

## **Revised Agenda Item No. 8**

### **General Policy Committee Meeting**

**March 10, 2021  
9:00 AM**

**MEETING ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://gosbcta.zoom.us/j/98154735255>**

#### **Teleconference**

Dial: 1-669-900-6833  
Meeting ID: 981 5473 5255

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **Regional/Subregional Planning**

#### **8. Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Award List and Twenty Points Allocation**

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B. Adopt an additional 20 points allocation in the grant evaluation process to all projects in the MPO portion of the ATP as they have been determined to be consistent with regional plans, which is consistent with the methodology adopted by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for ATP Cycles 1, 2, 3, and 4.

*The item was revised to include missing language to the staff recommendation.*

## *Minute Action*

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**Subject:**

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**Background:**

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill (SB) 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects was released by Caltrans on March 25, 2020, and went through a statewide review process. On February 8, 2021, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the staff recommended award list.

For the Cycle 5 ATP funding and review process, the CTC recommended to continue the same fund allocation calculation as in Cycles 1, 2, 3, and 4. Fifty percent (50%) of the total program funds are apportioned for the Statewide call-for-projects while forty percent (40%) of the total funds are apportioned for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). MPO apportionment is recommended to be distributed based on their population share. In total, the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) portion represents about \$88.7 million and San Bernardino County's population share of the \$88.7 million is about \$10.2 million. The significant increase in ATP funding is due to increased allocation from the SB 1 Road Repair and Accountability Act Funds.

As expected, the selection process for ATP Cycle 5 was highly competitive. San Bernardino County jurisdictions, as a whole, did not fare well in Cycle 5 relative to the success rate in Cycles 1 and 2. Local jurisdictions will have two project awards (totaling \$6.3 million) from the statewide portion of the ATP and four more projects awarded with a total of \$10.2 million from the MPO portion of the ATP. In total, San Bernardino County will have six (6) projects totaling slightly over \$16.4 million. Although the award result was less than hoped for, it was still significant, and San Bernardino County jurisdictions continue to submit many excellent active transportation project applications (22 total projects - see Attachment A for the full list of projects from San Bernardino County).

*Entity: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*

Based on the ATP project submittal list, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) sub-region submitted the 22 projects with a total request amount of \$163.1 million, significantly increasing the request amount from ATP Cycle 4. The approval of this agenda item would pave the way for distribution of \$10.2 million of the SCAG portion of the ATP to four jurisdictions (Cities of Fontana and Barstow, Town of Apple Valley, and the County of San Bernardino).

In this Cycle, the City of Barstow (City) scored 86 points which lands the City in the partial funding category. Thus, SBCTA reached out to the subject jurisdiction and requested the City provide additional local funding to supplement the shortfall (\$496,000) as the scoring system precludes any allowance for significant down-scoping of the project. The City has decided to receive the partial funding award this cycle, totaling \$6.4 million dollars and indicated that the City will be supplementing the shortfall through a local funding source.

As with previous cycles, SCAG is deferring project rankings to Caltrans and forgoing its option to issue a supplemental regional call-for-projects except for the planning and non-infrastructure projects. For the planning and non-infrastructure projects, the call-for-projects has already been issued as part of the SCAG Sustainability Program Grants (SPG). For the infrastructure projects, the project scoring and rankings received during the Statewide call-for-projects will be used to determine a project award list for the MPO portion. A separate evaluation committee will not be required at the county or regional level within the SCAG region to separately score the infrastructure projects. However, for the selection of the regional MPO projects, up to 20 additional points can be given to projects based on their consistency with a regional plan. SBCTA Board has always opted to award all supplemental points to every application submitted by our local jurisdictions and agencies and accepted scores given by the CTC review committee.

Based on the ATP project submittal list, SBCTA staff reviewed the applications from the region and determined that all of the projects are consistent with either SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), SBCTA's ATP and/or local jurisdiction plans. For San Bernardino County, the SBCTA Board adopted the guideline for assigning the additional points for regional consistency in May 2014 for the ATP Cycle 1 process and the same methodology has been used for all subsequent cycles. SBCTA staff is proposing to apply the same methodology for the ATP Cycle 5 process and will assign 20 points to each of the San Bernardino County projects.

The project award list, Attachment A, will be submitted to SCAG for inclusion in the final ranking of regional projects. The adoption of the final recommended project award list will also be brought forward by SCAG staff for approval at their Regional Council meeting. SBCTA staff will continue its collaboration with SCAG staff to implement the regional projects.

***Financial Impact:***

There is no impact on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

***Responsible Staff:***

Josh Lee, Chief of Planning

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Approved  
General Policy Committee  
Date: March 10, 2021  
Witnessed By: