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

Presented to the Alameda County Transportation Commission
February 28, 2013
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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