SB 1 FUNDING: COMMUNITY BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Climate Action Team-Public Health Working Group

July 18, 2017
Overview of Senate Bill 1
SB 1: Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017

April 28
Signed into law

November 1
Gas tax increase goes into effect
SB 1: Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017

- Vast majority of funds for roads
- Highway expansion still eligible through several programs
- Only Active Transportation and Rail Programs have an equity priority
- Controversial gas tax increase comes with urgency to show results quickly (repeal measure released July 10)
- Critical to serve transportation needs across the state effectively
SB 1 Funding by Program

- Workforce
- Local Planning
- Local Partnership
- Congested Corridors
- Trade Corridors
- Active Transportation
- Transit & Rail Capital
- Local/Interregional Capital (STIP)
- Local Street Repair
- State Highway Repair
- Others
- Transit Operations

$5.4B total, annual
SB 1 Funding by Program

- Local Partnership
- Local Planning
- Workforce
- Others
- State Highway Repair
- Repair & Maintenance Programs
- Local Street Repair
- Capital & Support Programs
- Local/Interregional Capital (STIP)
- Transit & Rail Capital
- Transit & Rail Operations
- Trade Corridors
- Active Transportation
- Congested Corridors
Investment Principles
Statewide Survey Stats

Strong support for Complete Streets
8 in 10 Californians think that transportation departments should change the way they build streets and roads to make them safe for all users.

Support for Alternatives to Driving
Nearly half of voters support investment in alternatives to driving—public transportation, walking, and bicycling—as an equal or higher priority to improving freeways and roads.
10 Principles for Investment

1. Fund the ‘highest transportation needs’ based on social equity
2. Undertake inclusive outreach and engagement
3. Reduce air pollution & climate change impacts, especially for most vulnerable
4. Promote healthy communities and health outcomes
5. Expand access to workforce training and jobs
10 Principles for Investment

6. Tie strong performance measures to state goals
7. Support mode shift to cleaner transportation options
8. Require complete streets for all road projects
9. Avoid impacts to natural lands and enhance regional sustainability
10. Advance housing affordability and mitigate displacement
Equity & Community Engagement

Create a priority across all programs for disadvantaged residents and communities. Public participation is critical within program guidelines and project development levels. CTC workshops for guidelines development are fast-moving; it is important to have meaningful participation from community stakeholders.

Leverage funds to transform communities beyond transportation—i.e., housing, land use, clean drinking water investments.

Source: East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Source: Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Program by Program
State Highway Operation & Protection Program
$1.9B per year to Caltrans

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Repair pavement, bridges, drainage on state highways* to good conditions

Performance targets established in SB 1

Where feasible include:
Complete streets elements
Advanced materials
Systems for electric & autonomous vehicles
Climate adaptation

*State highways are freeways, rural roads, as well as main streets and arterials in urban, suburban, rural communities
Local Streets & Roads Maintenance

$1.5B per year to Cities and Counties by formula

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Repair pavement, bridges, drainage on local streets to good conditions

Performance targets established in SB 1

Once pavement condition target reached, funds can be used for transportation capital projects

Where feasible include:

Complete streets elements

Advanced materials

Systems for electric & autonomous vehicles

Climate adaptation
State Highway Operation & Protection Program
Local Streets & Roads Maintenance

RECOMMENDATIONS

Caltrans & local agencies should consult with local residents and stakeholders on project development to meet local needs.

Urge cities and counties to prioritize low-income and underserved neighborhoods.

Improve walk, bike, and bus facilities during road repair to build safe, complete streets.

Prioritize safety of vulnerable users by reducing speeds and calming traffic in neighborhoods and developed areas.

Include green infrastructure to mitigate climate and environmental impacts and improve streetscape.
The Role of Transportation in Promoting Physical Activity

People who live in neighborhoods with sidewalks on most streets are 47% more likely to be active at least 30 minutes a day.

Active Transportation Program
$100M more per year to CA Transportation Commission for competitive grants

Program Objectives
Increasing walking and biking, improving safety and public health, reduce greenhouse gases
Benefit disadvantaged communities (25% minimum)
Award new funds now to more Cycle 3 projects
Make more transformational investments in Cycle 4
Active Transportation Program

**ATP Augmentation - $200M**

Opportunity for Cycle 3 applicants to get an award and expedite project schedule

Call for Projects June 30

Re-application deadline Aug 1

**ATP Cycle 4 - $440M**

Next full grant cycle for four years of funding starting 2019

Changes to simplify application for different project types

Workshops Fall 2017

Call for Projects Spring 2018
Local Planning Grant Program
$25M per year to Caltrans for competitive grants

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Expand Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

Assist regional agencies in updating their sustainable communities strategies
Local Planning Grant Program

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 50% set aside for disadvantaged communities
- Transparent scoring aligned to climate, health, equity, environment goals
- Competitive selection process
- Strong eligibility thresholds
Local Partnership Program
$200 million per year

50% to CTC for competitive grants

Program Objectives:

- Road maintenance, rehabilitation, and other transportation improvement projects through state and local partnership
- Leverage local measure funds
- Incentivize adoption of local sales tax measures for transportation
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
$250 million per year to CA Transportation Commission for competitive grants

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Support more transportation choices in highly-traveled corridors

Projects must be in a comprehensive corridor plan and a RTP-SCS

Scoring criteria include: safety, congestion, accessibility, economic development & job creation, air quality and GHGs, efficient land use, deliverability, matching funds
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
Local Partnership Program

RECOMMENDATIONS

Align performance criteria with equity, health, climate goals

Improving congestion by person-throughput not vehicles

Limit highway expansion and invest in parallel transit, bike, walk improvements, use road rehab for complete streets

Provide direct benefits & access to opportunity to vulnerable residents

Avoid displacement & foster stronger planning for affordable housing

Require robust public engagement in planning and development of projects
Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program

$245M per year to State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for competitive grants

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Expand transit and rail service through capital projects
Reduce greenhouse gases
Improve interconnection to high-speed rail
Invest 25% to benefit disadvantaged communities
State Transit Assistance
$390 million per year to local and regional transportation agencies by formula

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE
Improve and preserve existing transit service
Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program
State Transit Assistance

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transit agencies should apply for capital projects that benefit communities and reduce VMT.

Examples: Zero-emission buses, accessible rail cars, station area improvements for bike/walk, integrated ticketing to improve transfers.

Transit agencies should focus operations funding on improving service & reducing fares.

Restore service cuts that happened during the Recession, especially for low-income neighborhoods.
Trade Corridors Enhancement Program

$300M per year to CA Transportation Commission for competitive grants

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Move more goods more quickly

Relieve bottlenecks and congestion along high-volume trade corridors

Reduce environmental, air quality, and community impacts
California has invested in “trade corridors” since Prop 1B in 2006, which has funded highway expansion but also clean truck and technology incentives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Meaningfully reduce air pollution and other negative impacts from freight
- Limit highway capacity-increasing projects
- Establish transparent scoring system for project review
- Invest in zero-emission technologies and practices
- Ensure impacted residents have input on project development
How to Get Involved
## CTC and Caltrans Guidelines Schedule

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Full schedule of CTC workshops and email lists: [http://catc.ca.gov/programs/SB1.html](http://catc.ca.gov/programs/SB1.html)

Caltrans Planning Grant website: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html)
Get Involved

Share recommendations & discuss local needs at local meetings around the state. Contact christopher@climateplanca.org to help coordinate a local meeting in your community. Let us know if you want to be involved in the state guidelines process. Email me - jeanie@calbike.org. Reach out to your local city/county/regional agencies to inquire and influence how funds will be spent locally & what projects to submit for competitive grants.