

San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Board of Directors

April 26, 2024

Agenda Item 7.a.

Active Transportation Plan Implementation: Active Transportation Technical Assistance

Subject:

Overview of the Active Transportation Technical Assistance grants to support local implementation of Complete Streets Policy and the Active Transportation Network.

Background:

MTC completed its first [Active Transportation Plan](#), which updated MTC's Complete Streets (CS) Policy (MTC Resolution No. 4493), identified an Active Transportation (AT) Network, and prioritized a 5-Year Implementation Plan (IP). [The AT Network](#), is a 3,244-mile network created using regionally significant segments of locally adopted plans/networks with equity, mode shift, and safety as the core elements. The AT Network includes all of the Bay Trail. The CS Policy and AT Network will help the Bay Area reach mode shift, equity, and safety goals.

During the AT Plan process, MTC heard the need for various forms of AT Technical Assistance (TA), including project design assistance, help completing state Active Transportation Program (ATP) and other AT grant applications, as well as educational capacity-building assistance (e.g., working together with emergency response staff to deliver Complete Streets projects).

As part of the 5-Year IP, staff launched an AT TA Program to spur the implementation of MTC's CS Policy and AT Network while securing additional statewide ATP and other AT funding for the region. \$5 million is available for ATP Implementation through the One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG 3) framework.

Active Transportation TA Program

To capture potential synergies and to make it easier for local jurisdictions to apply to funding opportunities, MTC staff developed an integrated Active Transportation Technical Assistance Program offering design assistance, grant writing/grant application support, project evaluation, documentation/ communication, and procurement of quick build materials. After releasing a call for interest in August 2023, staff conducted extensive outreach to local jurisdictions, County Transportation Agencies (CTAs), and transit agency staff, hosted an informational webinar and convened one-on-one discussions with prospective applicants. Eligible applicants included public agencies responsible for delivering active transportation projects and eligible applicants for the state ATP. Projects were eligible to receive up to \$200,000 depending on the type of project and TA requested. The call for interest closed on September 29, 2023.

MTC received 61 applications from 32 jurisdictions across all nine counties. Following MTC/ABAG staff evaluation, staff recommended TA for 34 projects, totaling \$1,110,000, summarized below and in Attachment A. Staff contacted project sponsors that were not recommended for TA to discuss application feedback as well as opportunities to submit in a second round of active transportation TA anticipated to be released in the first half of 2024.

Active Transportation Technical Assistance (TA) Funding Summary

TA Category	Amount
Active Transportation Program (ATP) application assistance* (approved)	\$150,000
<i>Bay Trail</i>	<i>\$280,000</i>
<i>Active Transportation (AT) Network</i>	<i>\$680,000</i>
<i>Bay Trail & AT Network Subtotal Total</i>	<i>\$960,000**</i>
TOTAL (all TA categories)	\$1,110,000

*ATP application technical assistance and consultant contract approved via delegated executive director authority consistent with January 2023 commission action (Resolution 4505).

** Individual project amounts may change subject to final work scope development.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Submittals

MTC created an ATP application technical assistance program in 2020 to improve the quality and overall competitiveness of applications from the region in the statewide ATP. Staff provided TA for ATP Cycles 5 and 6, and in January 2023, the commission approved up to \$300,000 of the \$5 million OBAG 3 Active Transportation Plan Implementation funding for Cycles 7 and 8.

Prior to the call for interest issued in August, staff generated interest in ATP application assistance through email blasts, direct coordination with CTAs, and by leading working groups throughout the summer and fall of 2023. Throughout this engagement, staff noted that ATP technical assistance would be prioritized for projects with the best prospects for scoring well in the state ATP evaluation, strong connections to regional priorities, significant benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs), and submitted from agencies that have been unsuccessful in previous ATP cycles.

Eighteen projects were selected based on these criteria and overall ATP project competitiveness. Based on the prior Commission approval in January 2023, staff moved forward with the list of selected ATP projects included in Attachment A.

Active Transportation Network/Bay Trail Submittals and Awardees

In December 2024, the Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administration Committee approved the list of recommended Active Transportation Network and Bay Trail TA projects shown in Attachment A. These projects advance regional active transportation priorities, including location on the Active Transportation Network, the Bay Trail or Bay Trail connectors; All Ages and Abilities (AAA) design, protected intersections, innovative elements such as ecological/resilient design strategies, or quick build treatments.

TA for the projects focuses on design assistance, including concept development and third-party design review, procurement of quick build materials, such as flex posts to upgrade Class II to

Class IV facilities, and assistance with developing and documenting outreach materials related to engagement with surrounding communities.

Remaining Funding

As noted above, staff anticipates issuing a second call for AT TA in the first half of 2024 for the balance of funding. Staff has also reserved up to \$1 million to develop and conduct workshops for local jurisdictions, another form of TA identified during the development of the Regional Active Transportation Plan and identified in the Plan's five-year implementation plan. Topics under consideration for workshops include designing Complete Streets to accommodate emergency vehicles, incorporating green infrastructure into Complete Streets projects, incorporating the AT Network into local paving plans through StreetSaver, and direction on advancing AAA design principles.

Attachments:

- A. Active Transportation Technical Assistance Approved Projects

Reviewed:



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Active Transportation Technical Assistance Approved Projects (December 2023)

ATP Application Technical Assistance (TA) (Approved)			
Lead Jurisdiction	County	ATP Cycle	Project Title
Alameda	Alameda	Cycle 7	Stargell Ave Safety Improvements
Colma	San Mateo	Cycle 7	El Camino Real Complete Street Project, Albert M Teglia to Mission Road (Segment A)
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	Cycle 7	Bay Point Enhanced Bike and Pedestrian Improvements
Mill Valley	Marin	Cycle 7	Safe Routes to Schools Pedestrian Gap Closure
Napa	Napa	Cycle 7	Imola Avenue Corridor Complete Streets Improvement Project
Napa County	Napa	Cycle 7*	Napa Valley Vine Trail Gap Closure North to South Napa County
Oakland	Alameda	Cycle 7	Chinatown Complete Streets Plan Project - TBD
Richmond	Contra Costa	Cycle 7	Rich City Wellness Hub at Unity Park
San Jose	Santa Clara	Cycle 7	Oakland Road Bikeway Conceptual Plan
SFMTA	San Francisco	Cycle 7	Transforming Howard Street for Safe & Equitable Mobility
SFMTA	San Francisco	Cycle 7	Mansell Street Complete Street, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Safety Improvement
Suisun City	Solano	Cycle 7	McCoy Creek Trail Gap Closure Project
VTA	Santa Clara	Cycle 7	Central Bikeway
El Cerrito	Contra Costa	Cycle 8*	BART to Bay Trail Connector
Petaluma	Sonoma	Cycle 8	Active Transportation Primary Network Buildout
San Bruno	San Mateo	Cycle 8*	San Bruno Avenue Complete Streets Project

ATP Application Technical Assistance (TA) (Approved)			
Lead Jurisdiction	County	ATP Cycle	Project Title
San Jose	Santa Clara	Cycle 8	Bike Boulevard Design & Community Engagement
Vallejo	Solano	Cycle 8*	Mare Island Causeway Complete Street
			Total** (Overall) \$150,000

*Indicates this is also recommended to receive Bay Trail TA ** Individual TA amounts vary based on project needs and will be based on final work scopes

Active Transportation Network & Bay Trail Technical Assistance Approved					
Lead Jurisdiction	County	AT Network/ Bay Trail	TA Type	Project Title	Amount
El Cerrito	Contra Costa	Bay Trail Design	Design	BART to Bay Trail Connector*	\$40,000
Napa Vine Trail	Napa	Bay Trail Design	Design	Napa Valley Vine Trail Gap Closure North to South*	\$40,000
Oakland	Alameda	Bay Trail Design	Design	Doolittle Drive Bay Trail Gap Closure	\$40,000
Petaluma	Sonoma	Bay Trail Design	Design	Lakeville Corridor Multi-Modal Improvements Study	\$40,000
San Bruno	San Mateo	Bay Trail Design	Design	San Bruno Avenue Complete Streets Project*	\$40,000
Union City	Alameda	Bay Trail Design	Design	Union City Blvd. Bay Trail connection (Horner St.) / Alameda Creek Trail to Dry Creek Regional Park	\$40,000
Vallejo	Solano	Bay Trail Design	Design	Mare Island Causeway Complete Street*	\$40,000
El Cerrito	Contra Costa	AT Network TA	Design	South El Cerrito Safe Routes to School	\$40,000
Mountain View	Santa Clara	AT Network TA	Design	Evelyn Avenue Bikeway, Franklin to Bernardo	\$40,000

Active Transportation Network & Bay Trail Technical Assistance Approved					
Lead Jurisdiction	County	AT Network/ Bay Trail	TA Type	Project Title	Amount
Orinda	Contra Costa	AT Network TA	Design	Wilder/Downtown Class 1 Multi-use	\$40,000
Pleasant Hill	Contra Costa	AT Network TA	Design	Monument Boulevard Active Transportation Corridor	\$40,000
Santa Clara	Santa Clara	AT Network TA	Design	De La Cruz, Lick Mill, & Scott Blvd Bicycle Projects	\$40,000
Rohnert Park	Sonoma	AT Network TA	Documentation for community engagement	Hwy 101 Bike/Ped Overcrossing at Copeland Creek	\$40,000
San Mateo County	San Mateo	AT Network TA	Documentation for community engagement	Midcoast Multimodal Parallel Trail Gap Closure	\$40,000
San Jose	Santa Clara	AT Network TA	Procurement Quick Builds	Quick Build Delineators to Complete 11 Class IV Bikeways	\$200,000
Santa Rosa	Sonoma	AT Network TA	Procurement Quick Builds	Deployment of Quick Build Low-Stress Bicycle Facilities	\$200,000
TOTAL**					\$960,000

*Indicates that this project is also recommended for ATP TA. ** Individual project amounts may change subject to final work scope development.