



City of Santa Barbara Transportation & Circulation Committee *Staff Report*

DATE: April 24, 2014
TO: Transportation & Circulation Committee (TCC) Members
FROM: Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
SUBJECT: Active Transportation Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC) support the submission of Capital Projects for the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

BACKGROUND

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP consolidates various federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account, and State Safe Routes to School, into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation.

The goals of the ATP are to:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
- Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

\$360 million will be available for this first three year cycle of funding for the State of California. State and federal law segregate program funding into three components and is distributed as follows:

- 50% for a statewide competitive program (all projects compete for this money. If a project is not awarded, it moves to one of the next distributions.)

- 10% to small urban and rural regions with populations of 200,000 or less for the small urban and rural area competitive program, and
- 40% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000 for the large urbanized area competitive program.

Santa Barbara County is eligible for the ATP grant in two categories.

DISCUSSION

Based on the established criteria for the ATP grant, the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department will be applying funding. The projects are under consideration for funding are prioritized below based on the grant's scoring criteria.

1. Cacique & Soledad Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridges at Sycamore Creek and Corridor Improvements
 - Replace Cacique ped/bike bridge
 - New ped/bike bridge from Soledad to Cacique
 - Lighting along Cacique and Soledad Corridors
 - Sidewalk Infill on Soledad and Cacique
 - Sidewalk maintenance along corridors
2. Montecito Street Bridge Replacement and connection to Existing Sidewalk Infrastructure
3. La Cumbre Road Pedestrian Corridor Improvements
 - Sidewalk Infill
 - Pedestrian crossing safety Improvements
4. Eastside Sidewalk Infill
 - Lower South Milpas
 - Calle Puerto Vallarta/ Ninos Drive
 - Corona Del Mar
 - Salinas Street
 - Alisos Street

Staff will present more details and pictures of these projects locations at the meeting.

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