

Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit system that moves as rapidly as possible, uses grade separation as appropriate, and is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of this region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that maximizes ridership in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

- City of Artesia
- City of Bell
- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Bellflower
- City of Cudahy
- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
- City of Huntington Park
- City of Maywood
- City of Paramount
- City of South Gate
- City of Vernon
- Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: June 8, 2016

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT'S APPLICATION FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN GRANT**

ISSUE

Staff is working with Metro to develop an Active Transportation Planning (ATP) Grant and will provide an update.

BACKGROUND

The West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) corridor is comprised of Environmental Justice cities, whose residents are transit dependent and need safe, easy access to their transit hubs, thus this planning study that will analyze barriers of accessibility to transit by walking and biking along key corridors is of critical importance to our community. The ATP plan will focus on developing a series of priorities and recommendations to increase active transportation in the study area and connect destinations to the transit hubs. A large portion of this project, according to the Cal EnviroScreen is located in the top 25% disadvantaged communities in and its implementation will bring significant benefit to these communities such as connectivity to work, education, medical, commercial and recreational activities.

This is a significant step to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities and implement the goal of the First- Last Mile Strategic Plan adopted by Metro and SCAG in April 2014, and to achieving regional goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by providing healthy lifestyle alternatives and improved transportation.

RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Receive and file the item.



Metro

Interoffice Memo

Date	March 3, 2016
To	Distribution
From	Calvin E. Hollis  Interim Chief Planning Officer
Subject	Extension of Grant Writing Assistance Opportunity for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3

The deadline to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3 grant writing assistance has been extended. The purpose of the extension is to ensure that all potential Los Angeles County ATP applicants are aware of this opportunity. LOIs should be submitted for active transportation projects that meet the following:

- Funding request \$1 million or greater
- Funding needed in state fiscal years 2019-20 and/or 2020-21
- Good fit with State ATP goals

LOIs should be submitted by close of business on Friday, March 11, 2016 to Shelly Quan (quans@metro.net). For the LOI questions and other details on Metro's grant assistance policy for the ATP, please see the attached letter.

Should you have any questions about Metro's grant writing assistance opportunity, please contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041.



Metro

February 8, 2016

To: Distribution

From: Calvin E. Hollis *for Renee Bellin*
Interim Chief Planning Officer

Subject: Metro Grant Assistance Policy for Active Transportation Program

The application for Cycle 3 of the State Active Transportation Program (ATP) is anticipated to be released in mid-March, 2016. Metro plans to continue providing grant assistance for the purpose of advancing and implementing Metro's active transportation and sustainability goals and plans, increasing competitiveness of applications from Los Angeles County sponsors, and supporting the State's ATP goals. Metro staff is making a recommendation for Metro Board adoption in February 2016 which would modify the grant assistance policy in place for Cycles 1 and 2. The proposed changes would prioritize projects with Metro Board commitment and projects which assist in implementing Metro active transportation plans and policies, as well as continued assistance for Call for Projects successful projects with no fund assignment. Grant assistance will be limited to projects with a need for Active Transportation funds of \$1 million or greater in order to ensure a significant return on investment.

A procurement is underway for grant assistance services. Depending on the outcome of the contract awarded, assistance may be available for up to 20 ATP projects. Interest is anticipated to exceed the available contract amount. **In order to select projects with the best fit with Metro and ATP objectives, Metro invites potential applicants to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) as described in Attachment A by March 2, 2016.**

Timelines and Requirements of Applicants

Metro staff and its consultant will identify the projects for assistance, and notify project sponsors by March 16, 2016. Sponsors will have until March 30, 2016 to submit the materials described in Attachment B. Should any applicants fail to submit complete materials by this deadline, their slots will be offered to other sponsors with high-ranking LOIs. The new sponsors will have until April 13, 2016 to supply the required materials. The application process is rigorous, and requires a significant commitment of local jurisdiction effort, even with the assistance of a consultant. Project sponsors are expected to meet to discuss the project, provide additional materials as necessary, review and comment on two application drafts, and sign (including engineer review, stamp and multiple initials), produce several hard and electronic copies, and postmark the application by June 15, 2016.

Voluntary Call for Projects Grant Assistance

Metro Call for Projects sponsors with 2015 Call for Project Commitments to ATP-eligible projects programmed in Fiscal Year 2019 through 2021 (Attachment C) who do not have fund assignments are encouraged to participate. Projects with funding need under \$1 million are not included. Advantages to project sponsors of participating in voluntary Call for Project grant assistance are the opportunity to update the Scope of Work and cost estimate; as well as having flexibility in the local match. Metro encourages a local match to allow for maximum scoring points and/or replace ATP funding in the event certain costs are considered ineligible, however local match would not necessarily be required.

Should you have any questions, please contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041.

Attachments

Attachment A – Active Transportation Program Grant Assistance Letter of Interest

Attachment B – Information Requirements for Metro Grant Assistance for Active
Transportation Program

Attachment C – 2015 Call for Projects with Potential for ATP Cycle 3



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**Active Transportation Program Grant Assistance
Letter of Interest**

Please provide the following information to Shelly Quan at QuanS@metro.net by March 2, 2016.

Letter of interest will be scored (0 to 110 points) to select grant assistance recipients.

A. General Project Information

1. Project Sponsor
2. Contact information (name, title, e-mail, and telephone number)
3. Project Title (up to 10 words)
4. Indicate whether project is:
 - a. Metro Call for Projects awardee
 - b. Other Metro Board Commitment
 - c. Neither
5. Project Description. In up to 3 sentences, please briefly describe the project, its location, and how the project improves active transportation.
6. Total project cost in current dollars
7. Total ATP request in current dollars and fiscal year needed
8. Metro commitments. Please provide month, year, and subject of Metro Board report approving and committing to implementation of project. For Call for Projects, simply state Call for Projects ID number.

B. Project Status and Funding (*up to 10 points*)

1. Match funding available in current dollars (*up to 5 points*)

1 point: match for ATP request is at least 1% of total ATP request

Plus:

1 point: 1% to 11.4% of total project cost

2 points: 11.5% to 14.9% of total project cost

3 points: 15% to 19.9% of total project cost

4 points: 20% or more of total project cost

2. Project Readiness (*0 to 5 points*)

Date of CEQA clearance:

Date of NEPA clearance:

Date of Final Design completion:

C. Existing Deficits and Proposed Improvements (*up to 59 points*)

Existing deficits and proposed improvements. Please provide a 1-sentence description of the current deficit situation and a 1-sentence description of how project addresses each of the following issues:

1. Increased Active Transportation usage (*up to 24 points*)
12 points for current deficit situation
12 points for increased usage
2. Safety. Fatalities and Injuries (*up to 25 points*)
10 points for existing deficit
15 points for proposed improvement
3. Health. Health conditions/outcomes (*up to 10 points*)
3 points for current health status
7 points for anticipated improvement

D. Disadvantaged Communities (*up to 5 points*)

1. Based on any of the criteria below, what percentage of the project is in a disadvantaged community? (*up to 2 points*)
 - a. CalEnviroScreen – please go to <http://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=112d915348834263ab8ecd5c6da67f68> and print EnviroScreen 2.0 map excerpt of project area, and sketch project alignment or service area onto map.
 - b. Income criteria - please provide census tract numbers, populations, and median incomes of each census tract benefitted by the project. The following website may be used:
<http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>
 - c. Free or reduced price school lunch: please list schools and percentages of qualifying students for all schools included in project. The following website may be used: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/sd/files.asp>
2. In 2 sentences, describe the disadvantaged community the project will benefit and what benefit the project will provide. (*up to 3 points*)

E. Fit With ATP and Metro Objectives and Plans (*up to 36 points*)

1. Planning. In up to 3 sentences, describe city planning and community input process which led to the identification of the project. (*up to 15 points*)

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2. Sponsor's or other local agency plans listing and prioritizing the project. Please provide page number or web link or attach an excerpt of plan. *(6 points if at least one plan is listed)*
3. Metro active transportation plan referencing or describing this project. Please provide page number or web link or attach an excerpt of plan such as the Active Transportation Strategic Plan, Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan, First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, Regional Bike Share Implementation Plan, Union Station Master Plan, or Urban Greening Plan and Toolkit. *(2 points for each plan, up to 8 points)*
4. Local agency complete streets ordinance covering the location of the project. Please provide page number or web link or attach an excerpt of ordinance. *(7 points)*

Should you have any questions regarding the Letter of Interest, please contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041 or Shelly Quan at (213) 922-3075.

Scoring points are subject to updates in draft ATP guidelines and application.

Information Requirements for Applicants Selected for Metro Grant Assistance for Active Transportation Program

Required:

1. Project files for the original application and subsequent project work (in original document format, if available)
2. Engineer's (Detailed) Cost Estimate
3. Project Programming Request
4. Photos of Existing Conditions
5. List of public agencies involved with the project planning, and a summary of engagement activities with other agencies *as soon as possible*
6. Documentation of public engagement/outreach activities associated with this project
7. Description of the alternatives considered in selecting the project
8. Submittals to California Conservation Corps(CCC) and CALCC
9. Non-infrastructure schedule information (if applicable)

If Available:

10. GIS files related to the project (e.g. shapefiles and .dbf)
11. Bicycle/Pedestrian Counts
12. Conceptual plans or renderings of the project
13. Preliminary Plans
14. Links, digital copies or hard copies of approved plans, technical studies, master plans or environmental studies related to or referencing the project

Letters of support, maintenance agreement, or other materials may be required or requested as consultant is identified, final ATP application is released, and project develops.

2015 Call for Projects with Potential for ATP Cycle 3

Funded projects from the 2015 Call for Projects with greater than \$1 million programmed in Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021.

	AGENCY	PROJECT ID	MODAL CATEGORY	PROJECT NAME	TOTAL METRO COMMITMENT
1	City of Downey	F9525	Bicycle Improvements	Downey BMP Phase 1 Downtown/Transit Class II Implementation	\$2,277,933
2	City of Glendale	F9534	Bicycle Improvements	Glendale-LA Riverwalk Bridges/Active Transportation Facility	\$3,070,080
3	City of Long Beach	F9532	Bicycle Improvements	Atherton Bridge & Campus Connections	\$1,876,800
4	City of Pomona	F9526	Bicycle Improvements	Pomona ATP Phase 2 Bicycle Network for Community Assets	\$2,840,678
5	City of Long Beach	F9628	Pedestrian Improvements	1st Street Pedestrian Gallery	\$2,716,524
6	City of Los Angeles	F9619	Pedestrian Improvements	LANI - Santa Monica Boulevard Improvement Project	\$1,146,860
7	City of Los Angeles	F9621	Pedestrian Improvements	Melrose Avenue-Fairfax Avenue to Highland Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,960,531
8	City of Los Angeles	F9623	Pedestrian Improvements	Beverly Boulevard, Vermont Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,772,254
9	City of Pasadena	F9613	Pedestrian Improvements	Lake Avenue Gold Line Station Pedestrian Access Improvements	\$2,309,590
10	City of Hawthorne	F9102	Regional Surface Transportation Improvements	Hawthorne Boulevard Mobility Project - Phase 2	\$2,426,406
11	City of Lancaster	F9131	Regional Surface Transportation Improvements	Medical Main Street	\$5,262,742
12	City of Long Beach	F9130	Regional Surface Transportation Improvements	Artesia - Great Boulevard	\$4,700,081
13	City of Los Angeles	F9123	Regional Surface Transportation Improvements	Complete Streets Project for Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock	\$1,753,676
14	City of Santa Clarita	F9118	Regional Surface Transportation Improvements	Dockweiler Drive Gap Closure	\$5,475,000
15	County of Los Angeles	F9800	Transportation Demand Management	Bike Aid Stations	\$2,958,976
Total Funded 2015 CFP with Potential for ATP Cycle 3					\$44,548,131

DISTRIBUTION

- Active transportation stakeholders
- Councils of Governments
- Long Range Transportation Plan local jurisdiction officials
- Nontraditional applicants from ATP Cycles 1 and 2
- Streets and Freeways Subcommittee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Transportation Improvement Program active transportation project managers