

OBAG 4 County Program Base Application

Instructions

Agencies applying for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 4) County Program funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) must complete and submit the following grant application to the appropriate County Transportation Agency (CTA), along with any required attachments, by the deadline established by the CTA. Applications should be completed and submitted as a fillable PDF form, separate from any attachments, and should not be scanned, signed, or otherwise modified to remove form fields.

Additional information on the OBAG 4 program is available on [MTC's website](#).

General Information

Agency Name	
Contact Name/Title	
Contact Email	
Contact Phone	

Project Name	TIP ID <i>if applicable</i>

Project Location
<i>Specify street names where applicable, including the closest cross streets (e.g. Main St from 2nd Ave to 7th Ave). Provide a project overview map as an attachment, if available.</i>

Project Scope
<i>Provide a brief description of activities to be funded (limited to 250 characters for consistency with TIP listing if awarded).</i>

Project Mode(s):	Pedestrian	Bicycle	Transit	Auto	Other
Percent Share <i>Portion of total project cost</i>					

Project Eligibility

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Specify applicable federal fund source(s) and confirm regional eligibility requirements

Project is eligible for the following OBAG 4 federal fund sources:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) ([23 U.S.C. § 133](#))
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ([23 U.S.C. § 149](#))

Note: applications for \$1 million or more in OBAG 4 funds for CMAQ-eligible projects must include a completed [Air Quality Input Form](#) as an attachment.

Project meets regional eligibility requirements:

- Project is consistent with *Plan Bay Area 2050+* (included as a named project or consistent with a programmatic listing in the Transportation Project List, see link on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)).
- Project consists of eligible activities for OBAG 4 county funds as listed in MTC Resolution No. 4740, Attachment A (available on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)), which excludes air quality non-exempt projects, new roadways, roadway extensions, right of way acquisition for future expansion, operations, and routine maintenance.

Need and Benefits

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Describe how the project will address transportation and related needs and provide clear benefits, with specific consideration for safety, multi-modal accessibility, emissions reduction, resilience, stormwater management, and state of good repair as applicable.

Local Priority

Community Support

Describe community support for the project, including any letters of support and/or applicable local plans that prioritize the project, such as Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs), Priority Development Area (PDA) Plans (e.g. Specific Plan, PDA Investment and Growth Strategy), Countywide Transportation Plans (CTPs), or other local plans/project prioritization processes. Include descriptions of public outreach responses specific to this project, including comments received at public meetings or hearings, feedback from community workshops, or survey responses.

Letters of Support

List any individuals (with affiliations) and/or organizations providing letters of support for this project (attach copies if applicable).

Plan Name <i>List any local plans that identify or prioritize the application project</i>	Plan Year <i>Completed or last updated</i>	Plan Type <i>CBTP, PDA, CTP, or other</i>	Plan Link <i>Attach copy if not available</i>	Reference <i>Page(s) with named project</i>

Equity Impacts

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If applicable, describe how the project will provide demonstrated benefits to historically marginalized or underserved groups, including benefits to [Equity Priority Communities \(EPCs\)](#) or similar local designations, and/or align with applicant [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Transition Plans](#).

EPC Relationship

Indicate the project's relationship to MTC-designated EPCs or similar local designations. Projects located outside of these areas remain eligible for funding.

- Project is located within an MTC-designated EPC and is designed to benefit this population as described above
- Project is located within a similar local designation and is designed to benefit this population as described above
- Project is not located within an EPC or similar local designation but is designed to specifically benefit historically marginalized or underserved groups as described above
- Project is not located within an EPC or similar local designation and is not designed to specifically benefit historically marginalized or underserved groups (not disqualifying)

Applicant ADA Transition Plan Link <i>Required for all applications, attach copy if not available</i>	Reference <i>Page reference(s) if applicable</i>

Regional Alignment

Plan Strategies

Briefly describe how the project supports Plan Bay Area 2050+ strategies, linked on [OBAG 4 webpage](#).

Safety/Vision Zero

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy](#), if applicable.

Complete Streets

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Complete Streets Policy](#), if applicable.

Transit Transformation

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Transit Transformation Action Plan](#), if applicable.

Transit Priority

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Transit Priority Policy for Roadways](#), if applicable.

Federal Performance

Federal Performance Measures

Select the [federal performance measures \(23 U.S.C. § 150\)](#) that are supported by the project.

- Safety:** significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads and improve safety of public transportation systems.
- Infrastructure Condition:** maintain the condition of Interstate and National Highway System (NHS) assets and public transit assets in a state of good repair.
- Congestion Reduction:** significantly reduce congestion on the NHS in urbanized areas.
- System Reliability:** improve the reliability of the Interstate system and NHS.
- Freight Movement and Economic Vitality:** improve the reliability of the Interstate system for truck travel.
- Environmental Sustainability:** improve emission reductions from the transportation system, specifically from CMAQ-funded projects.

Deliverability and Risk

Delivery Risks

Identify any known risks to project delivery and briefly describe planned mitigation efforts, as applicable, including the status and timeline for any environmental and/or right-of-way approvals.

Environmental Approval and Right-of-Way

Specify applicable fund source(s) and confirm other eligibility requirements.

Select the anticipated NEPA class of action for the project:

- Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Select applicable right-of-way and utility challenges for the project:

- Project area is not located entirely on applicant right-of-way
- Project may require temporary use of areas outside of the applicant right-of-way
- Project is adjacent to or may impact the operations of a railroad, light rail, or Caltrans facility
- Project may require utility relocation

Schedule and Funding Plan

Phase	Fiscal Year <i>Phase start</i>	OBAG 4 Request	Other Amount	Other Description <i>Fund source name(s), secured/unsecured</i>
Preliminary Engineering (PE)				
Right-of-Way (ROW)				
Construction (CON)				
Non Infrastructure (NI)				
Total	<i>Latest 2031</i>			<i>Non-federal share must be ≥11.47%</i>

Funding and Schedule Requirements

Confirm that the project schedule and funding plan meet the following requirements.

- Total requested award amount meets the minimum applicable threshold:
 - \$500,000 or more for projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties
 - \$250,000 or more for projects Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma Counties
 - \$150,000 or more with a request for an exception to the standard minimum
- Non-federal share of the project total meets or exceeds the federal 11.47% minimum local match
- Applicant will obligate any awarded OBAG 4 funds by the September 30, 2031 obligation deadline
- Requested award amount is rounded to the nearest \$1,000

Contribution to Geographic Minimum

PDA and TOC Relationship

A minimum share of each county's projects must support a Priority Development Area (PDA) and/or Transit Oriented Community (TOC), generally defined as projects within a mile or less of a PDA and/or TOC (see [reference map](#)). Projects located outside of these areas remain eligible for funding. Indicate the location of the project relative to PDAs/TOCs.

- Project is located within a mile or less of a PDA and/or TOC
- Project is countywide or otherwise not confined to a fixed location
- Project is not located within a mile or less of a PDA or TOC (not disqualifying)

Applicant Acknowledgements

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Affirm understanding of, and intent to comply with, OBAG 4 requirements as summarized below and detailed in MTC Resolution No. 4740, Revised (available on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)).

- Complete Streets Checklist:** applicant has submitted a checklist for this project in MTC's [Complete Streets Portal](#) to demonstrate consistency with MTC's [Complete Streets Policy](#) and [Transit Priority Policy for Roadways](#), including project review by a local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and/or transit agency/ies as applicable.
- Project Delivery Policy:** if awarded OBAG 4 county funds, applicant will comply with MTC's [Regional Project Delivery Policy](#), including designation of a staff Single Point of Contact (SPOC), adoption of a [Resolution of Local Support](#), project inclusion in the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and MTC's associated TIP management platform, and participation in the Annual Obligation Plan (AOP) process.
- Jurisdiction Requirements:** jurisdiction applicants, or applicants requesting OBAG 4 funds on behalf of one or more jurisdiction(s), acknowledge the following ongoing requirements for jurisdiction recipients:
 - State Housing Element certification, Annual Progress Report (APR) submission, and compliance with select state housing laws
 - Updated Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) or equivalent plan as defined by California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) guidelines
 - Pavement Management Program (PMP) certification and participation in statewide local streets and roads needs assessment surveys
 - Federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) traffic count reporting
- Attachments:** applicant will provide the following attachments with this application, as applicable:
 - Project overview map (if available)
 - CMAQ [Air Quality Input Form](#) (for eligible applications requesting over \$1 million)
 - Letter(s) of support (if referenced above)
 - Local plan(s) (if referenced above but no link is provided)
 - Applicant ADA Transition Plan (required, attach if no link is provided above)

OBAG 4 County Program Supplemental Application
Program Need and Benefits

Need

Program Need (Max 10 Points)
Describe the need in the community and how the proposed program will address the need identified (please limit your response to the space provided).

Specific Project Benefits

Benefits
Describe how the program will provide clear benefits with specific consideration for safety, multimodal accessibility, emissions reduction, resilience, stormwater management, and state of good repair. Please ensure to read the instructions with the next sets of questions before responding. Limit your response to each question as well to the space provided.

I. Improve Safety (Max 10 Points): Describe elements included in the proposed program that have the potential to reduce serious/fatal injury collisions or increase safety for motorists, transit riders, and vulnerable roadway users.

If the program or safety elements included in the grant application are identified in a specific safety plan, please list the plan(s) below and include an online link:

Does the program support any of the five elements associated with the Safe System Approach (SSA). Please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/safe-system-approach> for more information about SSA. If applicable, please check the elements below that apply and discuss further in your response.

Safer
People

Safer
Vehicle

Safer
Speeds

Safer
Roads

Post-Crash
Care

II. Mode Shift (Max 5 Points): *Describe how the proposed program will support mode shift away from single-occupancy vehicle travel to active forms of transportation, carpooling, or public transit.*

III. Vehicle Miles Traveled (Max 8 Points): *Describe how the proposed program will impact vehicle miles traveled.*

IV. Accessibility for All (Max 4 Points): *Describe how the proposed program aligns with the applicant's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan or other applicable plans, ensuring that the proposed improvement(s) are accessible to all ages and abilities.*

V. Natural and Working Lands (Max 3 Points): *Describe how the program will protect or preserve natural and working lands including farms, open/green spaces, and wetlands in the community.*

**Important Instructions
Related to the Next Questions**

*****Please Pick Only Two Options to Respond*****

Do Not Respond to All the Three Options

Option #1: State of Good Repair/Resilience

Option #2: Transportation Affordability

Option #3: Health Benefits

Please limit your response to each question as well to the space provided.

10 Points Maximum

Option #1: State of Good Repair/Resilience (Max 5 Points)

Describe how the proposed program will support preservation and climate resilience of existing transportation assets within the community.

Proceed to next page, page 13, to respond to option questions 6 and 7....

Option #2: Transportation Affordability (Max 5 Points)

Describe how the proposed program will make transportation options in the community more affordable.

Option #3: Health Impacts (Max 5 Points)

Describe any health benefits associated with implementation of the proposed program.