

Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy



RTP/SCS DRAFT CALL FOR PROJECTS GUIDANCE

Regional Advisory Working Group

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Purpose

- An opportunity to submit transportation projects for consideration in the RTP/SCS.
- Projects seeking future state or federal funds must be identified in the financially constrained RTP/SCS.
- Projects can be submitted by:
 - Local agencies
 - Transit Operators
 - CMAAs
 - Caltrans
 - Members of the Public (with a local agency sponsor)

Process

- Local agencies, local transit operators, and members of the public will submit projects through the CMAs.
- Multi-county transit operators (i.e. BART, Caltrain, etc.) and Caltrans may submit projects directly to MTC.
- MTC will also submit projects.

Main Areas of Guidance

1. Public Outreach
2. Agency Coordination
3. Title VI Responsibilities
4. County Target Budgets
5. Project Cost Estimation
6. Project Guidance
7. Programmatic Categories

1. Public Outreach

2. Agency Coordination

Public Outreach

- CMAs will conduct a public outreach process to solicit project ideas.
- Public outreach must be implemented in a manner that meets MTC's Public Participation Plan.
- CMAs will assess the outreach undertaken for the Call for Projects.

Agency Coordination

- CMAs are to coordinate the project submittal process for their respective counties by:
 - Communicating Call for Projects guidance to project sponsors.
 - Managing the online application form for their county.
 - Assisting members of the public with finding a local agency sponsor to submit a proposed project.

3. Title VI Responsibilities

4. Target Budgets

Title VI Responsibilities

- Outreach activities must be in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.
 - This includes providing underserved communities opportunities to participate in the Call for Projects process.

Target Budgets

- CMAs are to ensure the county project list fits within the target budget defined by MTC for the county.
 - County budgets will be based on a population-based formula with a 75% mark up of the preliminary estimated discretionary funds.

5. Cost Estimation

6. Project Criteria

7. Programmatic Categories

Cost Estimation

- CMAs must establish project cost estimate guidance for project sponsors and ensure cost estimates are provided by project sponsors.

Project Goals/Objectives

- Identify whether projects meet basic criteria outlined by MTC.

Programmatic Categories

- Where applicable, CMAs should group similar projects which are exempt from regional air quality conformity into programmatic categories.

Call for Projects – Schedule

MTC presents Draft Call for Projects Guidance to solicit input.	P-TAC: Jan. 31, 2011 RAWG: Feb. 1, 2011 Policy Advisory Council: Feb. 9, 2011
MTC Planning Committee for Information.	February 9, 2011
Call for Projects Letter Issued to CMAs	February 10, 2011
Web application to submit projects is available.	March 1, 2011
Project submittal period closes.	April 29, 2011
MTC performs project performance assessments.	May – Mid-July 2011