2024 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM GUIDELINES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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INTRODUCTIONS



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WORKSHOP LOGISTICS



Raise Hand

- Comments and questions are welcome and encouraged.
- Use the raise-hand feature to comment or ask a question.
- Use the Q&A feature to submit your comment/question in writing.
- State your name and organization at the start of your comment.
- Do not share your workshop registration link/phone number.

WORKSHOP FORMAT





Agendas may be posted up to 10 calendar days before each workshop.



Presentations and recordings will be posted after each workshop.



Staff will make recommendations based on discussion and feedback.



Previously covered topics may not be readdressed at subsequent workshops unless determined necessary.

WORKSHOP FOCUS

Lessons Learned

2024 Program Schedule & Proposed Timeline

Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans (CMCP)

Stakeholder Feedback

Office Hours

Key Topics for Subsequent Workshops

SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM (SCCP)

- Objective: Fund transformative projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation, community impacts, and provide environmental benefits.
- Funding: \$250 million per year
- Eligible Agencies: Regional transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
- Eligibility Criteria: Projects must be included in a <u>comprehensive multimodal corridor plan (CMCP)</u> and a regional transportation plan (RTP). If the project is within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), projects should be consistent with approved Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS).
- Eligible Projects: Projects that align with the state's climate goals, manage congestion through innovative strategies, include multimodal solutions, advance transportation equity, and improve clean transportation. These improvements may be on the state highway system; local streets and roads; rail, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and restoration or preservation work that protects critical local habitat or open space. General purpose lanes are not eligible.



PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE







26 PROJECTS PROGRAMMED FOR \$2 BILLION IN SCCP FUNDS SINCE CYCLE 1 \$1.3 BILLION ALLOCATED AS OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS VALUED AT OVER \$9.3 BILLION



PAST CYCLES

CYCLE 1 (2018)

- 4-Year Program [Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2020-21]
- \$1 billion in available funds
- 9 projects programmed (awarded) with a total project cost of \$3.5 billion

CYCLE 2 (2020)

- 2-Year Program [Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2022-23]
- \$500 million in available funds
- 7 projects programmed (awarded) with a total project cost of \$2.6 billion

CYCLE 3 (2022)

- 2-Year Program [Fiscal Years 2023-24 to 2024-25]
- \$500 million in available funds
- 10 projects programmed (awarded) with a total project cost of \$3.2 billion



2022 PROGRAM (CYCLE 3) HIGHLIGHTS

Key Policy Improvements

- Required submission of new or updated comprehensive multimodal corridor plans (CMCP).
- Elevated Community Engagement as an evaluation criterion to determine project selection.
- Expanded consideration of climate impacts to incorporate Climate
 Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) strategies.
- Incorporated the Prohousing Designation Program as an option to meet the existing Efficient Land Use evaluation criterion.
- Applicants had the option to address Climate Change Adaptation and Natural and Working Lands in applications.

Project Selection

- 24 project nominations totaling \$1.5 billion in funding requests.
- 10 projects programmed for \$532,812,000 in SCCP funds.



9 projects incorporate transit and rail elements



6 projects incorporate active transportation elements



One managed lanes project which also included multi-modal improvements



2022 SCCP Adopted Program of Projects



LESSONS LEARNED







GREATER ACCESSIBILITY



VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS



STREAMLINED AND ORGANIZED APPLICATIONS



DIVERSE AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED PROJECTS



ADVANCED EQUITY IN POLICY & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

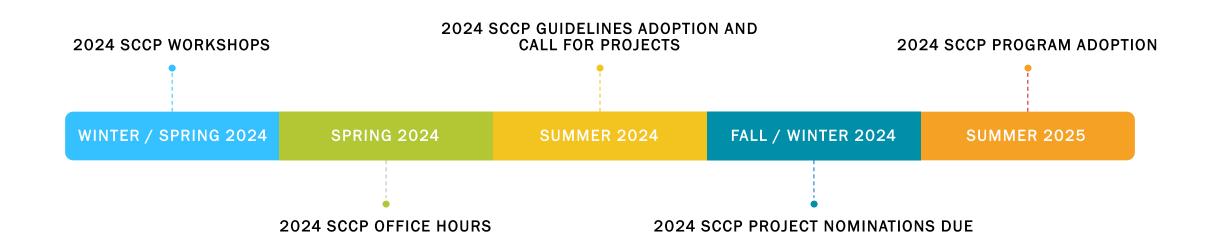


2024 PROGRAM (CYCLE 4) SCHEDULE

- Two-year program period (Fiscal Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027)
- Additional changes to promote community engagement and equitable outcomes
- Greater consideration on workforce development
- Continue inclusion of medium-term Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) strategies
- Reinforce statutory and program requirements



2024 PROGRAM (CYCLE 4) PROPOSED TIMELINE



*Timeline is tentative and may be subject to change





CMCP GUIDELINES

Streets and Highways Code Section 2391 requires that Solutions for Congested Corridors funding

shall be available for projects that make specific performance improvements and are part of a comprehensive corridor plan designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors by providing more transportation choices for residents, commuters, and visitors to the area of the corridor while preserving the character of the local community and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement projects.

2018 COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN **GUIDELINES**

Developed pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 2396 for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program

> Adopted December 5, 2018 Resolution G-18-50

California Transportation Commission





Full text is available here



CMCP REQUIREMENTS



CMCPs must be prepared in accordance with the Commission's 2018 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines



Applicants must submit a CMCP Self-Certification Form (2022 SCCP Guidelines Appendix B)



CMCP IN THE 2024 PROGRAM (CYCLE 4)



- Continue the CMCP Self-Certification Form approach used in the 2022 Program (Cycle 3).
- Minor, clarifying updates are proposed to the Self-Certification Form to reduce redundancy and improve alignment with program goals.



2024 CMCP GUIDELINES DEVELOPMENT

- The Commission plans to update its CMCP Guidelines in 2024.
- The 2024 CMCP Guidelines will apply to corridor plans that are submitted for the next program cycle (Cycle 5) and beyond.
- The updated guidelines will not apply to the 2024 Program (Cycle 4).



PROPOSED 2024 PROGRAM & 2024 CMCP GUIDELINES TIMELINE



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CMCP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If the corridor plan is in draft form during project nomination, should the agency submit a Self-Certification Form for the draft plan?

Yes, a **publicly-posted** draft corridor plan on a functional and accessible webpage is acceptable at the time of project nomination. All draft corridor plans must be final by program adoption.

Does a corridor plan's title matter?

No, it only matters that the plan is consistent with the CTC's CMCP Guidelines.

Does the Self-Certification Form need to be reviewed or approved by the CTC before finalizing a CMCP or submitting a project nomination to SCCP?

No, the CMCP Self-Certification Form should be submitted with the project nomination.

How often should corridor plans be updated?

Corridor plans should be reevaluated **at least** every four (4) years in air quality non-attainment areas and every five (5) years in air quality attainment areas to determine if the plan is still valid or if regional changes necessitate an update. The corridor plan's lead agency may use its discretion to determine if a reevaluation is necessary.



STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- Reduce redundancy in criteria response requirements
- Include examples of projects or strategies
- Streamline nomination requirements in Appendix A
- Make major changes to guidelines on alternate cycles



OFFICE HOURS

SB 1 Programs' office hours will begin March 2024 and conclude May 2024

- Scheduled 30-minute appointments
- Appointments are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis
- Closed virtual sessions
- 1-on-1 time with Commission staff to answer questions about specific projects or the application process
- Sessions will not be used to discuss guidelines development
- Request a session <u>here</u> (form link is also available on the <u>program webpage</u>)





KEY TOPICS FOR SUBSEQUENT WORKSHOPS

- Draft 2024 Program Guidelines (markup)
- Address Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from past cycles
- Potential open office hours session





CLOSING







ACTION ITEMS

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS



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THANK YOU

