

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

Citizens Advisory Committee
Agenda Item 15



SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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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



- ▶ **Approximately \$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
By January 2019	Transportation Authority issues SF LTP Cycle 1 Call for Projects
February 2019	Transportation Authority Technical Working Group Workshop for potential applicants
March 2019	SF LTP Cycle 1 Applications due to the Transportation Authority
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
May 2019	Transportation Authority Board – FINAL ACTION SF LTP Cycle 1 recommendations
May/June 2018	Metropolitan Transportation Commission approval of San Francisco projects

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