitan Planning Organization Component.

The Commission will consider adopting the statewide 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines at its March 19-20, 2026, meeting, under Reference Number 4.6. Per the 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines, metropolitan planning organizations may choose to seek Commission approval of regional guidelines or may delegate project selection to the Commission. Regional guidelines may differ from the Commission's adopted statewide guidelines in the following areas:

- Project selection criteria and weighting
- Minimum fund request
- Match requirement
- A regional definition of disadvantaged communities
- Supplemental call for projects

The 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines require metropolitan planning organizations to submit their optional regional guidelines by May 8, 2026, for adoption at the June 2026 Commission meeting. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is requesting early approval of its 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines. The Commission's early adoption of the Regional Guidelines will allow the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to release its call for projects in tandem with the state, making it easier for applicants to address state and regional priorities in their applications.

Commission staff reviewed the guidelines submitted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for consistency with the policies described in the statewide 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will not be accepting Quick-Build projects as part of the 2027 Active Transportation Program regional project selection. The following list summarizes the differences between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and the statewide 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines:

- Establishes additional screening criteria, including:
 - Requires city and county applicants to have an approved housing element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
 - Requires city and county applicants to have an approved Local Road Safety Plan and be consistent with Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Complete Streets Policy, as required by the One Bay Area Grant Program.
 - Maintain additional criteria focused on transit agency coordination.
- Establishes additional scoring criteria, including:
 - Consistency with regional priorities and planning efforts.
 - Completion of an approved environmental document.
 - Consistency with countywide plans and goals.
 - Project deliverability.
- Requires a funding match of 11.47 percent. The funding match requirement is waived for projects benefitting disadvantaged communities, safe routes to school projects, stand-alone non-infrastructure projects, and projects fully funded for pre-construction with non-Active Transportation Program and non-federal funds.
- Maintain the revised disadvantaged communities criteria, including:
 - Reduce the statewide score value from 10 points to 6 points, award 2 points to projects within a jurisdiction with an adopted vision zero or bike and pedestrian safety policy or plan, and 2 points for projects identified in an approved community-based transportation plan.
 - Utilize the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Equity Priority Communities definition to meet the 25 percent requirements for projects benefitting disadvantaged communities.
- Require applicants requesting more than \$10 million in Active Transportation Program funding to provide a scalability plan for their project.
- Maintain a project contingency list.

Background:

The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) directs additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the Active Transportation Program. Along with the program's overall purpose of encouraging walking and biking, the program aims to increase the share of walking and biking trips, increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users, help regional agencies achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits, and provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines describe the policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for the program's development, adoption, and management. The guideline development workshops have been open to all interested stakeholders, including state, federal, local, and regional agencies, Tribal governments, and organizations interested in walking, biking, active transportation, safe routes to school projects, environmental, social equity, and other perspectives.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission submitted their 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines to Commission staff on February 10, 2026. The guidelines were considered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Programming and Allocations Committee on February 11, 2026, and is on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's agenda for approval on February 25, 2026.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution G-26-32
- Attachment B: 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Adoption of the 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines for the
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

RESOLUTION G-26-32

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking, and
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Streets and Highway Code Section 2382 allows the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to adopt separate Active Transportation Program guidelines outlining the policies and procedures for the state and the metropolitan planning organizations in urban areas with populations over 200,000; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, metropolitan planning organizations with large, urbanized areas are responsible for overseeing a competitive project selection process for projects in the Metropolitan Planning Organization Component; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission adopted the statewide 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines at its March 19-20, 2026, meeting; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines require metropolitan planning organizations to submit their supplemental regional guidelines to the Commission by May 8, 2026; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission submitted their regional guidelines on February 10, 2026, and requested early adoption of their 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines so that their regional call for projects coincides with the statewide call for projects, streamlining the application process for applicants; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, Commission staff has reviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and finds that they were prepared in accordance with the policies described in the statewide 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission adopts the regional guidelines proposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the administration of the metropolitan planning organization competitive program of the 2027 Active Transportation Program as presented by Commission staff at the March 19-20, 2026, Commission meeting.

Date: February 25, 2026
W.I.: 1515
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4744

This resolution adopts the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Program Cycle 8 Guidelines for the San Francisco Bay Area, for submission to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101.

This resolution includes the following attachments:

- Attachment A – Guidelines: Policies, Procedures, and Project Selection Criteria
- Attachment B – 2027 Regional ATP Program of Projects

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the Summary Sheet to the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee dated February 11, 2026.

Date: February 25, 2026
W.I.: 1515
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 Guidelines and Program of Projects

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4744

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted and periodically revises, pursuant to Government Code Sections 66508 and 65080, a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region and is required to prepare and endorse a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which includes federal funds; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated recipient for federal funding administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned to the MPO/Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) of the San Francisco Bay Area for the programming of projects (regional federal funds); and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes 2013), establishing the Active Transportation Program (ATP); and

WHEREAS, MTC adopts, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2381(a)(1), an Active Transportation Program of Projects using a competitive process consistent with guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2382(a), that is submitted to the CTC and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed, in cooperation with CTC, Caltrans, operators of publicly owned mass transportation services, congestion management agencies, countywide transportation planning agencies, and local governments, guidelines to be used in the development of the ATP; and

WHEREAS, MTC will use state evaluation scores for the statewide application portion, and will assemble a multi-disciplinary evaluation panel to evaluate the regional supplemental application portion, to recommend candidate ATP projects for MTC inclusion in the Active Transportation Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS, the ATP is subject to public review and comment; now, therefore, be it

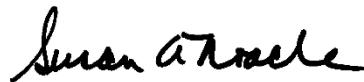
RESOLVED, that MTC approves the guidelines to be used in the evaluation of candidate projects for inclusion in the ATP, as set forth in Attachment A of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the Active Transportation Program of Projects, as set forth in Attachment B of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Director or designee can make technical adjustments and other non-substantial revisions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required to the CTC, Caltrans, and to such other agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Sue Noack, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations, on February 25, 2026.

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Resolution No. 4744
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**2027 Regional Active Transportation Program
(ATP)**

Cycle 8

Guidelines

February 25, 2026

**MTC Resolution No. 4744
Attachment A**

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Funding Policy and Programs Section**
<http://mtc.ca.gov/funding>

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Guidelines
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2027 Regional Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 Guidelines

Background

In September 2013, the Governor signed Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 254, Statutes 2013) into law, creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The State envisions the ATP to consolidate several other funding sources intended to promote active transportation, such as the Bicycle Transportation Account and Transportation Alternatives Program, into a single program.

State and federal law segregate ATP funds into three main components, distributed as follows:

- 50% to the state for a statewide competitive program
- 10% to the small urban and rural area competitive program to be managed by the state
- 40% to the large urbanized area competitive program, with funding distributed by population and managed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – hereinafter referred to as the “Regional Active Transportation Program”

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) developed guidelines for the Cycle 8 ATP which are expected to be adopted on March 19, 2026. The CTC Guidelines lay out the programming policies, procedures, and project selection criteria for the statewide competitive program, as well as for the small urban/rural and large MPO regional competitive programs. Large MPOs, such as MTC, have the option of developing regional policies, procedures, and project selection criteria that differ from those adopted by CTC, provided CTC approves the regional guidelines.

This document serves as MTC’s Cycle 8 Regional ATP Guidelines that substantially follow those of the CTC, but include some differences based on the region’s existing policies and priorities.

Development Principles

The following principles will frame the development of MTC’s Regional ATP.

- MTC will work with CTC staff, Caltrans, Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs), transit operators, the regional Active Transportation Working Group, and interested partners to develop the Regional Active Transportation Program.
- ATP investments must advance the objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).
- MTC will exceed the State’s 25% minimum programming requirement for projects benefiting disadvantaged communities.
- MTC will continue to work with Caltrans, CTAs, transit operators, and project sponsors to seek efficiencies and streamlining for delivering projects in the federal-aid process.
- MTC will continue to advocate that all project savings and un-programmed balances remain in the regional programs, consistent with federal guidance on the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Transportation Alternatives set-aside.
- MTC will not penalize project applicants for previous project delivery issues outside of the sponsor’s control.

CTC Guidelines

The CTC Statewide ATP Guidelines are expected to be adopted on March 19, 2026, and are available at <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>. The approved CTC Guidelines for the Active Transportation Program, as posted on the CTC website, are incorporated in MTC's Regional ATP Guidelines via this reference. All project sponsors are required to follow both the MTC and CTC ATP Guidelines in the development and implementation of the Regional ATP.

ATP Development Schedule

The development of the ATP will follow the schedule outlined in Appendix A-1 of this guidance, which is subject to change.

ATP Regional Shares

Appendix A-2 of this guidance provides the MTC regional shares for Cycle 8 of ATP funding (FY 2027-28 through FY 2030-31), consistent with the ATP Fund Estimate scheduled for adoption by the CTC. Appendix A-2 also includes the State's 25% minimum programming requirement for projects benefiting disadvantaged communities.

Public Involvement Process

In developing the ATP, MTC is committed to a broad, inclusive public involvement process consistent with MTC's Public Participation Plan, available at <http://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/public-participation/public-participation-plan>.

ATP Projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Consistent with state and federal requirements, ATP funded projects must be programmed in the TIP before seeking a CTC allocation. Selected projects must complete and submit a Fund Management System (FMS) application by June 1, 2027, to be included in the TIP. In addition, MTC requires that a federal Request for Authorization (RFA) be submitted simultaneously with the ATP allocation request to Caltrans and CTC when the ATP project includes federal funds. Unless a state-only funding exception is granted, ATP funds will contain federal funds. Therefore, projects must receive a CTC allocation and a federal authorization to proceed before the expenditure of eligible costs or contract advertisement.

Deviations from Statewide Policies

Below are MTC-region-specific policies as they apply to the Regional Active Transportation Program. These policies differ from CTC's Guidelines.

1. Application Process and Additional Regional Screening/Evaluation Criteria

MTC elects to hold a separate call for projects for the Regional Active Transportation Program and has additional evaluation and screening criteria. Further information on these changes, as well as instructions for the application process, is detailed later in this guidance.

Project sponsors may apply to the State ATP program alone or to the State and Regional ATP programs concurrently. Sponsors applying to the State ATP program, the Regional ATP program, or both must submit a copy of their state application to MTC. For this cycle, the CTC is not accepting quick-build project applications in the statewide component due to process considerations, but may reconsider quick-builds in the future. Since a copy of the statewide application is required to be considered for the regional component, MTC will not consider quick-build projects for the Regional Program this cycle. To be considered for the regional program, including those who are unsuccessful in the statewide program, applicants must meet all regional requirements and submit a regional application by the application deadline.

2. Definition, Evaluation, and Funding Minimum for Disadvantaged Communities

The MTC region has already adopted a measure to define Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) known as “Equity Priority Communities”. MTC updated the Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) definition in 2024 as a part of *Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Framework*. To meet the State’s 25% DAC minimum requirement in the Regional ATP, MTC elects to use MTC’s EPC definition. MTC’s Equity Priority Communities are defined as those census tracts that have a concentration of both people of color and low-income households, or that have a concentration of 3 or more of the remaining 6 factors below (#3 to #8), but only if they also have a concentration of low-income households. The concentration thresholds for these factors are described below.

Disadvantage Factor	% of Regional Population	Concentration Threshold
1. Minority Population	61%	72%
2. Low Income (<200% of Poverty) Population	18%	24%
3. Limited English Proficiency Population	7%	11%
4. Zero-Vehicle Households	10%	16%
5. Seniors 75 Years and Over	7%	10%
6. People with Disability	10%	12%
7. Single-Parent Families	12%	16%
8. Severely Rent-Burdened Households	10%	14%

Based on this definition, 20% of the region’s population is located in Equity Priority Communities. MTC’s Equity Priority Communities definition of Disadvantaged Communities meets the State’s legislative intent and has already been in use in the MTC region for planning and programming purposes.

Additional discussion of the Equity Priority Communities definition and methodology are included in the *Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Analysis Report*, available online at <https://bayareametro.github.io/Spatial-Analysis-Mapping-Projects/Project-Documentation/Equity-Priority-Communities/>. The last link also includes a static map of the EPC locations. An interactive online map is available at <https://mtcdrive.box.com/s/k5brposx9cv4vwimu4g06240i1p7ak7k>.

Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs)

The Community-Based Transportation Planning Program is a collaborative planning process that involves residents in low-income Bay Area communities, community- and faith-based organizations that serve them, transit operators, CTAs, and MTC. Each plan includes locally identified transportation needs, as well as solutions to address them. Each plan reflects the objectives of the program, which are to:

- emphasize community participation in prioritizing transportation needs and identifying potential solutions;
- foster collaboration between local residents, community-based organizations, transit operators, CTAs, and MTC; and
- build community capacity by involving community-based organizations in the planning process.

Project findings are forwarded to applicable local or county-level policy boards, as well as to MTC, for consideration in planning, funding, and implementation discussions.

Vision Zero Policy or Bike and Pedestrian Safety Policy or Plan

Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy that takes an ethical approach toward achieving safety for all road users, setting the goal of zero traffic fatalities or severe injuries. Vision Zero policies maintain that traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable and focus attention on the shortcomings of the transportation system itself, including the built environment, policies, and technologies that influence behavior. Vision Zero sets the highest level of responsibility on the system designers – transportation planners and engineers, policymakers, police, etc. Each Vision Zero policy contains five core resolutions:

- Traffic deaths and severe injuries are acknowledged to be preventable.
- Human life and health are prioritized within all aspects of transportation systems.
- Acknowledgment that human error is inevitable and transportation systems should be forgiving.
- Safety work should focus on systems-level changes above influencing individual behavior.
- Speed is recognized and prioritized as the fundamental factor in crash severity.

Alternatively, jurisdictions may adopt policies or a plan addressing bicycle and pedestrian safety in the spirit of Vision Zero. MTC elects to change the statewide application's scoring point value for Disadvantaged Communities, assigning it 60% of the statewide scoring value. Twenty percent of the statewide scoring value will be awarded for projects within a jurisdiction (city or county) with a Vision Zero or Bike and Pedestrian Safety Policy or Plan, and the remaining twenty percent to projects identified in an approved Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP). The applicant will provide proof of a Vision Zero safety policy or plan adopted by resolution and CBTP consistency in the supplemental regional application.

3. Match Requirement

The CTC Guidelines do not require a match for Statewide ATP project nominations. The CTC Guidelines allow MPOs to define different match requirements for the Regional ATP.

Differing from CTC Guidelines, MTC elects to impose a local match requirement for the regional ATP of 11.47%, with match waivers for projects benefiting Disadvantaged Communities, stand-alone non-infrastructure projects, and safe routes to schools projects. As an added provision, a project sponsor may request that the local match requirement be waived for the construction phase of an infrastructure project if the pre-construction phases are entirely funded using non-federal and non-ATP funds. This provision minimizes the number of federalized phases requiring an E-76 through Caltrans Local Assistance.

4. Large Funding Requests

MTC intends to fund a variety of projects across the region. If an ATP application request exceeds \$10 million, the applicant must provide evidence that the project can be scaled or segmented and deliver commensurate benefits. A smaller segment of the project may be selected for funding if the full request exceeds available funding. The applicant will provide an explanation of scalability in the supplemental regional application. MTC will not consider an application requesting more than \$10 million without a scalability strategy.

5. Contingency Project List

MTC will adopt a list of projects for programming the Regional ATP that is financially constrained against the amount of ATP funding available (as identified in the approved ATP Fund Estimate). In addition, MTC will include a list of contingency projects, ranked in priority order by their evaluation scores. MTC intends to fund projects on the contingency list should there be any project failures or savings in the Regional ATP. This list will ensure that MTC will fully program all regional ATP funds and that no ATP funds are lost to the region. The contingency list is valid until the adoption of the next ATP Cycle.

Application Process

Project Application

Upon CTC's concurrence with MTC's Regional ATP Guidelines, MTC will issue a call for projects for the Regional Active Transportation Program. Project sponsors must complete an application for each project proposed for funding under the ATP, including the items in Appendix A-3 of this guidance. All application materials, in the form of 1 electronic copy, must be received by MTC no later than June 22, 2026, to be considered. Note that applicants must also submit the Statewide ATP application to CTC by the deadline to be eligible for funding in MTC's Regional ATP.

Additional Project Screening Criteria, Including Deliverability

In addition to the CTC Guidelines, all projects included in the ATP must meet the following screening criteria.

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- A. Prohibition of Multiple Phases in the Same Year.** Project sponsors must provide sufficient time between the scheduled allocation of environmental funds and the start of design, right-of-way, or construction. Therefore, projects may not have more than one phase programmed per fiscal year, except for the design and right-of-way phases, which may be programmed in the same fiscal year. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- B. Deliverability.** Project sponsors must demonstrate they can meet the delivery timeframe of the Active Transportation Program. Projects that can be delivered (receive a CTC allocation and federal authorization to proceed for federal funds) earlier shall receive priority for funding over other projects. As specified in MTC’s Regional Project Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, Revised), sponsors must receive the CTC allocation and receive the federal authorization to proceed (E-76 / federal obligation) for federally funded projects by January 31 of the programmed fiscal year. There are no extensions to these regional delivery deadlines.
- C. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Requirements.**
- a. Consistency with OBAG Housing Element Requirement. Jurisdictions (cities and counties) must have a general plan housing element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle and maintain certification throughout the OBAG 3 program period. Jurisdictions must also submit Housing Element Annual Reports to HCD each year by the April 1 deadline throughout the OBAG 4 program period. Finally, jurisdictions must comply with the Housing Accountability Act and other state housing laws related to surplus lands, accessory dwelling units, and density bonuses throughout the OBAG 4 program period. Jurisdictions that do not meet these requirements will be ineligible for future regional ATP cycles until they comply.
 - b. Consistency with OBAG Safety Planning Policy. To reinforce the region’s focus on safety, sponsors must complete and maintain a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) or equivalent safety plan, as defined by the California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) guidelines, including the requirement that plans be updated within five years and supply documentation that the jurisdiction(s) in which the projects is located meets the OBAG Safety Planning Policy. Jurisdictions without an adopted LSRP or equivalent safety plan will be ineligible for future regional ATP cycles until they comply.

Additional Project Evaluation Criteria

MTC will use the application scores as provided by the CTC, with additional points and criteria for the Regional Active Transportation Program. The additional criteria and point values are:

- Consistency with Regional Priorities and Planning Efforts. **(0 to 7 points)**
Applicants shall describe the project’s consistency with previously-approved regional priorities and how the project supports *Plan Bay Area 2050*. MTC staff will award points for the degree of the proposed project’s consistency with regional priorities, such as:
 - Consistency with *Plan Bay Area 2050* Health and Safety goals & Transportation strategies.

- Consistency with MTC's Spare the Air Youth & Safe Routes to School Program, making it safer and easier for students and teachers to walk or bike to school.
- Bay Trail build-out and gap closures
- Regional active transportation network build-out
- Gap closures in the regional active transportation network
- Multi-jurisdictional projects
- Applications only requesting construction phase funds
- Demonstration of meeting regional project delivery requirements
- Prior ATP cycle programming
- **Completion of Approved Environmental Document. (0 or 3 points)**

While the Active Transportation Program may fund pre-construction phases of projects, including the environmental document phase, the region prefers projects that are environmentally cleared to promote certainty in project delivery and scope. Applicants who provide evidence of an approved environmental document consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will receive additional points. If requesting state-only funding, only CEQA documentation is required. Evidence may be provided by the following methods:

 - Copy of the approved environmental document cover and executive summary;
 - Link to the approved environmental document available online;
 - Full soft copy of the environmental document provided on the electronic copy of the application;
 - Documentation from Caltrans regarding environmental approval; and/or
 - Other Council/Board action, such as resolutions and/or Planning Department approval of the environmental document.

This provision does not apply to planning activities or stand-alone non-infrastructure projects, which receive the full points to this criterion regardless of environmental status at the time of application. These projects must still follow any applicable CEQA and NEPA requirements to receive ATP funding.
- **Countywide Plans/Goals Consistency Determination. (0 or -2 point)**

Following the application due date, MTC will share the received applications with the CTAs. The CTAs will review the applications for consistency with adopted countywide transportation plans, active transportation plans, and/or other countywide goals, as applicable. The CTAs will provide MTC a list of projects determined to be inconsistent with countywide plans and/or goals no later than August 1, 2024. Inconsistent projects will receive a 2-point penalty; consistent projects will be held harmless.
- **Deliverability Determination. (0 or -5 points)**

MTC staff will review each application's project delivery schedule to determine whether it can meet regional deadlines as described in MTC Resolution No. 3606, Revised. Projects that are deemed unable to allocate ATP funds within the four programming years of Cycle 8 (FY 2027-28 through FY 2030-31) shall receive a 5-point penalty. Projects that are deemed able to be allocated within the four programming years of Cycle 8 will be held harmless.

Additional Regional Policies

Title VI Compliance

Investments made in the ATP must be consistent with federal Title VI requirements. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, disability, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

MTC Resolution No. 3606 Compliance – Regional Project Delivery Policy

The CTC ATP Guidelines establish timely use of funds and project delivery requirements for ATP projects. Missing critical milestones could result in the deletion of the project from the ATP and a permanent loss of funds to the region. Therefore, these timely use of funds deadlines must be considered when programming the various project phases in the ATP. While the CTC Guidelines provide some flexibility regarding these deadlines by allowing extensions under certain circumstances, the CTC is very clear that deadline extensions will be the exception rather than the rule. MTC Resolution No. 3606 details the Regional Project Delivery Policy for regional discretionary funding, which may be more restrictive than the State's delivery policy. All projects in the regional ATP are subject to the Regional Project Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution 3606), including the adoption of a Resolution of Local Support for selected projects by April 1, 2027. For additional information, refer to <http://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/fund-invest/federal-funding/project-delivery>.

MTC Resolution Nos. 4493 & 4739 Compliance – Complete Streets Policy and Transit Priority Policy for Roadways

MTC's Resolution No. 4493 sets forth MTC's Regional Complete Streets Policy for transportation facilities that provide safe mobility and improved connectivity to community destinations for all road users, especially people biking, walking, rolling, and taking transit. In addition to the Complete Streets Policy, MTC Resolution No. 4739 establishes the Bay Area Transit Priority Policy for Roadways to enhance the transit rider experience by supporting the implementation of transit priority infrastructure. Both the Complete Streets Policy and Transit Priority Policy require roadway projects on public right-of-way requesting MTC discretionary funding of over \$250,000 to complete a checklist that considers the needs of all active transportation users and to minimize unintended impacts to transit. The Complete Streets Checklist includes sections on both policies and is available on MTC's website at <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/complete-streets>.

Furthermore, it is encouraged that all bicycle projects programmed in the ATP support MTC's Regional Active Transportation Plan and county-wide bicycle plans. Guidance on considering bicycle transportation can be found in MTC's 2022 Regional Active Transportation Plan and Caltrans Deputy Directive 64. MTC's Regional Active Transportation Plan, containing federal, state, and regional policies for accommodating bicycles and non-motorized travel, is available on MTC's Web site at: <https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/investment-strategies-commitments/climate-protection/regional-active-transportation-plan>.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) 2027 Regional Active Transportation Program (rATP) Cycle 8 Appendix A-1: ATP Development Schedule (Subject to Change) February 25, 2026	
January 16, 2026	CTC released draft ATP Guidelines
Early 2026	Regional ATP updates presented to MTC Working Groups
February 11, 2026	MTC PAC review of Regional ATP Guidelines MTC submits recommended Regional ATP Guidelines to CTC for consideration
February 25, 2026	MTC Commission adoption of Regional ATP Guidelines MTC released ATP Call for Projects for Regional Program
March 19, 2026	CTC adoption of State ATP Guidelines CTC adoption of MTC's Regional ATP Guidelines
March 19, 2026	CTC released ATP Call for Projects for Statewide Competitive Program
June 22, 2026	State ATP Applications Due to CTC (Statewide Program) Regional ATP Applications Due to MTC (Regional Program)
November 2, 2026	CTC releases staff recommendations for ATP Statewide Competitive and Quick-build Pilot Programs
December 3, 2026	ATP Statewide Program Adoption: CTC scheduled to adopt the statewide program and transmit unsuccessful projects to the Regions for consideration
Early 2027	Working Group discussions on staff recommendations
February 3, 2027	MTC releases staff recommendation for ATP Regional Program
February 10, 2027	MTC Programming and Allocation Committee (PAC) scheduled review and recommendation of the final ATP Regional Program
February 26, 2027	ATP Regional Program Adoption: MTC Commission scheduled approval of the ATP regional program and transmittal to CTC for consideration
March 18, 2027	CTC Approval of ATP Regional Program
June 1, 2027	TIP Amendment Deadline: Successful ATP project sponsors to submit the 2027 TIP Amendment, including the Resolution of Local Support
January 31, 2028	Allocation Deadline for Regional ATP projects programmed in FY 2025-26
January 31, 2029	Allocation Deadline for Regional ATP projects programmed in FY 2026-27
January 31, 2030	Allocation Deadline for Regional ATP projects programmed in FY 2027-28
January 31, 2031	Allocation Deadline for Regional ATP projects programmed in FY 2028-29

Shaded Area – Actions by State, CTC, or Caltrans

Appendix A-2: MTC ATP Share Targets

Cycle 8 Program - FY 2027-28 through FY 2030-31

*Figures in
 \$1,000s*

ATP Regional Share

Fund Source	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Total
Federal (TAP, Recreational Trails, Other)	\$1,556	\$9	\$13,093	\$13,299	\$27,957
State	\$10,718	\$8,564	\$2,901	\$2,901	\$25,084
Total ATP Regional Share	\$12,274	\$8,573	\$15,994	\$16,200	\$53,041

State's 25% Disadvantaged Communities Minimum Requirement

Classification	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Total
25% - Benefiting Disadvantaged Communities	\$3,069	\$2,143	\$3,999	\$4,050	\$13,260
75% - Anywhere in the Region	\$9,206	\$6,430	\$11,996	\$12,150	\$39,781
Total ATP Regional Share	\$12,274	\$8,573	\$15,994	\$16,200	\$53,041

Appendix A-3: Regional ATP Project Application

Project sponsors must submit a completed project application for each proposed project to be funded in the Regional Active Transportation Program. The application consists of the following parts and is available on the Internet (as applicable) at: <http://mtc.ca.gov/atp>

1. Cover letter on Agency letterhead signed by the applicant's Chief Executive Officer or other officer authorized by the applicant's governing board.
 - a. If the proposed project is implemented by an agency other than the project sponsor, documentation of the agreement between the two entities must be included.
 - b. If proposing matching funds, the letter should include confirmation that these matching funds are available for the proposed project.

2. Project application forms
 - a. Statewide ATP Application Form, available at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle8>.
 - i. Applicants must also submit the Statewide ATP Application Form to the CTC by the state's deadline in order to be eligible for Regional ATP funding.
 - b. Regional ATP Supplemental Application Form, available at <http://mtc.ca.gov/atp>, including back-up documentation, as applicable, such as:
 - i. Equity Priority Community benefit evidence
 - ii. Scalability plan for applications requesting more than \$10 million.
 - iii. Environmental Documentation certification evidence for infrastructure projects
 - iv. Evidence of the project on the Regional Active Transportation Network
 - v. OBAG Housing Element and Local Road Safety Plan compliance
 - vi. Vision Zero Policy or Bike and Pedestrian Safety Policy or Plan evidence
 - vii. Community-Based Transportation Plan evidence

3. Electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) form
 - a. Available at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/financial-programming/office-of-capital-improvement-programming-ocip>

4. Complete Streets Checklist
 - a. Available at: <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/complete-streets>
 - b. Not required for Planning or Non-Infrastructure only projects.

Note: Selected projects are also required to provide a Resolution of Local Support for the project no later than April 1, 2027.

