Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Fact Sheet

ATP Program Goals:
The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and by Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to fund projects that increase and promote bicycle and pedestrian trips.

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking,
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health,
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Eligible Applicants:
- Local, Regional or State Agencies
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Transit Agencies
- Public Schools and School Districts
- Public land and Natural Resource Agencies including Park Districts
- Tribal governments
- Non-profits eligible for Recreational Trail Program funds for projects that benefit the general public

Eligible Projects:
- Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure projects
- Non-infrastructure projects - including education, encouragement, enforcement, and Safe Route to Schools Programs.
- Active Transportation Plans

Cycle 5 Funding Estimate:
The budget for Cycle 5 is anticipated to be approximately $440M and will cover fiscal years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/2025.

Funding Breakdown:
According to the ATP Guidelines, funding is segregated into three components and is distributed as follows:
- 50% to the state for the statewide competitive program
- 10% to small urban and rural regions with populations under 200,000
- 40% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) with populations over 200,000.
  - SCAG is the MPO for Ventura County

- o SCAG estimates indicate approximately $93.4 million will be available for the SCAG region
- o Ventura County's population-based target is roughly $3.9 million

Schedule:
- March 26, 2020 -- Call-for-Projects Issued
- July 15, 2020 -- Quick Build Applications Due
- September 15, 2020 – All other Project Applications Due
- March 2021-- California Transportation Commission (CTC) Adopts the Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Portions of the program
- March 2021 -- Projects not Programmed by the CTC are distributed to the large MPOs for Consideration under the MPO Portion of the Program
- April 2021 -- MPO's Submit Draft Project Recommendations to the CTC
- June 2021 – CTC Adopts the MPO Selected Projects

Summary of how projects are selected for funding:

Applications are due to Caltrans /CTC on September 15, 2020. Caltrans/CTC reviews all ATP project applications and scores are assigned to each project application based on the Caltrans/CTC Scoring Rubric. Applications can receive a maximum of 100 points.

Statewide Competitive Program (50% of funding): Once the applications are scored by Caltrans/CTC, the projects are ranked. Those projects with the highest ranking that can be funded with the approximately $220 million available will receive funding through the statewide competitive program.

Regional Program: Those projects that don't make the cut-off for the statewide competitive program are forwarded to the MPO's for consideration under the Regional Program.

ATP Cycle 5 Guidelines and Scoring Rubrics: The adopted ATP Cycle 5 Guidelines and Scoring Rubrics for each application are posted on the CTC website at: https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program

ATP Cycle 5 Applications and Supporting Documents can be found on the Caltrans Website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle5

Application Training Opportunities:
The Caltrans Active Transportation Resource Center (ARTC) has helpful resources for preparing applications:
• 	The ARTC website has a Link to ATP Street Story – a community engagement tool http://caatpresources.org/1494
• 	ARTC has Flash Trainings (short recorded training modules) available on their website to help ATP applicants navigate the application and program requirements