



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

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2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) DEVELOPMENT – CALL FOR PROJECTS

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ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2023, for the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the RTIP is to identify programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2024 STIP will cover the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024 (FYs 24/25-28/29). The STIP is adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program.

STIP Components:

- 1) **75% - Regional Improvement Program (RIP).** Projects nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP Document)
- 2) **25% - Interregional Improvement Program (IIP).** Projects nominated by Caltrans as part of their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

RTIP/STIP Schedule:

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| June 28, 2023 | CTC Approves Fund Estimate for the 2024 RTIP/STIP |
| July 10, 2023 | BCAG TAC Informed of Call-for-Projects |
| July 20, 2023 | Public Outreach Event |
| July 27, 2023 | BCAG Board of Directors Meeting |
| August 3, 2023 | BCAG TAC Meeting |
| September 1, 2023 | Project Nominations Due to BCAG for RTIP Consideration |
| September 7, 2023 | BCAG TAC Meeting - Review of projects |
| September 28, 2023 | Projects Presented to BCAG Board |
| October 5, 2023 | October TAC Project Review & Draft Project Recommendations |
| October 26, 2023 | Draft RTIP with Project Recommendations to BCAG Board |
| December 7, 2023 | BCAG Adopts the 2024 RTIP (Amendment to the 2020 RTP/SCS may be necessary) |
| March 21-22, 2024 | CTC Adopts the 2024 STIP |

Funding

Every two years, Caltrans prepares a “Fund Estimate” (FE) identifying the amount of funding available to regions for new projects. The STIP Regional Improvement Program for the region include:

- **STIP/RTIP** **\$9,356,000**

Requirements for ALL Projects

BCAG has identified 4 requirements for new project programming consideration. These requirements are defined in the STIP guidelines.

- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy** – All projects are required to be included in the current [Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy \(RTP/SCS\)](#).
- **Project Study Reports** – A complete project study report (PSR) or, for a project that is not on a State highway, a PSR equivalent.
- **Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness** – Depending on the project, an appropriate level of performance metric demonstration is required. The criterion in the guidelines aims to capture: VMT reductions, air quality benefits, mode shift, distance to transit service and safety benefits as relevant to the project.
- **ePPR** – An Electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) form is required. This electronic form identifies the basic scope, benefits, funding, and schedule for the proposed project. The ePPR can be generated thru CalSMART at: <https://calsmart.dot.ca.gov/> .

BCAG Project Criteria Evaluation

Evaluation criteria will be based on the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) built from the Governor’s Executive Orders (EO) EO N-19-19 and N-79-20. These Executive Orders and the CAPTI are the basis for which ALL transportation funding is programmed thru BCAG. Additionally, BCAG is required to report progress on the Federal Performance Measures to FHWA and to California Air Resources Board (CARB) under SB 375 for achieved GHG reductions.

In an effort to meet the various existing state and federal goals including reporting requirements, RTIP project evaluation criteria are expected to focus on:

- Green House Gas (GHG) reduction
- Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) reduction
- Development and integration of public transit with multimodal rail, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure (Mode Shift)
- Significant expansion of equitable transportation opportunities to underserved communities
- Safety

RESOURCES & REFERENCES

Electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) Application

- [ePPR Log in Screen \(Application\)](#)
- [ePPR User's Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [ePPR Frequently Asked Questions \(PDF\)](#)
- [ePPR Demo Webinar Recording \(3/16/20\)](#)
- [How to Create ePPRs for the 2022 STIP \(PDF\)](#)

A RTIP development workshop will be scheduled next week. A formal announcement will be sent to the TAC.

REQUESTED ACTION: This item will be presented at the next BCAG Board of Directors and Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Project applicants are strongly encouraged to review project concepts prior to submitting a nomination.

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