SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework
SCAG STBG/CMAQ Call for Project Nominations
Fiscal Years 2028/2029-2029/2030

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) intends to issue a SCAG Region Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Call for Project Nominations on February 1, 2027.

In addition to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), agencies eligible to apply for STBG and CMAQ funding are generally limited to the following:

- Cities, Towns and San Bernardino County, and;
- Transit operators, including Omnitrans, Basin Transit, Mountain Transit, City of Needles, and Victor Valley Transit Authority, and;
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority (in partnership with SBCTA), and;
- Federally recognized tribal governments in San Bernardino County.

An existing federal-aid master agreement is not required to apply, but implementing agencies are required to have a master agreement in place prior to the programming of awarded funds in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

SCAG's Program Guidelines Scoring Criteria requires that each County Transportation Commissions (CTC), such as SBCTA, develop a Project Prioritization Framework that outlines how project nominations within the county will be prioritized for funding as part of the final SCAG selection.

The SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework begins with the scoring matrix included in Table 1 on the next page. The first step is evaluation of a project according to Table 1. The SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework Scoring Matrix has a maximum 100-point total assigned across three categories – Project, Community Engagement and Deliverability.

The SBCTA Scoring Matrix will then be used to place a project into a Prioritization Category – Highest Alignment, Strong Alignment, Moderate Alignment or Limited Alignment. The final SCAG Point Assignment will be calculated from the CTC Prioritization Category based on the following methodology:

SBCTA Scoring Matrix	Prioritization Category	SCAG Point Assignment
80-100 points	Highest Alignment	50
60-79 points	Strong Alignment	40
40-59 points	Moderate Alignment	20
0-39 points	Limited Alignment	0

Currently, the maximum points a project can receive with the other SCAG criteria are 110 for CMAQ and 100 for STBG projects, with 50 points maximum attributable to the CTC Prioritization. The remaining project scoring points will be assigned by SCAG based on criteria adopted as part of its FFY 2029 & 2030 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines.

Table 1. SBCTA Project Prioritization Framework Scoring Matrix

Category	Criteria	Points
Project	Project meets at least one of the following criteria: • 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**