



METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700
TEL 510.817.5700
TDD/TTY 510.817.5769
FAX 510.817.5848
E-MAIL info@mtc.ca.gov
WEB www.mtc.ca.gov

Memorandum

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: 03/17/2014

FR: Kenneth Kao

RE: Proposed Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines

This memo outlines proposed revision to the ATP Guidelines for the regional competitive process.

Background

In September 2013, the Governor signed into law legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP). ATP includes a share of funds for large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as MTC. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has developed guidelines for the Statewide Competitive ATP, and MPOs have the option of developing separate guidelines for the Regional Competitive ATP.

Proposed Regional Competitive ATP Guidelines

MTC recommends four main changes from the Statewide Competitive ATP Guidelines:

1. Add additional evaluation criteria for previously adopted regional priorities, such as bike share expansion, Bay Trail and Regional Bike Network build-out, gap closures in the Regional Bike Network, and multi-jurisdictional projects such as the Ohlone Greenway and Napa Vine Trail.
2. Use MTC's Communities of Concern definition to meet the 25% requirement for projects benefiting "Disadvantaged Communities," rather than other measures prescribed by CTC (such as Cal-Enviro-Screen and percent of subsidized school lunches).
3. Waive local match for construction if pre-construction phases are funded entirely with non-federal and non-ATP funds. Other match and minimum project size requirements remain the same as the Statewide Competitive ATP.
4. Contingency Backup List. MTC will also adopt a list of contingency projects, ranked in priority order based on the project's evaluation score. MTC intends to fund projects on the contingency list should there be any project failures or savings in the Cycle 1 Regional Competitive ATP. This will ensure that the Regional Competitive ATP will fully use all ATP funds, and that no ATP funds are lost to the region.

In addition to the above changes, all projects in the Regional Competitive ATP will be subject to regional policies, including Resolution 3606 deadlines, and must submit a resolution of local support.

Other Information

Funding Amount:

The funding amounts for the Statewide and Regional Competitive ATP are below.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Programming Agency</u>	<u>Amount Available this Cycle</u>
Statewide Competitive	CTC, Caltrans	\$180 million
Regional Competitive	MTC	\$ 30 million

Regional Schedule:

The current estimated schedule for the Regional Competitive ATP is below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
April 9/23	PAC and MTC Commission consideration of Regional ATP Guidelines
May 21	CTC consideration of MTC's Regional ATP Guidelines
May 22	MTC releases Regional ATP Call for Projects
July 24	Regional ATP applications due to MTC
September 10/24	PAC and MTC Commission adoption of Regional ATP
December 10	Latest date for CTC approval of MTC's Regional ATP

Application and Evaluation:

MTC Planning staff will prepare a supplemental application for projects competing for the Regional Competitive ATP that will address the above changes. The base application will remain the statewide application to avoid duplication. The Active Transportation Working Group will form an evaluation committee to score and rank the submitted applications.

Programming in the TIP:

Due to the development of the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the TIP will be locked down until about December. The first amendment to the 2015 TIP is expected to be approved in by FHWA/FTA in January 2015; therefore, ATP projects with federal funds will not receive obligation and the authorization to proceed until early 2015.

Delivery:

The first cycle of ATP represents 3 years of funding to be delivered during a two-year period. Therefore, the target is for two-thirds or \$20 million to be delivered (obligated) by March 31, 2015, and the remaining \$10 million to be delivered (obligated) by January 31, 2016.

ATP Contacts:

For additional information, please go to the State ATP website (<http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>), or contact the staff below.

<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Section</u>
Guidelines and programming	Kenneth Kao, 510-817-5768	Programming
Application, evaluation, and scoring	Sean Co, 510-817-5748	Planning