

SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework
SCAG STBG/CMAQ Call for Project Nominations
Fiscal Years 2026/2027-2027/2028

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) intends to issue a SCAG Region Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Call for Project Nominations on March 31, 2025. Agencies eligible to apply for STBG and CMAQ funding in San Bernardino County are generally limited to the 25 local government agencies in San Bernardino County (cities, towns, and San Bernardino County), the six transit agencies (Omnitrans, Basin Transit, Mountain Transit, Needles Transit, Victor Valley Transit Authority, and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (in partnership with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA))), federally recognized tribal governments in San Bernardino County, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and SBCTA. Additionally, though an existing federal-aid master agreement is not required to apply, implementing agencies that are eligible for a federal-aid master agreement with Caltrans may apply but are required to have a master agreement in place prior to having awarded funds programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

The SCAG guidelines require county transportation commissions (CTC), such as SBCTA, in the SCAG region to create a Project Prioritization Framework that will provide a ranking for project nominations in their respective counties before applications are submitted to SCAG for regional evaluation and project selection.

Through SBCTA's Project Prioritization Framework, applications can receive a maximum score of 100 points. The points assigned through SBCTA's review will determine which SCAG CTC Prioritization Category the project falls under (Highly Recommended, Recommended, Contingency List, or Not Recommended).

SBCTA's proposed Project Prioritization Framework will assign a point value to applications according to the scoring matrix contained in Table 1 on the following page. That scoring will result in the SBCTA prioritization category, which will be used as one of the scoring criteria in SCAG's review process. SCAG will assign a point value, as shown below, for each CTC Prioritization Category during their application review. The maximum points a project can receive with the other SCAG criteria are 110 for CMAQ projects and 100 for STBG projects.

| <u>SBCTA Scoring Matrix</u> | ➡ | <u>Prioritization Category</u> | ➡ | <u>SCAG Point Assignment</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 80-100 points | | Highly Recommended | | 50 |
| 60-79 points | | Recommended | | 40 |
| 40-59 points | | Contingency List | | 20 |
| 0-39 points | | Not Recommended | | 0 |

Table 1. SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework Scoring Matrix

| Category | Criteria | Points |
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| Project | Project meets at least one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is in the SBCTA 10-Year Delivery Plan • Project is consistent with SBCTA Board-approved priorities • Project is consistent with the SBCTA Zero-Emission Bus Roll-out Plan | 70 |
| | Projects in the SBCTA Board-approved Regional/Interregional Project Prioritization | 40 |
| | Projects that do not meet any of the above criteria but are consistent with Board Policy | 20 |
| | Projects that are not consistent with Board-approved policies | 0 |
| Community Engagement | Agency demonstrates public outreach concerning project through public meetings or hearings, workshops, community endorsements, etc. | 10 |
| | Agency does not demonstrate community/stakeholder engagement | 0 |
| Deliverability | Agency is experienced in delivering federal projects and presents a reasonable schedule for the term of funding availability | 20 |
| | Agency lacks experience in delivering federal projects or schedule presents risks to delivery | 10 |
| | Schedule is beyond the term of the call for projects | 0* |

***Projects that receive 0 points in this category will not be recommended**