California Transportation Commission
Active Transportation Program Central Workshop
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Discussion Handout

November 21 Workshop Recap

Electronic Applications

Overview:

- Applications must be submitted electronically by June 15, 2022.
- Applicants are not required to submit hard copies at the time of application.
- Successful applicants may be required to submit a hard copy upon request.

Next Steps for Housing Language

Overview:

- Staff presented draft prohousing language at the November 9 and 17 workshops.
- Staff is now working internally and with stakeholders to finalize the proposed language.
- This item will be discussed at the January 11, 2022 workshop.

Finalize Projects in Planning Documents Language

Overview:

- Staff presented draft language at the November 17 workshop and revised this language based on stakeholder feedback.
- This language will apply to large infrastructure/combination infrastructure + non-infrastructure projects only.
- The purpose of including this language includes:
  - o Demonstrating that the project is a priority for the community.
  - o Demonstrating that the project went through a robust planning process.

Draft Language: Section 20D, Scoring Criteria – Public Participation and Planning (new language in **bold underline**)

Identification of the community-based public participation process that culminated in the project proposal, which may include noticed meetings and consultation with local stakeholders. Project applicants must clearly articulate how the local participation process (including the participation of disadvantaged community stakeholders) resulted in the identification and prioritization of the proposed project. If there is significant opposition to the project, applicants should summarize any major points of concern raised by the opposition and provide a response. **Additionally, for large infrastructure and large infrastructure/non-infrastructure combination projects, applicants will be awarded points for the inclusion of the project in an adopted active transportation plan or similar plan. Eligible plans should have been developed through a comprehensive public process.**

Discussion:

- Any final questions or comments.

Proposed Guidelines Changes

Leveraging Funds

Overview:

- Currently, applicants can earn up to 5 points in the medium and large application for non-ATP funds pledged to the project.
- The goal of scoring on leveraging is to encourage agencies to commit local funds to priority projects.
- Funds allocated by the Commission on a project-specific basis are not eligible for leveraging points.
- In-kind and non-infrastructure funds are not eligible for leveraging points.
- Applicants are required to submit documentation to substantiate leveraging.

Discussion:

- Should we continue scoring on leveraging in the medium applications?
- Any other questions or comments.

Non-Infrastructure (NI) projects

Overview:

- The ATP allows applicants to apply for standalone NI projects and combination projects with both infrastructure and NI components.
- Cycle 1 included an NI set-aside for standalone projects. This was removed in Cycle 2.
- Stakeholders have requested that an NI set-aside for standalone projects be added to Cycle 6 to encourage agencies to apply for these projects.

Discussion:

- Should Cycle 6 include a set-aside for standalone NI projects? Why or why not? If so, how much should be set aside for NI?
- Any other questions or comments.

Project Size Thresholds

<u>Overview:</u>

- Thresholds apply to infrastructure and combination infrastructure + non-infrastructure projects.
- Based on total project cost.
- Current thresholds:
  - Small: $2 million or less
  - Medium: Over $2 million up to $7 million
  - Large: Over $7 million

<u>Discussion:</u>

- Should we change these thresholds? Why or why not?
- If we were to change them, what would be reasonable thresholds?
- Any other questions or comments.

Minor Language Changes

Section 20A, Scoring Criteria, Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities

<u>Proposed Language</u> (New language in **bold underline**)

The benefit provided to the disadvantaged community affected by the project. The score will be impacted by the project location in relation to the disadvantaged community, the severity, and the direct benefit the project will provide. Applicants **<u>must</u>** also explain how anti-displacement policies and actions are being implemented to discourage gentrification of the community being impacted by the project. **<u>If displacement is not an issue, applicants must explain why it is not a concern for the community.</u>**

<u>Purpose of change:</u>

- Align guidelines language with scoring rubrics.

<u>Discussion</u>

- Any questions or comments.

Section 20B, Scoring Criteria, Need

<u>Proposed Language</u> (New language in **bold underline**)

Potential for increased walking and bicycling, especially among students, including the identification of walking and bicycling routes to and from schools, transit facilities, community centers, **<u>health care facilities</u>**, employment centers, and other destinations; **<u>potential to promote equity of access to shared public infrastructure for people of</u>**

all ages and varying abilities, including increasing and improving connectivity and mobility of non-motorized users.

Purpose of change:

- Encourage applicants to discuss older adults and people with varying abilities in the context of project need.

Discussion

- Any questions or comments.

Section 20C, Scoring Criteria, Safety

Proposed Language (New language in **bold underline**)

Potential for reducing the number and/or rate or the risk of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries, including the identification of safety hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists, **with consideration of safety concerns for students, older adults, and persons with disabilities.**

Purpose of change:

- Encourage applicants to discuss older adults, persons with disabilities, and students in the context of safety.

Discussion

- Any questions or comments.

Section 20D, Scoring Criteria, Public Planning & Participation

Proposed Language (New language in **bold underline**)

Identification of the community-based public participation process that culminated in the project proposal, which may include noticed meetings and consultation with local stakeholders. Project applicants must clearly articulate how the local participation process (including the participation of disadvantaged community stakeholders and **community-based organizations**) resulted in the identification and prioritization of the proposed project. If there is significant opposition to the project, applicants should summarize any major points of concern raised by the opposition and provide a response. Additionally, for large infrastructure and large infrastructure/non-infrastructure combination projects, applicants will be awarded points for the inclusion of the project in an adopted active transportation plan or similar plan. Eligible plans should have been developed through a comprehensive public process.

Purpose of change:

- Encourage applicants to collaborate with community-based organizations.

Discussion

- Any questions or comments.

Section 20H, Scoring Criteria, Context-Sensitive Bikeways and Innovative Project Elements

Proposed Language (New language in **bold underline**)

The "recognized best" solutions appropriate for the local community context will be considered. **Applicants should discuss how the project advances a lower-stress environment and/or a low-stress network.** Additionally, applicants should provide a description of the innovative features of the project OR explain why the context of the project best lends itself to standard treatments/features.

Purpose of change:

- Align the guidelines with the application, which asks about advancing a lower stress environment.
- Encourage applicants to discuss low-stress networks.

Discussion

- Any questions or comments.

Section 20M, Scoring Criteria, Past Performance

Proposed Language (New language in **bold underline**)

Applicant's performance on past ATP projects. Points will be deducted for non-use of the Corps as committed to in a past ATP award; **adverse audit findings on a past ATP project that are the fault of the applicant**; or failure of any past ATP project.

Purpose of change:

- Clarify instances in which past performance points will be deducted.

Discussion

- Any questions or comments.