2023 Active Transportation Program
(Cycle 6)

Central Workshop

November 17, 2021

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Program Basics

- Program 4 years of funds
  - Fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27

- Anticipate similar funding availability as last cycle: $445,560
  - ➢ $100,000 fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25
  - ➢ $122,780 fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27

Goals for Today

- Recap November 9 Kick-Off Workshop
- Active Transportation Resource Center technical assistance presentation
- Discuss potential guidelines changes
  - Electronic Applications and Hard Copies
  - Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Phase II
  - Leveraging Funds
  - Projects in Planning Documents *(if time allows)*
- Action items

2023 ATP Central Workshops

Date	Time	Type	Focus
November 9, 2021	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Kick-Off	Kick-off
November 17, 2021	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Central	Guidelines
December 1, 2021	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Central	PSR Equivalent
December 15, 2021	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Central	Guidelines
January 11, 2022	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Central	Guidelines
January 19, 2022	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Central	Applications
February 8, 2022	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Central	Scoring Rubrics
February 23, 2022	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Central	Optional Workshop

2023 ATP Branch Workshops

Requested Locations	Type
Monterey County	Branch
San Benito County	Branch
Santa Cruz County	Branch
Santa Barbara County	Branch
Siskiyou County	Branch
Nevada County	Branch
Sonoma County	Branch
Ventura County	Branch

To schedule a Branch Workshop, please contact Elika Changizi at Elika.Changizi@catc.ca.gov

2023 ATP Site Visits

- Availabilities each Tuesday and Friday beginning November 2021 through February 2022.

- All site visits will be held virtually until further notice.

- Register for a site visit using the online form: https://forms.gle/AWE5e43eohsFDsBQA

- Currently have over 40 scheduled site visits

Kick-Off Workshop Recap

Finalize ATP 2023 Schedule

Topic	Dates
Draft ATP Guidelines presented to Commission	January 26-27, 2022
Draft ATP Fund Estimate presented to Commission	January 26-27, 2022
Commission hearing and adoption of ATP Guidelines	March 16-17, 2022
Commission adopts ATP Fund Estimate	March 16-17, 2022
Call for projects	March 16-17, 2022
Scoring rubrics posted on Commission website	March 29, 2022
Large MPOs submit optional guidelines to Commission	May 13, 2022
Project applications deadline (postmark date)	June 15, 2022
Commission approves or rejects MPO Guidelines	June 29-30, 2022

Finalize ATP 2023 Schedule (cont.)

Topic	Dates
Staff recommendation for Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components and Quick-Build Pilot Program posted	October 21, 2022
Commission adopts Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components and Quick-Build Pilot Program	December 7-8, 2022
Projects not programmed distributed to large MPOs based on location	December 2022
Deadline for MPO draft project programming recommendations to the Commission	February 20, 2023
Deadline for MPO final project programming recommendations to the Commission	April 21, 2023
Recommendations for MPO Component posted	May 12, 2023
Commission adopts MPO selected projects	June 2023

Finalize Prohousing Language

- Section V, Subsection 20 – Scoring Criteria
  - Transformative Projects
    - Evidence of the transformative nature of the project will help to inform the score. In addition, applicants should address the potential for the project to support existing and planned housing, especially affordable housing, **and show evidence of comprehensive community planning, zoning, and design standards supporting location-efficient development that encourages walking and biking**. **Applicants are encouraged to apply for the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Prohousing Designation Program or to describe how local policies align with prohousing criteria. Starting in the 2025 ATP, applicants may be awarded points for obtaining Prohousing Designation.**

ATRC Presentation

2023 ATP Guidelines Revisions

Disadvantaged Communities

- CTC staff has been working with stakeholders over five cycles to refine and stabilize the program and the DAC question.

- We will not be making changes to DAC criteria at this time, except to update to the most recent version or data (e.g., Version 4.0 of CalEnviroScreen).

- CTC staff will work with the ATP TAC to investigate possible new tools for the DAC question for inclusion in future cycles.

Electronic Applications & Hard Copies

- Applications must be submitted electronically by June 15, 2022.

- Applicants are not required to submit hard copies at the time of application.

- Successful applicants may be required to submit a hard copy upon request.

- Discussion

Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Phase II

- 2021 ATP Quick-Build Project Pilot Program
  - Up to $7 million available from Statewide component.
  - 22 applications submitted with $15.9 million in ATP requests.
  - 8 projects programmed with $4.4 million in ATP funding.

- 2023 Phase II Pilot
  - Up to $7 million available
  - Phase II pilot will aim to:
    - Refine application, evaluation, and reporting process to focus more on ongoing community engagement and project adjustments.
    - Identify and address delivery issues.

Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Phase II

- Program issues
  - Some applications were not true quick-builds.
  - The application could be better tailored to quick-build projects.
  - Many projects were not shovel ready and had long delivery timelines.
  - Some agencies did not apply because state administrative processes could slow down delivery.
  - Reporting process needs to be refined to focus more on community engagement.
  - Agencies can request time extensions per the Timely Use of Funds Policy, making these projects not as "quick" as they should be.

Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Phase II

- Potential changes:
  - Refine application to have more emphasis on quick-build issues:
    - How users will provide input.
    - How the project will be adjusted to address feedback.
    - Allow more flexibility in cost estimate and project layouts.
  - Allow programming for PS&E and CON only.
  - Require that project is environmentally cleared or has categorical exemption at time of application.
  - Explore use of design-build contracting method.
  - Limit time extensions.
  - Align evaluation process with main program by scoring out of 100.

Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Phase II

- Next steps:
  - CTC staff will create a small technical advisory committee to guide the development of the Phase II Pilot Program.
  - The committee will be comprised of technical experts and representatives from different types of stakeholder groups.
  - The group will report back with recommendations at a future workshop.
- Discussion Questions:
  - Are there any changes that you would like the technical advisory committee to consider?
  - Any other questions or comments.

Leveraging

- Applicants can earn up to 5 points in the medium and large application for non-ATP funds pledged to the project.
- Goal is to encourage agencies to commit local funds to priority projects.
- Funds allocated by the Commission on a project-specific basis are not eligible for leveraging points.
- In-kind and non-infrastructure funds are not eligible for leveraging points.
- Applicants are required to submit documentation to substantiate leveraging.

Leveraging

- Discussion Questions:
  - Should we continue scoring on leveraging in the medium applications?
  - What types of documentation should we allow to substantiate leveraging?
  - Any other questions or comments.

Projects in Planning Documents

- Purpose of addition:
  - To demonstrate that the project is a priority for the community.
  - To demonstrate a robust planning process.

Projects in Planning Documents

- Proposed Guidelines Language
  - Section 20D, Scoring Criteria – Public Participation and Planning
    - Identification of the community-based public participation process that culminated in the project proposal, which may include noticed meetings and consultation with local stakeholders. Project applicants must clearly articulate how the local participation process (including the participation of disadvantaged community stakeholders) resulted in the identification and prioritization of the proposed project. If there is significant opposition to the project, applicants should summarize any major points of concern raised by the opposition and provide a response. **Additionally, for large and medium infrastructure and combination projects, applicants will be awarded points for the inclusion of the project in an adopted active transportation plan or similar plan.**

Projects in Planning Documents

- Discussion Questions:
  - What are your thoughts on the proposed language?
  - What types of plans should be eligible?
  - Any other questions or comments.

Action Items

Next Steps

- Central Workshop – PSR Equivalent
  December 1, 2021
  1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
  - Registration is now available on the ATP website

- Central Workshop – Guidelines
  December 15, 2021
  9:30 am – 12:30 pm
  - Key discussion topics include a potential non-infrastructure project funding set-aside

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Thank You

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