

# State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Framework Fiscal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20

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Agenda Item 7



**SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**December 4, 2018**

# State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant Overview



- ▶ **Metropolitan Transportation Commission established County Block Grant program to be administered by Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs)**
  - ▶ Previously, funds distributed via regional paratransit program, regional Lifeline Transportation Program, and northern counties/small transit operators program
  - ▶ New Block Grant allows counties to determine how to invest in paratransit, transit operating and capital needs, including providing lifeline transit services
- ▶ **CMAs submit annual distribution policy to MTC**

# San Francisco's STA County Block Grant Proposed Framework



- ▶ **Projected \$7.6 million over FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20**
  - ▶ **County share based on amount San Francisco would have received in FY 2018/19 under former regional programs**
- ▶ **Recommended distribution**
  - ▶ **40% to the SFMTA's paratransit program**
  - ▶ **60% to new SF Lifeline Transportation Program (SF LTP) Cycle 1, administered by the Transportation Authority**

# SF LTP Cycle 1 Eligibility



- ▶ **Must be eligible per STA guidelines established by state**
- ▶ **Support projects that improve mobility for low-income residents**
- ▶ **Only transit operators are eligible to receive STA funds**
- ▶ **10% local match requirement**
- ▶ **Project examples include**
  - ▶ **New, enhanced, or restored transit service, including late-night and weekend services**
  - ▶ **Transit stop enhancements**
  - ▶ **Shuttle service**



# SF LTP Cycle 1 Prioritization Criteria



Once projects are screened for eligibility...

- ▶ **Highest priority to transit service benefiting Communities of Concern**
- ▶ **Priority given to project that**
  - ▶ **Directly address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a planning effort involving focused inclusive engagement to low-income populations**
  - ▶ **Ready to be implemented**
  - ▶ **Cost-effective**
  - ▶ **Higher local match**
- ▶ **Geographic diversity**

# SF LTP Cycle 1 Draft Schedule



November 28, 2018	Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 Framework
December 4, 2018	Transportation Authority Board – PRELIMINARY ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 Framework
December 11, 2018	Transportation Authority Board – FINAL ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 Framework
<b>By January 2019</b>	<b>Transportation Authority issues SF LTP Cycle 1 Call for Projects</b>
February 2019	Transportation Authority Technical Working Group Workshop for potential applicants
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>SF LTP Cycle 1 Applications due to the Transportation Authority</b>
April 2019	Transportation Authority Technical Working Group Review draft SF LTP Cycle 1 staff recommendations
April 2019	Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 recommendations
May 2019	Transportation Authority Board – PRELIMINARY ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 recommendations
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Transportation Authority Board – FINAL ACTION</b> SF LTP Cycle 1 recommendations
May/June 2018	Metropolitan Transportation Commission approval of San Francisco projects

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