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Technical Assistance for State ATP Cycle 3

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a funding program that combines federal and state funding sources into one program to implement bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs throughout the state. Fifty percent of ATP funds are distributed competitively at the state level. The State ATP is heavily over-subscribed; the program received 617 applications in Cycle 2 and only funded 87 projects, with just three from the SACOG region. SACOG staff have therefore been actively looking for ways to increase our region's performance in this highly competitive program.

The State ATP is now in its third cycle with approximately \$123 million to award for 2020 and 2021. State ATP applications are due to Caltrans on June 15, and funding recommendations will be announced at the end of October. Technical assistance is being provided to help project sponsors select their most competitive projects, and access information to best support their project applications. Staff have developed an interactive mapping site for project sponsors to be able to analyze their potential projects using multiple data layers that relate to 70 of the State ATP's 100-point scoring criteria: increasing biking and walking (35 points), identifying disadvantaged communities (10 points), and decreasing collisions or fatalities for people walking or riding bikes (25 points). Staff also developed an accessibility measure specific to increasing biking and walking as a new piece of information for sponsors to consider when selecting projects for State ATP applications.

To support application development for the projects ultimately selected by sponsors, staff has compiled census data and regional travel model projections to illustrate the increase in biking and walking and need for the project. Staff coordinated with WALKSacramento to provide technical assistance that can inform responses to the public health question (10 points), which was utilized by seven project sponsors on 18 projects. Ten project sponsors took advantage of staff's offer to review draft applications (22 total) to provide guidance for capturing more points under each scoring criteria. Finally, staff coordinated with Caltrans to provide a project delivery-focused review on 22 proposed projects to identify any obstacles to a project being built on time if it is successful in competing for funds.

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