Agenda

- Overview of the Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- ATP Cycle 4 Timeline
- Key Changes to ATP Guidelines
- Overview of Application Types
- Lessons Learned from Previous Cycles
- Resources to Help You Prepare
- Q&A

What is the Active Transportation Program?

- **Dedicated funding for walking, biking, trails, and Safe Routes to School projects**
- **Funded at roughly $223 million annually**
- **Call for projects every even numbered year, Cycle 4 to open Spring 2018**

What Types of Projects are Accepted?

- **Infrastructure**
  - New or improved bikeways/walkways
  - Safe Routes to School/Transit projects
  - Bike Parking
  - Recreational trails/trailheads that improve connections to non-motorized corridors
- **Non-Infrastructure**
  - Safe Routes to School programs
  - Education, encouragement, evaluation, or enforcement programs (not focused on Safe Routes to School)
  - Temporary demonstrations/pop up events
- **Plans**
  - Community-wide walk, bike, SRTS, or active transportation plans in a disadvantaged community

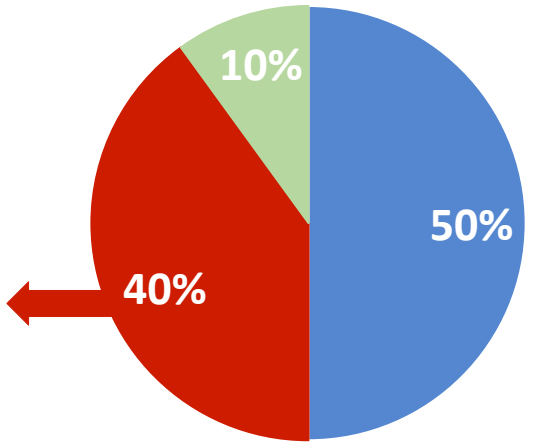
Who Can Apply?

- Local, Regional, or State Agencies
- Transit Agencies
- Public Schools or School Districts
- Tribal Governments (Federally-recognized)
- Private nonprofit tax-exempt organizations may apply for Recreational Trail Projects only

ATP Statutory Goals

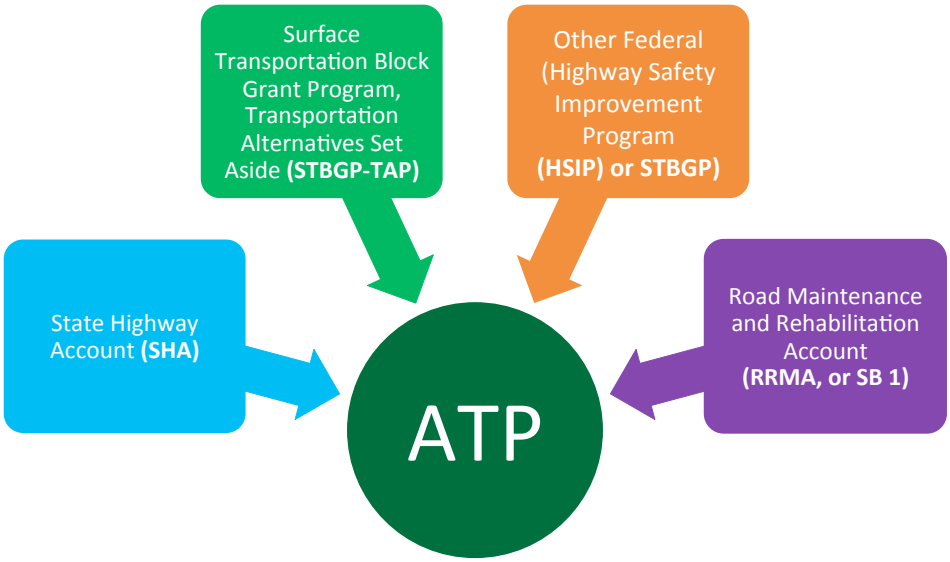
Competitive Funding Opportunities

- Bay Area (MTC)
- Southern California (SCAG)
- San Diego (SANDAG)
- Sacramento Area (SACOG)
- Fresno (FCOG)
- Kern (KernCOG)
- San Joaquin (SJCOG)
- Stanislaus (StanCOG)
- Tulare (TCAG)
- Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO)



- Statewide Competition (Administered by CTC)
- Regional Competitions (Administered by Large MPOs)
- Small Urban/Rural Competition (Administered by CTC)

Current ATP Funding Sources



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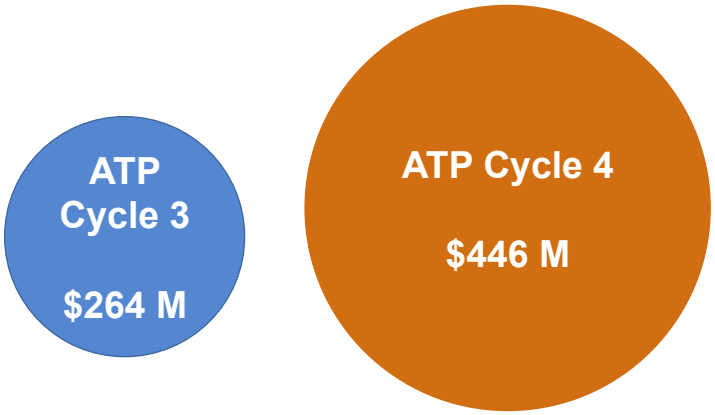

*$100 million is reserved in
FY21-22 and FY22-23 for ATP Cycle 5

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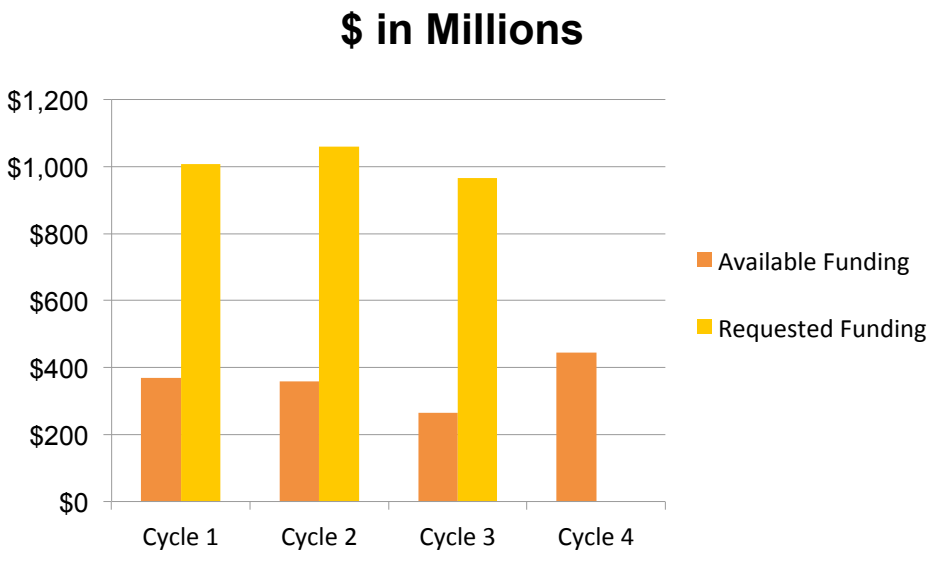
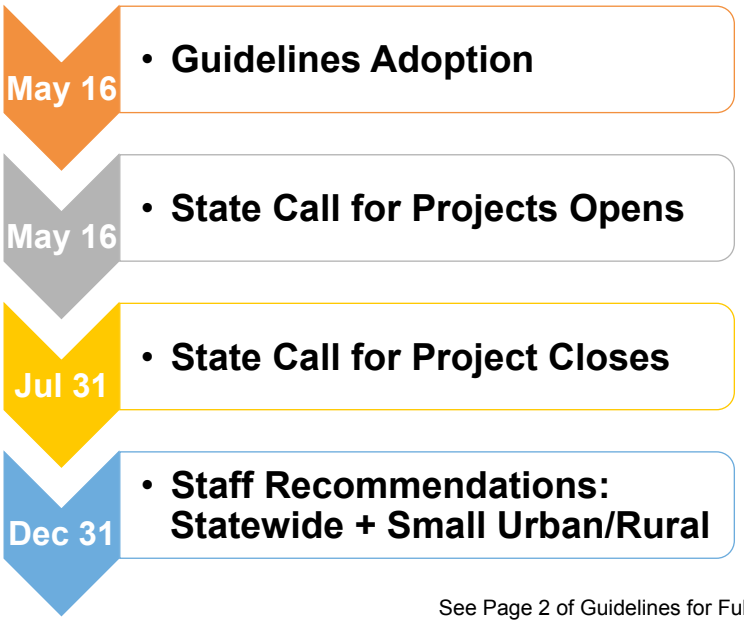


ATP Cycle 4 Timeline



See Page 2 of Guidelines for Full Timeline

Key Guidelines Changes

- 4 year Programming Cycle
- Transformative Project Language
- Start Up NI Language/Definition
- DAC Definition Revisions
- Public Health added to statement of need
- 5 application types
  - Plans
  - Non-Infrastructure
  - Small Infrastructure (total cost <$1.5M)
  - Medium Infrastructure (b/w $1.5M-$7M)
  - Large Infrastructure (total cost >$7M)

http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/atp/

Plan Application

Eligible Plans:

- Bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan that encompasses or is predominantly located in a disadvantaged community
- Up to 2% of the statewide competitive funding and small urban and rural; Large MPOs can set aside up to 2% of funding for Plans in DACs
- Appendix A of Guidelines – Guidance for plans, list of components that must be included

Plan Application

100 Total Possible Points

0 to 30 points	**Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities**
0 to 10 points	**Priority for New Plans v. Updates**
0 to 10 points	**Statement of Need**
0 to 25 points	**Public Participation & Planning**
0 to 25 points	**Implementation + Plan Development**
-10 to 0 points	**Poor Performance on Past Caltrans Grants**

Check if your community has a plan:
http://www.calbike.org/bike_ped_plan_inventory

Non-Infrastructure Application

Eligible Projects:

- Education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that further the goals of the ATP
- Can be start-up programs and new or expanded components of existing programs; cannot fund existing or ongoing program operations
- Commission priority on start-up programs; all NI must demonstrate program sustainability

Non-Infrastructure Application

100 Total Possible Points

0 to 10 points	**Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities**
0 to 40 points	**Statement of Need**
0 to 10 points	**Safety**
0 to 15 points	**Public Participation & Planning**
0 to 10 points	**Evaluation + Sustainability**
0 to 5 points	**Innovative Program Elements**
0 to 10 points	**Program Scope + Implementation**
-5 to 0 points	**Partnering with Conservation Corps**
-10 to 0 points	**Poor Performance on Past Caltrans Grants**

Small Infrastructure Application

100 Total Possible Points

0 to 10 points	Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities
0 to 53 points	Statement of Need
0 to 25 points	Safety
0 to 10 points	Public Participation & Planning
0 to 2 points	Scope/Plan Consistency
-5 to 0 points	Partnering with Conservation Corps
-10 to 0 points	Poor Performance on Past Caltrans Grants

Medium Infrastructure Application

100 Total Possible Points

0 to 10 points	Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities
0 to 43 points	Statement of Need
0 to 25 points	Safety
0 to 10 points	Public Participation & Planning
0 to 5 points	Context Sensitive Bike/Walkways & Innovation
0 to 5 points	Leveraging Funds
0 to 2 points	Scope/Plan Consistency
-5 to 0 points	Partnering with Conservation Corps
-10 to 0 points	Poor Performance on Past Caltrans Grants

Large Infrastructure Application

100 Total Possible Points

0 to 10 points	Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities
0 to 38 points	Statement of Need
0 to 20 points	Safety
0 to 10 points	Public Participation & Planning
0 to 5 points	Context Sensitive Bike/Walkways & Innovation
0 to 5 points	Transformative Projects
0 to 5 points	Cost Effective
0 to 5 points	Leveraging Funds
0 to 2 points	Scope/Plan Consistency
-5 to 0 points	Partnering with Conservation Corps
-10 to 0 points	Poor Performance on Past Caltrans Grants

Lessons Learned from Previous Cycles

The best applications demonstrate:

1. Proposed projects meet the **goals** of the ATP program
2. **Multiple sectors and various stakeholders** were consulted
3. Data gathered is **meaningful, legitimate, based on target community**, presented clearly and understandably

Lessons Learned from Previous Cycles

Tips for success:

1. **Read instructions, guidelines, and scoring rubrics** carefully – start now!
2. Focus application efforts on questions with largest amount of points – but don't *neglect* any question
3. **Learn from the winners** – 3 Cycles worth of high scoring projects to review that may be similar to what you are proposing
4. Incorporate **standards of tomorrow** – not yesterday's strategies

Resources

- **Caltrans Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC)**
  - http://caatpresources.org/
  - Upcoming Flash Training Webinars
- **ATRT TA Consultations**
  - For DACs in Riverside or Tulare Counties
  - April 2-5, 2018
  - Contact Barry Bergman, barry@railstotrails.org
- **Strategic Growth Council Pilot CCI ATP TA**
  - In-Depth TA for 3-5 DACs
  - Survey Due April 6: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATPtechnicalassistance
- **Cal Walks ATP Application Guidance**
  - One-on-one assistance for DACs in Central Valley, North State, North Coast, or San Bernardino County
  - Contact Esther Postiglione, esther@californiawalks.org

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