



Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program (SC-TAP): Program Guidelines

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Transportation Commission
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Overview

- Commission Actions Requested:
 - *Approve program guidelines, programming of funds and authorization to execute professional services contracts*
- SC-TAP Summary
- Program Guidelines
 - *Planning and implementation assistance for PDAs, GOAs and TODs*
 - *Complete streets implementation*
 - *Technical assistance for complex, innovative bike/ped projects*
- Next Steps



Commission Action Requested

- Approve the program guidelines
- Program \$500,000 of Measure B Transit Center Development Funds to support PDA planning and implementation for FY 2013 – FY 2017
- Program \$50,000 of Measure B Bike and Ped Countywide Discretionary Funds for FY 2013 – FY 2015 for technical assistance for complex, innovative bike and ped projects
- Authorize negotiation and execution of one or professional services agreements with consultant or consultant teams as a result of forthcoming RFQ process



Program Summary

- Technical and resource assistance to jurisdictions and transit agencies for:
 - *PDA planning and implementation, including Growth Opportunity Areas and other TOD-related planning and project development*
 - *Complete streets implementation*
 - *Innovative, complex bicycle and pedestrian projects*
 - *Developing and sharing best practices and innovative approaches*
- Funding:
 - *Up to \$3.9 million of OBAG PDA Planning and Implementation funds matched by Measure B TCD Funds*
 - *Additional \$50,000 for bike/ped technical assistance outside PDAs*



Program Summary, continued

- Call for projects on a regular basis, or as funding is available
- No local match required, but points awarded if local funds leveraged
- No minimum or maximum, except for bike/ped technical assistance which are limited to \$25,000
- Selection based on project evaluation criteria
- After award, project sponsors will work with Alameda CTC staff to select appropriate consultant(s) and finalize scope, budget and schedule



PDA Planning and Implementation

- Provides assistance for planning and implementing the vision for Alameda County's PDAs:
 - *Create vibrant places with adequate housing for all income levels, a mix of uses, access to jobs, and multi-modal transportation infrastructure*
- Builds on Alameda CTC's TOD TAP and is designed to be consistent with MTC's PDA Planning Program and ABAG's FOCUS Technical Assistance Program
- Broad range of eligible activities, but currently restricted to those with a transportation nexus due to use of Surface Transportation Program funds
 - *Land use planning and implementation activities that support transportation objectives are eligible*
 - *General planning and permitting activities are **NOT** eligible*



Complete Streets Policy Implementation

- Eligible activities:
 - *Development of internal agency policies and procedures*
 - *Developing local performance measures for complete streets*
 - *Technical assistance to develop local design standards and facilitate complete streets implementation*
- Same fund source and eligibility restrictions as PDA planning and implementation



Bike/Ped Planning and Engineering Support

- Technical assistance for:
 - *Designing bike and ped facilities at more complex intersections, roadway and trail crossings, interchanges*
 - *Bike parking at transit stops/stations and in areas with limited rights of way*
 - *Accommodating bikes and peds in limited rights of way*
- Technical resource for jurisdictions pursuing federal and state experimentation process for testing innovative facility designs
- For projects outside PDAs, project limit is \$25,000



Next Steps

- Release RFQ and create a consultant resource list (February – May 2013)
- Initiate SC-TAP Program in Summer or Fall 2013
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