

SECTION 11
PROGRAMMING/ALLOCATION GUIDELINES FOR
STP/CMAQ FUNDS
ONE BAY AREA GRANT (OBAG) CYCLE 2 PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 2 (OBAG 2) is the second round of the federal funding program designed to support the implementation of Plan Bay Area, the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). OBAG 2 covers the five-year period from FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22.

The OBAG 2 program continues to integrate the region's federal transportation program with California's climate statutes and the SCS, and contributes to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan. Overall, the OBAG 2 Program goals include:

- Support the SCS by linking transportation dollars to land use decisions,
- Target transportation investments to support Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and
- Select transportation projects for funding based on Alameda County's PDA Investment and Growth Strategy.

FUND SOURCES

The OBAG 2 funding is based on anticipated future federal transportation program apportionments from the recently passed Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and its predecessor, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act. The Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) programs are the cornerstone programs for funds distributed to regions for transportation. STP and CMAQ are "flexible" funding programs. This means the money can be spent on public transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects, as well as on roads and highways.

PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

OBAG 2 covers the five-year period from FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22. Alameda CTC will program at least 70 percent (70%) of OBAG 2 funds towards eligible PDA supportive Transportation Investment Projects. The purpose of PDA supportive transportation investments is to support community based transportation projects that promote new vibrancy to downtown areas, commercial cores, high density neighborhoods, and transit corridors, enhancing their amenities and ambiance and making them places where people want to live, work and visit. This category supports the RTP/SCS by investing in improvements and facilities that promote alternative transportation modes rather than the single-occupant automobile.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

OBAG 2 will be available for projects and programs that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Planning and Outreach Activities
- Local Streets and Roads Preservation
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- Transportation for Livable Communities
- Safe Routes to School
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) Improvements

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- OBAG 2 funding is subject to the provisions of the Regional Project Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution 3606, or its successor) including the deadlines for Request for Authorization (RFA) submittal and federal authorization/ obligation. At least half of the OBAG 2 funds, must be obligated (federal authorization/FTA Transfer) by January 31, 2020. All remaining OBAG 2 funds must be obligated by January 31, 2023.
- In general, on-going activities such as CMA planning, non-infrastructure projects and the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of projects would use capacity in the first year, followed by the capital phases of projects in later years.

Alameda CTC staff will be updating OBAG 2 principles covered under this Section, based on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Final OBAG 2 Principles and Guidelines, which is scheduled for approval in summer 2016. Additional information and guidelines will be available on the Alameda CTC website: http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/19025.