

# Memorandum

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Subject: Update on Applications Received for Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs

## Replacement Item Change:

The November 22, 2024 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 received. The deadline to submit these applications was by the end of the day on November 22, 2024, after the publication of the original book item. The number of applications received, the value of those projects, and the funding requested amounts are now reflected.
2. The summary section has been updated to reflect aggregated information for the three competitive programs combined.

## Summary:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the Local Partnership Competitive Program Guidelines, the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines, and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Guidelines on August 15, 2024. The adopted guidelines included changes to create a cleaner, safer, healthier, and more equitable transportation system that supports the state's economic vitality, allows people to spend less time in congestion, and creates more mobility choices for all Californians, especially those from underserved communities. The adoption of the guidelines initiated a call for projects totaling \$1.5 billion across the three programs.

- Local Partnership Competitive Program applications were due on November 20, 2024. The Commission received 40 applications, valued at \$16.2 billion, with funding requests totaling \$550.96 million. The funding available for programming is \$195,670,000 for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program applications were due on November 19, 2024. The Commission received 19 applications, valued at \$18.3 billion, with funding requests totaling \$1.2 billion. The funding available for programming is \$480,956,000 for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program applications were due on November 22, 2024. The Commission received 43 applications, valued at \$3.9 billion, with funding requests totaling \$1.35 billion. The funding available for programming is \$749.238 million and will cover fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

In total, 102 applications were received with requests of over \$3.1 billion in Senate Bill (SB) 1 funding. Staff will be evaluating these applications and intends to release the staff recommendations for each program on June 6, 2025.

**Background:**

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or SB 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 of state funds for projects for counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies that have tax measures or fees dedicated solely to transportation improvements. Approximately 40 percent of funding is available for a competitive program and 60 percent for a formulaic program.

The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program provides \$250 million annually of state funds for projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation improvements and community impacts, and that 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 that have a high volume of freight movement as determined by the Commission.