## 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)



Nevada County Branch Workshop January 8, 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**

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#### 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 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

## Nevada County in the ATP



- Submitted 20 projects over six Cycles
- 4 projects have been funded overall (20% success rate):
  - 1 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 3 projects funded through the SUR component
- Average scores have remained in the mid-50's to 60's excluding Cycle 5 and Cycle 6.
- Highest scoring application was a 93 from Cycle 6.

## Nevada County in Cycle 6



- 2 applications submitted
  - Both applications were funded 100% success rate
    - 1 funded in the Statewide Component
    - 1 funded in the SUR Component
- General Feedback:
  - Need was not clearly conveyed in narrative response. (Addressing lack of mobility and Non-Infrastructure)
  - Safety/collision analysis was thorough even with lack of collisions in project area.
  - Public participation needed to be more recent and include community member participation.
  - Non-Infrastructure discussion fell short throughout the application. How will it help encourage usage? How will it help address safety concerns?

## Placer County in the ATP



- Submitted 27 projects over six Cycles
- 10 projects have been funded overall (37% success rate):
  - 4 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 1 project funded through the SUR Component
  - 5 projects funded through the MPO component
- Average scores have gone back and forth between 50's and 70's each cycle, excluding Cycle 6.
- Highest scoring application was a 90 from Cycle 4.

## Placer County in Cycle 6



- 5 applications submitted
  - 1 application was funded 20% success rate
    - Funded in the MPO Component
    - 1 project was deemed ineligible
- General Feedback:
  - Not clear if the project was requested or supported by the disadvantaged community.
  - Need question lacking adequate responses. Connectivity and mobility discussion was lacking. Local health concerns were too general. Active transportation needs of students not included.
  - Safety/collision analysis was lacking and not clearly tied to countermeasures. Some crash hot-spots fell outside of project area.
  - Public participation needed more detail. Documentation was lacking or feedback received was conflicting with what was proposed in app. Some outreach was dated or insufficient for project size.

## Remaining Central Workshops



• January 10, 2024 1:00pm – 4:00pm Applications Virtual • February 6, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm Scoring Rubrics Virtual

#### Thank You



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