

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure A Bike, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to School Program Guidelines

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: 6D

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the process for developing Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Program guidelines for North County and South Coast programs.

SUMMARY:

The north and south subregional components of the Measure A investment plan include funding for Safe Routes to School and Bicycle/Pedestrian projects. Projects funded through these programs are to be selected by SBCAG through a competitive process. Staff is proposing to convene a process to develop guidelines for these programs that will be presented for board approval. The guidelines will be developed separately for the north and south subregions. This staff reports describes the guideline development process.

DISCUSSION:

The Measure A Investment Plan includes funding in both the North County and South Coast program categories for safe routes to school and bicycle and pedestrian programs. The goals of the programs are to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety to, from and near schools and expand and improve the regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities network.

The first five years of revenues projected to be available to the programs are shown below. These revenue estimates assume that funds will be allocated to each of the programs annually consistent with the draft Measure A Strategic Plan.

North County

Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program

FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	Total
\$86,804	\$90,083	\$82,399	\$88,861	\$91,616	\$439,763

South Coast

Safe Routes to School Program

FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	Total
\$376,150	\$390,360	\$357,063	\$385,065	\$397,003	\$1,905,641

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	Total
\$376,150	\$390,360	\$357,063	\$385,065	\$397,003	\$1,905,641

The investment plan requires that projects in these programs be funded through a competitive grant process administered by SBCAG. To initiate the programs, SBCAG staff will convene separate North County and South Coast ad-hoc committees to develop, review and recommend guidelines for SBCAG Board approval. The guidelines for these programs will be developed separately by stakeholders in each subregion. Prior to approval by the SBCAG Board, the guidelines will be approved by the North County and South Coast Subregional Committees. The subregional committees have the role of recommending to the full board the policies and guidelines required to implement the programs in their respective subregions that are not specified in the Measure A ordinance. This includes the North County and South Coast Safe Routes to School and Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs. The subregional committees also have the role of making recommendations to the full board regarding the projects to be funded by the North County and South Coast discretionary programs.

The proposed ad-hoc committees will include a staff representative from each of the local jurisdictions within the respective subregion, Caltrans and the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District on the South Coast. The following stakeholder groups were involved in the development of the Measure A Investment Plan and will also participate on a voluntary basis:

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) 15th District
- SB-CAN
- COAST
- PUEBLO
- Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition

The committees will be tasked with assisting SBCAG staff in developing draft guidelines that will include project eligibility criteria, scoring/project selection criteria and the frequency of the funding cycles for each program. All guidelines will be consistent with the project descriptions included in the Measure A Transportation Investment Plan as included in Attachment A.

Proposed Schedule

Staff has prepared a preliminary schedule for the process to develop program guidelines and to initiate the first Call for Projects. This schedule may vary in each subregion and is subject to change.

Convene guideline committees/ Prepare draft program guidelines	April-June 2010
Present draft guidelines to North/South Subregional Committees, TTAC	July 2010
Present draft guidelines to SBCAG Board	July 2010
Final guidelines to North/South Subregional Committees, TTAC	August 2010
SBCAG board adoption of guidelines	August 2010
First call for projects (FY11/12)	September 2010
Subregional approval of projects	November 2010
Board approval of projects/Projects amended into the Authority POP	November 2010

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program descriptions included in the Measure A Investment Plan

Attachment A

Excerpts from the Measure A Investment Plan, Section IV.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

North County Subregion

Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program **\$3,000,000**

Fund projects through a competitive grant process that increase pedestrian and bicycle safety to, from and near schools in North County and expand and improve the North County's regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities network. Cities and the County would be eligible to compete for funding. Projects proposed by cities and the County may include projects to be coordinated in partnership with school districts, universities, colleges, transit agencies and Caltrans. Funds would be used for planning, project development, and construction of capital projects, education programs and maintenance. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, wider shoulders and sidewalks near schools, crosswalk signals and school zone signage, traffic calming near schools, pedestrian and bicycle safety education for students, new bike routes and pedestrian paths to eliminate missing links in the regional network, path lighting, route plans and maps.

South County Subregion

Safe Routes to School Program **\$13,000,000**

Fund projects through a competitive grant process that increase pedestrian and bicycle safety to, from and near schools on the South Coast. Cities and the County would be eligible to compete for funding. School districts, universities, colleges, transit agencies, and Caltrans would be eligible to compete for funding with a city or county co-sponsor. Funds would be used for capital projects, maintenance and education programs. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, traffic calming near schools, wider shoulders and sidewalks near schools, crosswalk signals and school zone signage, pedestrian and bicycle safety education for students.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program **\$13,000,000**

Fund projects through a competitive grant process that would expand and improve the South Coast's regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities network. Cities and the County would be eligible to compete for funding. School districts, universities, colleges, transit agencies, and Caltrans would be eligible to compete for funding with a city or county co-sponsor. Funds would be used for planning, project development, and construction of capital projects, education programs, and maintenance. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, new bike routes and pedestrian paths to eliminate missing links in the regional network, path lighting, route plans and maps.