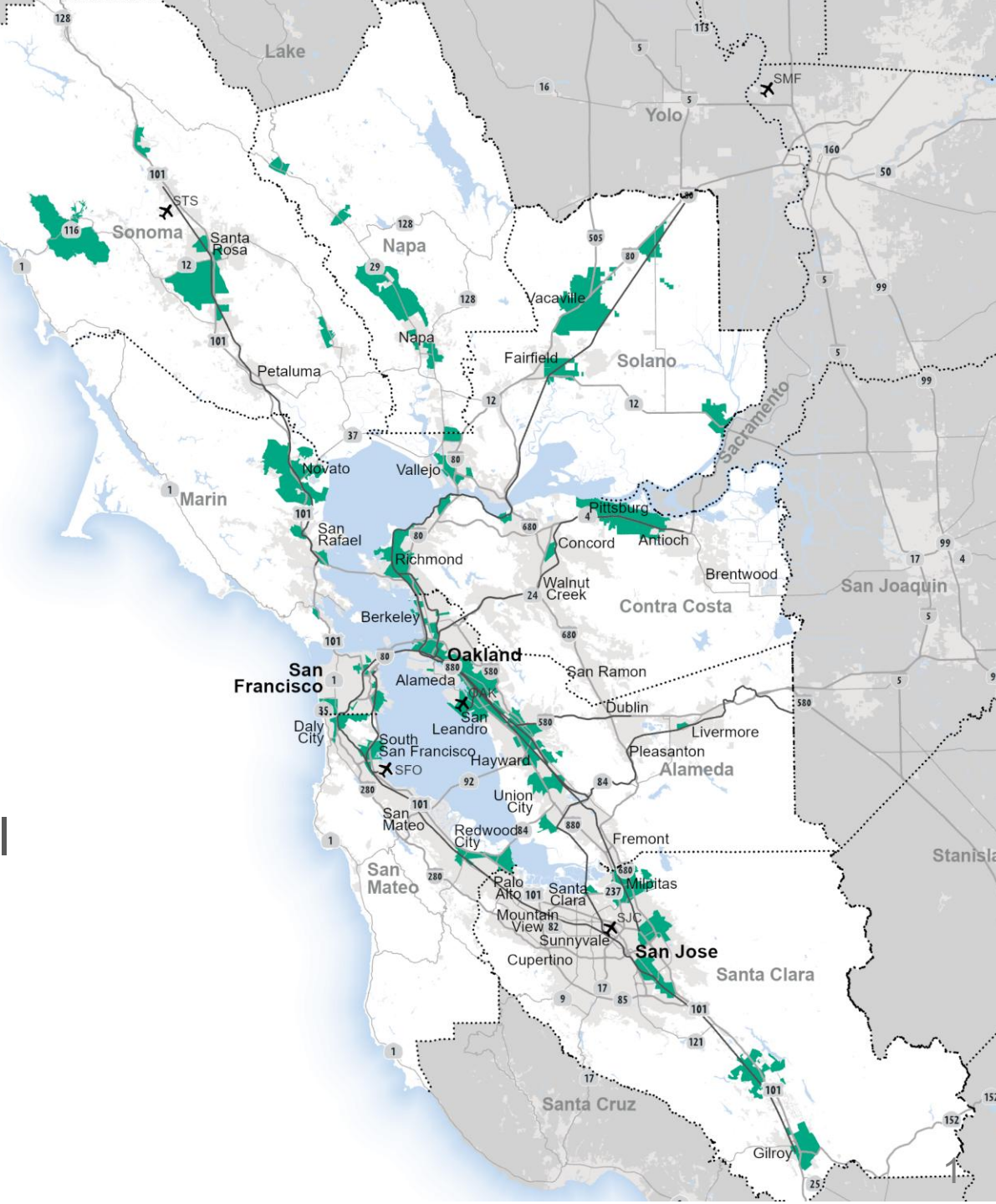


Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) Program Overview and Evaluation

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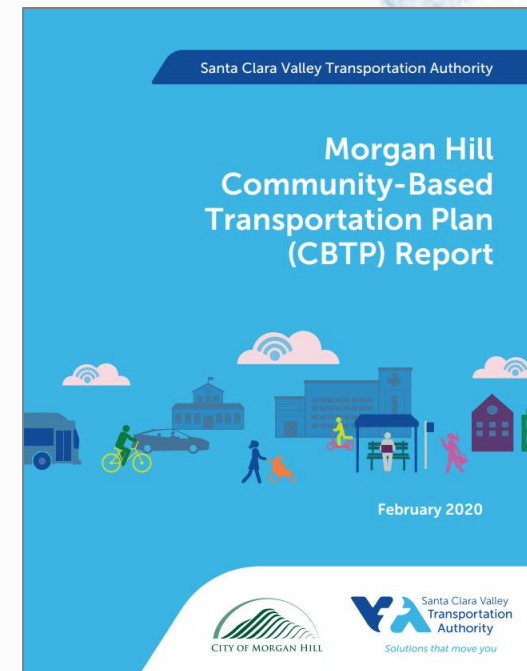
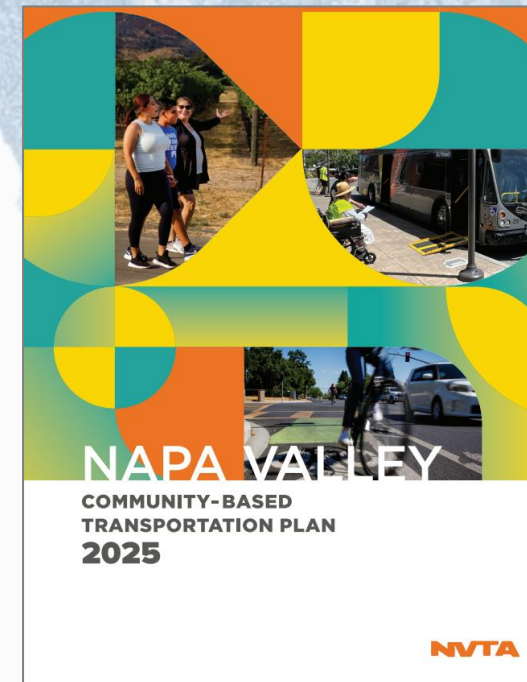
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Program Introduction

Launched in 2002, the program:

- Develops community-led transportation plans focused in Equity Priority Communities (EPCs)
- Identifies transportation challenges and solutions to enhance mobility options
- Creates planning documents that rely on multiple funding sources for implementation
- Advances Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation of local projects and initiatives



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Roles and Responsibilities

MTC

- Provides planning funds to counties
- Establishes program guidelines
- Serves on advisory committees
- Fund recommended solutions

County Transportation Agencies

- Initiate, lead and oversee CBTP process
- Involve cities, transit agencies, and community-based organizations
- Fund recommended solutions

Cities and Transit Operators

- Some cities lead and oversee CBTP process (with CTA agreement)
- Serve on advisory committees
- Fund recommended solutions

Community-Based Organizations

- Convene community members for engagement sessions
- Assist with data collection and facilitation
- Serve on advisory committees



Current Status of CBTP Plans

- **42 communities** have completed CBTPs
- **8 communities** have updated their CBTPs within the last five years
- **7 CBTPs** were completed over 2024-2025:
 - Countywide CBTPs in Napa and Marin
 - South Santa Rosa, Central Rohnert Park, San Jose Monterey Corridor, Rio Vista
 - Vallejo addendum with a focus on youth participation
- **5 additional CBTPs** are underway or set to begin work in the coming year



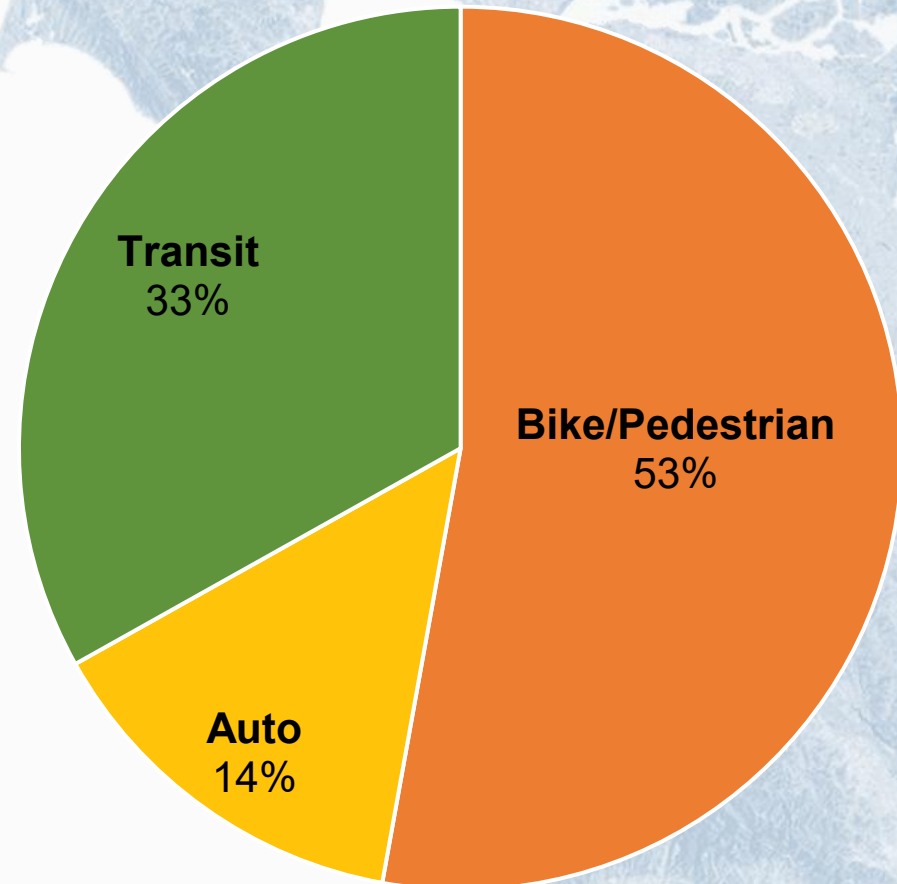
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Common CBTP Recommended Solutions

- **Over 1,000 project recommendations** have been identified in completed CBTPs
- **Bike/pedestrian projects** account for more than half of all recommendations, consisting primarily of capital improvements
- **Transit projects** represent roughly one-third of recommendations and include a mix of capital, programmatic, and operational improvements

Share of CBTP Recommendations by Mode



CARE: Advancing CBTPs Toward Implementation

CARE is a funding and implementation program that centers community voices, strengthens community and multi-sector partnerships, and supports community-led solutions that improve livability for all people in the Bay Area, comprised of three key components:

Community Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E)

- **Total Funding:** \$5 million
- **Objective:** Provide technical assistance and capacity building for/from/with community-based organizations and local government.
- **Timeline:** Fall 2025 – Winter 2026



Project Development Technical Assistance for CBTP Projects (CBTP TA)

- **Total Funding:** \$12 million
- **Objective:** Advance CBTP concepts to construction-ready projects.
- **Timeline:** Early 2026 – Winter 2026



Participatory Budgeting and Implementation (PBI)

- **Total Funding:** \$12.4M
- **Objective:** Implement high-priority neighborhood projects from Participatory Budgeting processes, CBTPs or similar community processes.
- **Timeline:** Spring 2026 – Summer 2027

Guidelines Overview

- **Program guidelines recently updated in April 2022** (MTC Resolution No. 4514) with key changes:
 - Allocation of \$3M in OBAG 3 funding across 9 counties, based on low-income population – *increase funding per CBTP compared to prior guidelines*
 - New component to inventory completed plans – *improve CBTP project tracking*
 - Requirement to inform cities of CBTP work and outcomes – *facilitate project implementation*
 - Consultation with MTC in project scoping – *enhance alignment with program guidelines*
- **Guidelines also established the requirement** for MTC to conduct a program evaluation in 2026



Program Evaluation Objectives

- How have the updated guidelines impacted the **CBTP planning process**?
 - Where would more support or flexibility from MTC help?
 - How has community engagement evolved under the new guidelines?
 - How effective has the plan inventory requirement been for tracking and implementation?
- What is the **experience of CBOs** in the CBTP process?
 - How are CBOs engaged throughout the planning process?
 - Where do CBOs need more support, resources or clarity?
 - What has worked well in partnerships between CTAs and CBOs?



What We Heard

County Transportation Agencies (CTAs)

- New **2022 guidelines requirements strengthened CBTP outcomes.**
- Maintaining **CBTP funding level** is essential for robust community outreach.
- **Technical assistance** (project scoping and tracking templates) is needed.
- **Limited local jurisdiction capacity constrains** city engagement and participation.

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

- CBOs engage in CBTP efforts through **a range of roles and activities.**
- **Reduced federal/state funding and organization bandwidth constrain** CBO participation.
- Additional **guidance or onboarding support is needed** to enable meaningful participation in steering committees.



Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines

Theme	2022 Guidelines	Proposed Revisions
Program Goals	Focus on historically underserved communities.	Expand focus to include people with disabilities and older adults.
Eligible Expenses	Recommends compensation of CBOs and/or residents.	Clarify that local contribution funds may support resident compensation.
CBO Engagement	Steering committee must include CBOs and/or non-profits serving the EPC.	Broaden to encourage CTAs to provide capacity-building and technical assistance support for CBO and/or non-profits participating in steering committees, particularly those new to transportation.
Post-Adoption Coordination	No existing language.	Require a project close-out meeting and submittal of final materials to MTC.



Next Steps: Program Support and Funding

Program Support

- Staff to provide project scoping and tracking templates.
- Staff to explore CBO capacity building and technical assistance resources.

Funding

- Funding coordinated through CARE's Participatory Budgeting and Implementation (PBI) Program.
- Optional CTA participation, with funding levels determined by each CTA.¹
- CTA funding commitments to be submitted by Oct 2026 or June 2027.

County	CBTP Planning Maximum ²
Alameda	\$396,000
Contra Costa	\$282,000
Marin ³	\$111,000
Napa ³	\$94,000
San Francisco	\$243,000
San Mateo ³	\$182,000
Santa Clara	\$352,000
Solano ³	\$174,000
Sonoma ³	\$166,000
Total	\$2,000,000

¹ CTA staff are encouraged to opt-in to funds that would allow development of at least one CBTP.

² Based on each county's share of the region's low-income population (individuals earning <200% FPL in 2024).

³ Counties below \$200,000 can opt to increase funds to \$200,000 using CARE flexible funding.

Next Steps: Guidelines Update

Next Steps

- Final guidelines will be presented for adoption in Fall 2026.
- Updated guidelines anticipated to support the 2027 – 2031 CBTP funding cycle.

Questions for the Council

- What elements should the CBTP guidelines emphasize to ensure local plans are community-centered and actionable?
- What types of capacity-building or technical assistance have you seen be most effective in facilitating engagement and partnerships with CBOs that have not traditionally been involved in transportation planning?

