2021 Active Transportation Program - Cycle 5



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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



Structure

- Competitive funding program
- Funds distributed into the 3 ATP components
 - 50% for the Statewide Component
 - 10% for Small Urban and Rural Component
 - 40% for Metropolitan Planning Organization Component
- A minimum of 25% of funds in each of the 3 components must benefit disadvantaged communities



Five Application Types

- Large Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - Total Project Cost of greater than \$7 million
- Medium Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - Total Project Cost of greater than \$2 million and up to \$7 million
- Small Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - Total Project Cost of \$2 million or less
- Non-Infrastructure Only
 - Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement 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)



Status

- About \$450 Million Available Each Cycle (Every 2 Years)
- Four Cycles of Projects Selected for Funding (2014-2019)
- Over 800 Projects Funded
- Most Provide Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Almost 100% Delivery Rate
- All the Cycle 1 Projects are Completed or Under Construction



Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

- Schedule
- No Match Requirement Points for Leverage
- Large Infrastructure Projects Can Request Pre-Con Only
- Performance Metrics
- Project Selection Process
- Scoring Criteria
 - Scope and Plan Consistency



Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

- Project Study Report Equivalency
- Scope Changes
- Timely Use of Funds
- Project Reporting



Program Challenges

- Very Over Subscribed
- Funding Requests are Getting Larger
- Program Funds all Project Phases
- Measuring Performance



El Monte in the ATP

- 14 applications submitted over the 4 ATP Cycles
- 2 applications funded (14% success)
 - 1 in the Statewide and 1 in the MPO component
- 2 applications submitted in Cycle 4
- Comments from Evaluators in Cycle 4:
 - Utilized public health partners which led to good scores in public health and public participation question
 - Inconsistencies between the Part A, narrative, and map as far as project elements
 - o Project improvements didn't address cause of collisions



Active Transportation Resource Center

- This provides resources, technical assistance, and training to partners across California
- Have a mailing list to keep people updated on upcoming trainings, webinars, etc.
- Includes Application Modules, Technical Assistance on Non-Infrastructure Projects, Safe Routes to School Guides, etc.
- http://caatpresources.org/
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Thank You



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