



DATE: August 28, 2020
TO: STA Board
FROM: Brent Rosenwald, Planning Assistant
RE: Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Letters of Support

Background:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a statewide funding program for bicycle and pedestrian projects, jointly administered by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The ATP consolidates multiple state and federal funding sources into one program that aims to increase biking and walking trips throughout California. The Program began in 2014 with Cycle 1. It is a highly competitive grant program, with the Program being oversubscribed every cycle. Calls for projects occur in two rounds; first at the statewide level, and second at the regional level (administered in the Bay Area by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or MTC).

Discussion:

ATP Cycle 5 began their Call for Projects on March 26, 2020. Approximately \$220 million in funding will be available in the statewide Call for Projects, while \$37 million will be available in the regional Call for Projects administered by MTC. The funding will be available for programming in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021-22 through 2024-25.

During ATP Cycle 4, two projects received high scores, but were ultimately not selected for funding due to overall funding limitations of the Program. These projects are the Fairfield West Texas Road Diet and the Vallejo Bluff Trail. Both of these project sponsors are planning to resubmit for Cycle 5.

In preparation for ATP Cycle 5, STA staff discussed potential applications with each member agency. Three member agencies intend to submit applications for ATP Cycle 5: Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo. STA will be assisting Vacaville in the submission of their Ulatis Creek Gap Closure application as it dovetails with a previous Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) project and the upcoming I-80 Managed Lanes Project.

On September 3rd, Solano County staff contacted STA staff to request the addition of a project into the proposed Board action to support projects for ATP Cycle 5. Solano County currently has a project planned on Benicia Rd. located in County unincorporated area just outside of Vallejo and within Vallejo (Solano Ave. to Columbus Parkway). The project scope originally called for improving the pavement of the roadway only. With the adoption of the Solano Active Transportation Plan, Benicia Rd had additional improvements recommended, including bike lanes, sidewalks, and improved crossings. These elements would create a complete street on Benicia Rd, which provides proximate access to a Community of Concern as defined by MTC.

Table 1 outlines the projects that each jurisdiction intends to submit applications for. Each project is identified in STA’s Countywide Active Transportation Plan and has been identified as a priority project for funding by the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC). Staff is recommending that STA submit a Letter of Support for each project listed below.

TABLE 1

Jurisdiction	Project	Funding Request	Total Project Cost	Application Type
Fairfield	West Texas St. Road Diet	\$5-7 million	\$5-7 million	Medium
Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Gap Closure	\$3 million	\$6 million	Medium
Vallejo	Vallejo Bluffs Trail	\$8 million	\$8 million	Medium
County of Solano	Benicia Rd Complete Street	\$2 million	\$4 million	Medium

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a Letter of Support for each Solano County project submitting an application to the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 as outlined in Table 1 with **amended project**.

Attachment:

- A. CTC Schedule for ATP Cycle 5

ATTACHMENT A

Below is the updated schedule for ATP Cycle 5 from CTC. The key date at this point is the submittal deadline for the statewide and regional programs of September 15, 2020.

June 15, 2020 September 15, 2020	State ATP Applications Due to CTC (Statewide Program) Regional ATP Applications Due to MTC (Regional Program)
September 15, 2020	CTC releases staff recommendation for ATP Statewide Quick-build Pilot Program
December 2, 2020	ATP Statewide Quick-build Pilot Program Adoption: CTC scheduled to adopt the statewide quick-build pilot program
October 31, 2020 February 15, 2021	CTC releases staff recommendation for ATP Statewide Competitive Program
December 2, 2020 March, 2021	ATP Statewide Program Adoption: CTC scheduled to adopt the statewide program and transmit unsuccessful projects to the Regions for consideration
December 16, 2020 March 31, 2021	MTC releases staff recommendation for ATP Regional Program
January 2021 April 2021	Working Group discussions of staff recommendations
January 13, 2021 April 13, 2021	MTC Programming and Allocation Committee (PAC) scheduled review and recommendation of final ATP Regional Program
January 27, 2021 April 28, 2021	ATP Regional Program Adoption: MTC Commission scheduled approval of ATP regional program and transmittal to CTC for consideration
April 1, 2021 June 1, 2021	TIP Amendment Deadline: Successful ATP project sponsors to submit 2021 TIP Amendment, including Resolution of Local Support