

2027 Active Transportation Program

Central Workshop | November 19, 2025

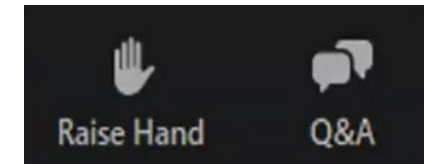


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WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

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Workshop Principles

- Be respectful of other viewpoints
- Keep a Statewide perspective
 - Remember the program serves a large variety of applicants
- Propose ideas in a public setting

Today's Workshop Agenda

- Introductions and Brief Program Overview
- October 16 Workshop Recap
- New section – MPO Component
- Continue “Clarify and Reduce Redundancies” Updates
- Discussion item – policy on project savings
- Action Items

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP)



ATP funds projects that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking.

- **Funding:**

- Reimbursement program
- Federal and State funds
- Approximately \$550 million for 4 years
- FYs 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-2031

- **Eligible Applicants:**

- Local, Regional or State Agencies
- Caltrans
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Public Schools or School Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Private Non-Profit, Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Any other entity with transportation oversight

- **Distribution:**

- 50% Statewide Component
- 10% Small Urban and Rural Component
- 40% Metropolitan Planning Organization Component

- **Eligible Projects:**

- Infrastructure: Capital projects that further goals of the program.
- Non-infrastructure: Education and encouragement programs that further the goals of the program.
- Plans: Development of a community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, Safe Routes to School or active transportation plan that encompasses a disadvantaged community.
- Infrastructure + Non-Infrastructure: Capital projects with education or encouragement components.

ATP OVERVIEW: Cycles 1-7



1,230 PROJECTS PROGRAMMED
FOR \$3.9 BILLION
IN ATP FUNDS SINCE CYCLE 1



\$1.9 BILLION ALLOCATED
AS OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-25



TOTAL PROJECT COSTS VALUED AT
OVER \$7.4 BILLION

Cycle 8 Engagement

- Central Workshops – Virtual*
- Branch Workshops – Virtual*
 - Request period closed October 31, 2025
 - Locations TBD
- Site Visits – Virtual
 - Register for a site visit using the online form:
<https://forms.gle/xmu2qJZ1MzoHgV7s7>
- Application Debriefs – Virtual

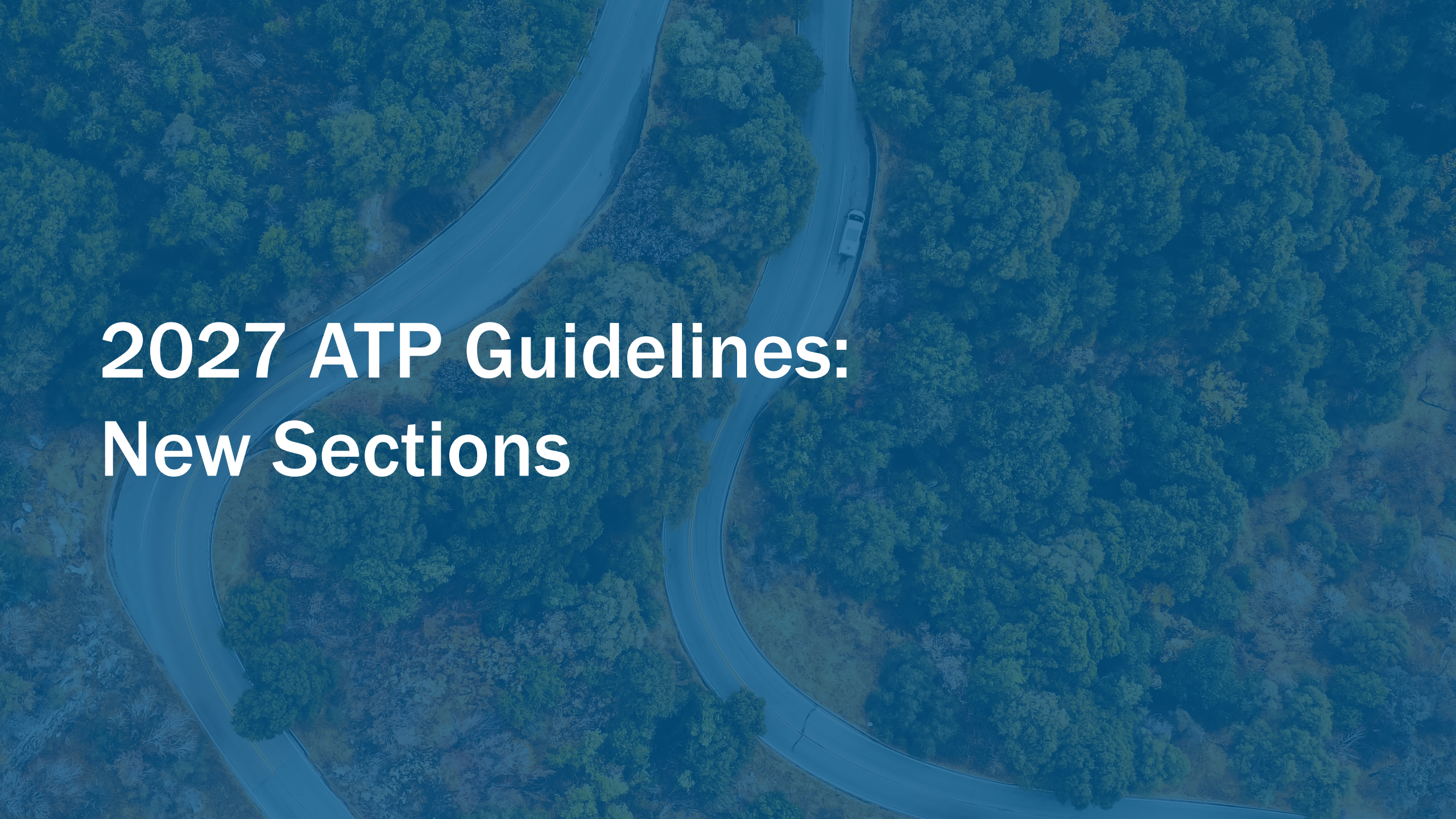
*** Some workshops may be hybrid**

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October 16, 2025 Workshop Recap

Workshop Recap: October 16, 2025

- Clarified Guidelines Language:
 - Part V – Project Selection Process
16. Scoring Criteria
 - Part VIII – Project Delivery
33. Design Standards
- Review of Pending Workshop Items
 - Can ATP move to state-only funded?
 - No, funding sources are in statute
 - Will CTC consider alternate DAC qualifiers to replace the loss of federal tools?
 - No stakeholder suggestions offered.
 - No additional qualifiers will be added.
 - Incorporate feedback on Submittable
 - Yes, CTC is working with Submittable to make updates.

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2027 ATP Guidelines: New Sections

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Part VI: MPO Component

2025 Guidelines Section Name	2027 Guidelines Section Name	Updates
20. MPO Competitive Project Selection	VI. MPO Component 20. MPO Regional Guidelines 21. MPO Competitive Project Selection	• Info scattered throughout guidelines • Consolidated into one section • MPO's have reviewed and provided input • Policies and process remain the same

VI. MPO Component

Metropolitan planning organizations with large, urbanized areas are responsible for overseeing a competitive project selection process in accordance with these guidelines. The Fund Estimate will include the distribution of ATP funds to each eligible metropolitan planning organization.

Projects selected for funding in the MPO component must abide by all policies and reporting requirements outlined in these ATP guidelines.

A metropolitan planning organization may choose to delegate project selection to the Commission if it uses the Commission's statewide project selection criteria, weighting, minimum funding request amount, match requirement, and definition of disadvantaged communities. A metropolitan planning organization delegating its project selection to the Commission must notify the Commission by the deadline to submit regional guidelines as noted in Section 3 (Program Schedule) and may not conduct a supplemental call for projects.

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20. MPO Regional Guidelines

A metropolitan planning organization may choose to seek Commission approval of regional guidelines.

Metropolitan planning organization guidelines may include the following differences from the statewide competition:

- Different project selection criteria or weighting.
- A regional definition of disadvantaged communities..
- Different minimum fund request requirement.
- A match requirement.
- A supplemental call for projects.
 - The project applications received in this call must be considered along with those that are not selected for funding in the Statewide Component.
 - Applications not selected in the Statewide Component may submit a supplemental application to down-scope the project or provide a scalability plan for the project.
 - An application for a quick-build project must be submitted in a supplemental call for projects and meet the requirements outlined in Appendix D.

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Metropolitan planning organizations that choose to administer a competitive selection process must use a multidisciplinary advisory group to assist in evaluating project applications, like the Project Evaluation Committee described in [Section 19](#).

Metropolitan planning organizations must address how the projects recommended for funding in the MPO Component provide a broad spectrum of benefits to pedestrians, bicyclists, and students.

The Commission requires each metropolitan planning organization to submit the following documentation along with its recommended program of projects :

- A cover letter addressed to the Commission providing an overview of the recommended program of projects.
- Metropolitan planning organizations that conduct a supplemental call for projects must submit copies of all applications received. Supplemental applications will not be considered by the Commission for programming unless the application is received by [February 19, 2027](#). Commission and Caltrans staff will review all applications for eligibility and deliverability.
- A list of members on [its](#) multidisciplinary advisory group.
- A description of the unbiased project selection methodology.
 - MPO's must include at least one region specific selection methodology. It is recommended that it [reflect](#) the MPO's regional priorities.
 - The regional selection methodology may be added to the score an application received in the statewide competition.
- The regional score for each project [evaluated](#) by the advisory group.
- A program of projects on the template provided by Caltrans or Commission staff which contains the following elements:
 - A list of all projects recommended for funding with the following information provided for each project:
 - application ID (if submitted in the Statewide competition), implementing agency name, project title, county, total project cost, and the total ATP request amount.
 - total ATP request amount shown by fiscal year, and total for each project phase.
 - the state and federal funding split.
 - MPOs may work with Commission staff to designate the fund type for their recommended projects.
 - Project type designations such as large, medium, or small infrastructure, non-infrastructure, plan, etc.
 - Not more than 2% of funding may be programmed to Plan projects.

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- Identify Safe Routes to Schools projects.
- Evidence that at least 25 percent of total funds benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Identify projects that require a Baseline Agreement.
- Comments for each project as applicable.
- Identify projects requesting State-only funding.
 - All quick-build projects must be designated for State-only funding.
 - The recommendations must not exceed the total State funds specified in the adopted 2027 ATP Fund Estimate.
 - For projects not designated for State-only funds at the time of programming that later require State-only funding, the metropolitan planning organization must modify the State-only fund designations among all its programmed projects so that the State-only fund designations do not exceed the total in the adopted 2027 ATP Fund Estimate.
 - The metropolitan planning organization must inform Caltrans of any changed State-only funding designations before submitting an allocation request for any affected projects and inform the Commission which State-only-funded project(s) will be converted to federal funds.
- A signed board resolution approving the program of projects.
- A Project Programming Request (PPR) and the form, Part A4, for each recommended project.
- An optional contingency list of projects to be amended into the program in the event a programmed project is delivered with cost savings or is deleted. This contingency list will be in effect only until the adoption of the next statewide program.

A metropolitan planning organization may choose to recommend a project with uncommitted funds if the project is at the funding cut-off in their MPO component and the programming meets the total funding apportioned in the fund estimate. Uncommitted funding is allowed in subsequent project phases to the phase(s) receiving funding. All phases receiving ATP funds must be fully funded. The metropolitan planning organization must provide the applicant's plan to secure the funding for the subsequent phase(s) so that the scope included in the project application will be delivered.

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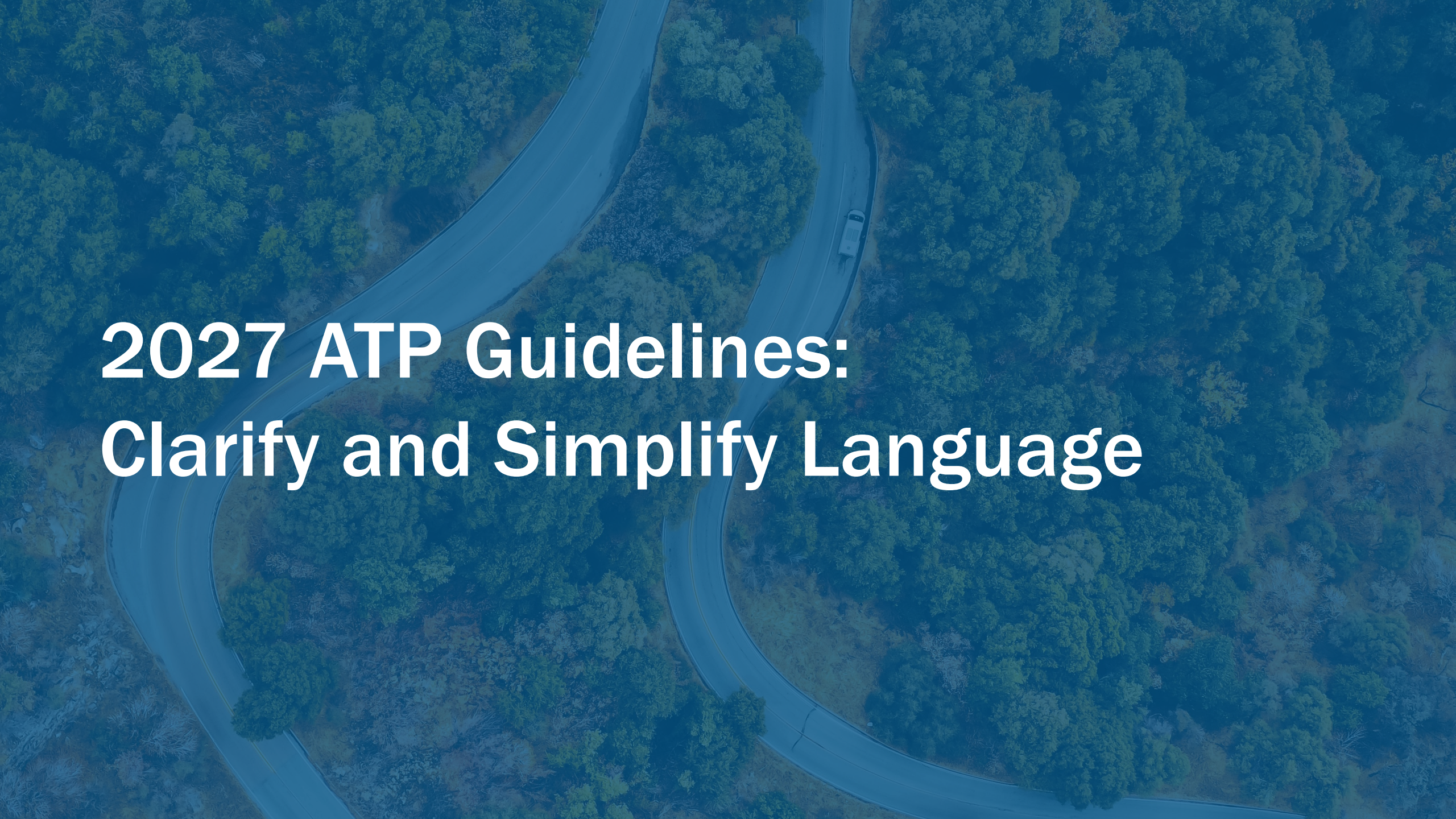
21. MPO Competitive Project Selection

The following statutory requirements apply specifically to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):

- SCAG must consult with county transportation commissions, the Commission, and Caltrans in the development of competitive project selection criteria.
- The criteria used by SCAG should include consideration of geographic equity, consistent with program objectives.
- SCAG must place priority on projects that are consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county where the project is located.
- SCAG must obtain concurrence from the county transportation commissions.

The Commission may require each metropolitan planning organization to participate in a meeting with Commission, Caltrans, and metropolitan planning organization staff to review submittal completeness and accuracy.

If Commission staff determines that a metropolitan planning organization's submittal is not complete or accurate, then Commission adoption of that metropolitan planning organization's program will be postponed until the submittal is deemed complete and accurate.

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2027 ATP Guidelines: Clarify and Simplify Language

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Part VIII: Project Delivery

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29. Amendment Requests	34. Amendment Requests	• Clarifying text edits.

A. Scope Changes

The Commission will consider changes to the approved scope submitted in the project application to assist agencies in implementing their ATP projects and to maximize the overall benefits of the ATP.

Scope change requests must be submitted as soon as an implementing agency has identified a need for one and must include documentation that supports the requested change, practicable following identification of the needed change, and The Commission will not consider recommending prior to the allocation of any additional project phases until the scope change request has been approved.

Scope change requests must be submitted as follows:

- The implementing agency Scope change requests must be submitted and gain approval of a scope change prior to an agency requesting before the allocation of construction phase funds, except in instances where when there are contract bid award cost savings, as described in **Section 37** of these Guidelines.
- The implementing agency must notify Caltrans in writing of the proposed scope change. An agency requesting a scope change must submit aThe request to Caltrans that must includes the following:

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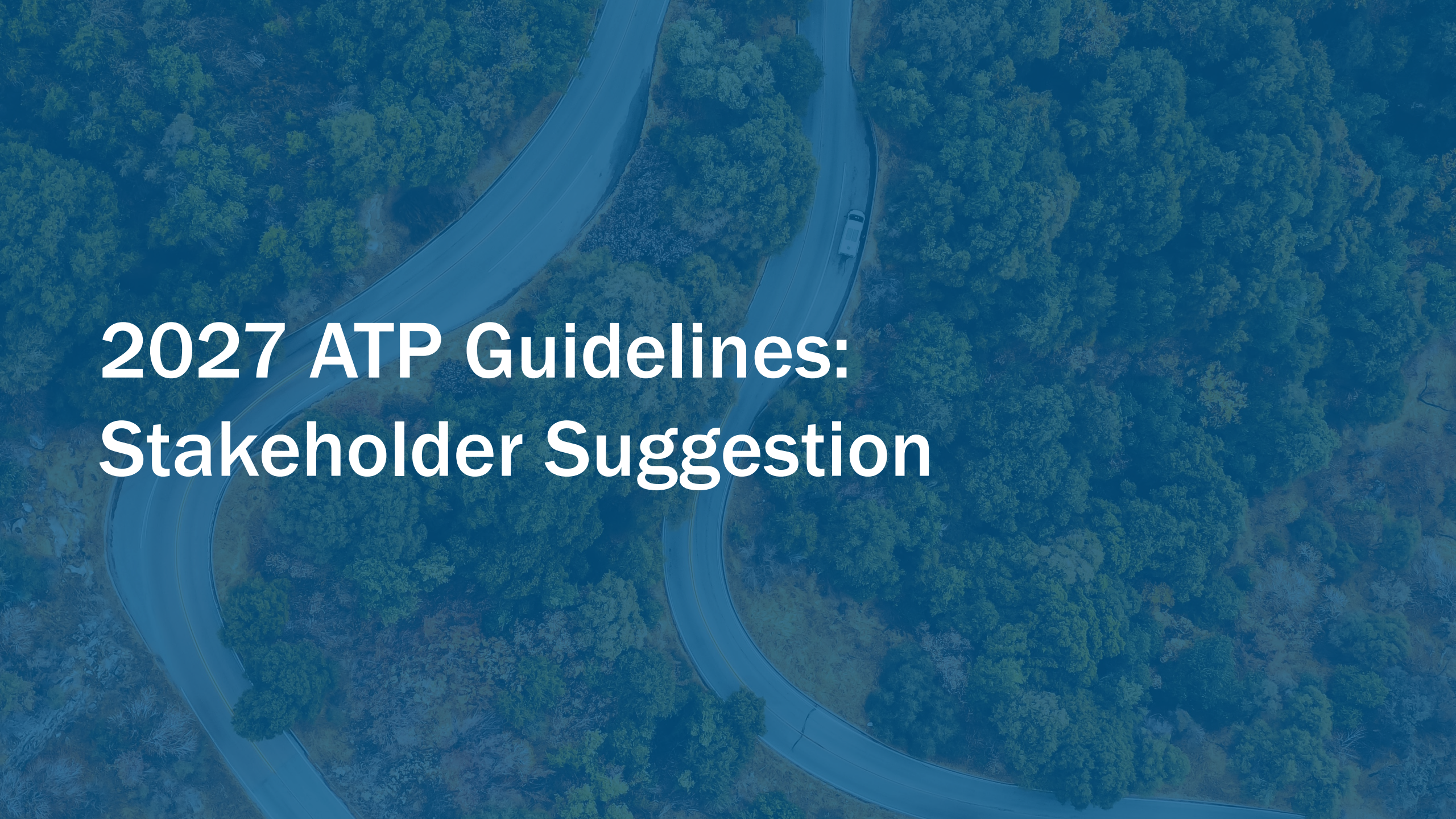
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- Caltrans will coordinate the scope change request and document the change.
- Caltrans will review the proposed scope change and forward-present the agency's proposal along with Caltrans' written analysis and recommendation to the Commission staff for the Commission's approvalconsideration.
 - Commission staff may recommend denyingreview includes analysis of whether a proposed scope changeamendment if the request dramatically changesdiffers from the original scope elements and the intended purpose of the project as was expressed in the project scope and intent from what was approved in the application, or if there is a loss in benefits.

- Commission staff may accept or deny minor scope changes and will present recommended minor scope changes~~those that are accepted~~ to the Commission as a part of the project allocation request. Minor scope changes ~~are those that stay true to the project proposed in the application, with little or no impact on project benefits,~~ are those that demonstrate strong public support, and have little or no impact to the project benefits, or increase the benefits of the projectstrong public support, or increase the benefits of the project. All other scope changes will be presented to the Commission as a major scope change.
 - If Commission staff denies approval of a does not recommend approval of minor the scope change request as a minor scope change, then Caltrans, in collaboration with the requesting agency, may resubmit the scope change request as a major scope change for the Commission's consideration.
- Caltrans will present recommendations to approve or disapprove major scope changes to the Commission as a project amendment agenda item at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting.
 - The Commission Commissioners have the discretion mayto approve or deny the a scope change request, regardless of staff and Caltrans' recommendationswhat is recommended by staff and Caltrans.
- For more information on quick-build project scope change requirements, see **Appendix D** of these Guidelines.

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2027 ATP Guidelines: Stakeholder Suggestion

Discussion Item:

Stakeholder Suggestion for New Process

Mid-Cycle Fund Estimate

In August of each odd numbered year, project savings, including funds recovered from lapsed project phases and canceled projects will be redistributed per the statutory funding split: 50% to Statewide Component, 40% to MPO Component, and 10% to Small Urban and Rural Component.

At that time, recovered funds for the Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Components may be distributed in the following ways:

1. Projects adopted into the contingency list for each component may be programmed into the current program cycle and may not exceed the total funds available.
 - Only fully funded projects may be adopted into the program.
 - The Commission may choose to prioritize projects based on the project delivery schedule.
2. If the Mid-Cycle Fund Estimate for each component is not enough to fully fund the projects adopted into the contingency list for each component, the savings will be made available in the subsequent program cycle.

Funds recovered for the MPO component will be made available in the MPO Component in the subsequent program cycle.

Changes from Current Process:

- A mid-cycle fund estimate would be approved by the Commission.
- Savings would be redistributed mid-cycle to each component
- State would adopt contingency lists
 - For Statewide and Small Urban & Rural Components
 - State can only adopt projects from the contingency list after adoption of a mid-cycle fund estimate

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Workshop Recap: Action Items

Next Steps

PSR Equivalency Workshop

December 4, 2025

9:00am – 11:00am

Focus: Training by Caltrans

[Register Here!](#)

Central Workshop

December 10, 2025

9:00am – 12:00am

Focus: ATP Guidelines

[Register Here!](#)

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Thank you

