

Memorandum

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Subject: Update on Applications Received for SB 1 Programs and the Active Transportation Program

Replacement Item Change:

The July 31, 2020 version of this item is being replaced to reflect the following:

- 1.) The summary section has been updated to include information on Trade Corridor Enhancement Program applications. The deadline to submit these applications was August 3, 2020. The number of project applications received, the value of those projects, and the funding requested are now reflected.
- 2.) The summary section has also been updated to include the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program applications in the total number of applications received and the total amount requested. This increases the total number of applications to 152 from the previously stated 105, as well as increases the total requested amount to \$3.7 billion from the previously stated \$1.9 billion.

Summary:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines on January 29, 2020 which allowed eligible entities to apply for project funding totaling \$494 million.

On March 25, 2020 the Commission adopted three additional program guidelines, the Local Partnership Program, the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and the Active Transportation Program, which allowed eligible entities to apply for project funding totaling nearly \$2.4 billion.

Local Partnership Program Competitive applications were due on June 30, 2020. The Commission received 62 applications, valued at \$3.9 billion, with funding requests totaling \$639 million. The funding available for programming is \$187 million and will cover fiscal years 2020-21 through 2022-23.

Solutions for Congested Corridor applications were due on July 15, 2020. The Commission received 21 applications, valued at \$4.7 billion, with funding requests totaling \$1.3 billion. The funding available for programming is \$494 million and will cover fiscal year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Applications for the Quick-Build Project Pilot Program component of the Active Transportation Program were due on July 15, 2020. The Commission received 22 applications, valued at \$15.8 million, with funding requests totaling \$15.1 million. The Commission anticipates dedicating up to \$7 million to quick-build projects in the 2021 program.

Applications for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program were due on August 3, 2020. The Commission received 47 applications valued at \$6.3 billion, with funding requests totaling \$1.71 billion. The SB 1 funding available for programming is \$1 billion and will cover fiscal years 2020-21 through 2022-23. Additionally, it is estimated that an additional \$391 million will be available in National Highway Freight Program Funds prior to program adoption.

In total, 152 applications, requesting \$3.7 billion were received. Staff are conducting the evaluation process for these applications and intend to release the staff recommendations on November 12, 2020 for the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Local Partnership Competitive, and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Staff recommendations for the Quick-Build Project Pilot Program will be released on September 15, 2020.

Standard applications to the Active Transportation Program are due on September 15, 2020, and staff recommendations for the program of projects will be released on February 15, 2021.

Background:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 or Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) provided significant funds for transportation infrastructure, increased accountability for how transportation funds are spent, created new transportation funding programs and augmented existing funding programs under the oversight of the Commission.

The Local Partnership Program provides \$200 million annually to fund projects for counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies in which voters have approved tax measures or imposed fees dedicated solely to transportation improvements.

The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program provides \$250 million annually for projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation improvements, community impacts, and provide environmental benefits.

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program provides about \$400 million annually of state and federal funds for public freight infrastructure improvements on designated freight corridors and along other corridors have a high volume for freight movement as determined by the Commission.

The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) and provides about \$226 million a year to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Senate Bill 1 nearly doubled the funding for this program.