

# 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

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## 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

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## 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)

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## Eligible Project Types

- Infrastructure Projects
- Plans (disadvantaged communities)
- Non-infrastructure Projects
- Infrastructure Projects with Non-infrastructure components

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## 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 <sup>6</sup>

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## 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

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## 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
- Quick Builds

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## Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

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

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## Program Challenges

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

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## Orange County in the ATP

- Submitted 177 projects over 4 Cycles
- 59 projects have been funded overall:
  - 17 projects funded through the Statewide component
  - 42 projects funded through the MPO component
- Cycle 4 Information:
  - Submitted 41 applications with 7 funded (3 in Statewide and 4 in MPO)
  - All but 3 applications qualified for as Disadvantaged Communities
  - Doesn't make compelling case for need of project

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## Orange County in Cycle 4

### Common Comments from Evaluators:

- More collisions/safety need in adjacent areas or lack of crashes
- Great public outreach
- Needed stronger health data & discussion
- Lack of attachments or difficulty finding them
- Lack evidence that project will benefit DAC cited
- Answers lack specificity & copy and pasted answers

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## 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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