

2017 Fresno COG Active Transportation Program Augmentation – Metropolitan Planning Organization Component Funding Recommendations

Background: Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) consolidated multiple state and federal funding streams to create The Active Transportation Program (ATP), which encourages active modes, such as biking and walking.

Discussion: ATP funds are separated into three main components: the statewide competitive program (managed by the state), the small urban and rural area competitive program (also managed by the state) and the large urbanized area competitive program (managed by metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) - also known as the Regional Competitive ATP). Eligible entities, such as Fresno COG's member agencies, can apply for projects through both the statewide and regional competitive solicitations. Under the 2017 ATP program (cycle 3), funding was available for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Two projects from the Fresno County region were selected for funding under the Statewide Component and six projects under the MPO component (see table 1 below):

Table 1: 2017 ATP MPO-Approved Projects		
Agency	Project Title	ATP Funds Requested
Coalinga	Coalinga Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Sidewalk Gap Closure & Pedestrian Improvements	\$340,000
Parlier	Parlier SRTS	\$182,000
Fresno	Midtown Fresno Trail: Shields Avenue "Last-Mile" Gap Closure	\$611,000
Sanger	Sanger Active Transportation Access	\$337,000
Fresno	Intersection Improvements to Increase Active Transportation along Bus Rapid Transit	\$1,152,000
Fresno PARCS	Fresno Pedestrian and Bike Safety Education Program	\$250,000
	Total ATP MPO Funding	\$2,872,000
2017 ATP Statewide-Approved Projects		
Agency	Project Title	ATP Funds Requested
Fresno-1	Midtown Fresno Multimodal Interconnectivity Project	\$1,241,000
Fresno-2	Midtown Fresno Trail: McKinley Avenue Gap Closure	\$1,556,000
	Total ATP Statewide Funding	\$2,797,000

Active Transportation Program SB 1 Augmentation

Senate Bill (SB) 1 provides an additional \$2,094,000, to the MPO Component for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. Funding from the 2017 ATP Augmentation is only available to:

- Projects programmed in the adopted 2017 ATP that can be delivered earlier than currently programmed, or
- Projects that were not selected in the 2017 ATP, based on the MPO’s 2017 ATP contingency list.

Agencies applying for augmentation funds for the Statewide Component were required to submit their projects to the California Transportation Commission by Aug. 1, 2017, and to the MPO for the MPO Component by Oct. 2, 2017. Table 2 below lists the Fresno County region projects submitted for augmentation funds along with the scores and the original funding requested.

Agency	Project Title	2017 ATP Scores		ATP Funds Requested
		Statewide	MPO	
Coalinga**	Coalinga SRTS Sidewalk Gap Closure & Ped Improvements	68	80	\$1,109,000
Sanger**	Sanger Active Transportation Access	70	67	\$849,000
Fresno PARCS	Fresno Pedestrian and Bike Safety Education Program	-	64	\$250,000
Fresno-4*	Downtown Fresno Courthouse Park Interconnectivity Project	82	60.75	\$809,000
Mendota	Mendota Junior High SRTS	-	55.50	\$158,000
Fowler	Golden State Blvd Bike/Ped Trail from Adams to Clayton	-	53.75	\$242,000
Fresno County-1	Biola Community Sidewalk	39	50.00	\$1,364,000
Fresno County-2	Grantland Avenue Sidewalk & School Crossing Improvement	20.5	37.33	\$602,000
Fresno County-4	Cantua Elementary School Pedestrian Paths	43	37.00	\$398,000
Fresno County-5	Lanare Sidewalk	10	25.67	\$985,000

* Projects selected for funding under the Statewide Component.
 ** Projects selected for funding under the MPO component. Agencies requesting to advance their projects to 17/18 and 18/19. Both Agencies submitted a larger scoped project to the Statewide Component and were awarded at regional level for a smaller scoped project due to limited amount of funding for the original 2017 cycle 3. Larger scoped projects were selected for the augmentation MPO component.

The City of Fresno’s Downtown Fresno Courthouse Park Interconnectivity Project received funding under the augmentation Statewide Component. That left 9 projects for consideration under the augmentation MPO Component. The City of Coalinga’s Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Closure and Pedestrian Improvements project and the City of Sanger’s Active Transportation Access projects originally submitted larger-scoped proposals to the Statewide Component in Cycle 3 and were awarded at regional level for a smaller scope due to limited funding. Staff is recommending funding the larger-scoped projects, which would free up \$667,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the next best-

scored projects on the contingency list. In addition to Coalinga’s and Sanger’s projects, staff recommends the Fresno PARCS project be allowed to advance. The next projects next in line are the City of Mendota’s Junior High SRTS project and City of Fowler’s Golden State Boulevard Bike/Ped Trail. Staff recommends both projects for funding. Fresno COG is left with \$413,000 and recommend to fund the engineering phase of Fresno County’s Biola Community Sidewalk project, totaling \$243,000. Upon adoption of these funding recommendations by the Board, they will be submitted to the CTC for final adoption at the December 2017 CTC meeting.

Agency	Project Title	ATP Funding	Comments
Coalinga	Coalinga SRTS Sidewalk Gap Closure & Ped Improvements	\$1,109,000	Fund larger scoped project and advance project delivery from 19/20 and 20/21 to 17/18 and 18/19.
Sanger	Sanger Active Transportation Access	\$849,000	Fund larger scoped project and advance project delivery from 19/20 and 20/21 to 17/18 and 18/19.
Fresno PARCS	Fresno Pedestrian and Bike Safety Education Program	\$250,000	Advance project delivery from 19/20 to 18/19.
Mendota	Mendota Junior High SRTS	\$158,000	New project recommended for funding in 19/20.
Fowler	Golden State Blvd Bike/Ped Trail from Adams to Clayton	\$242,000	New project recommended for funding in 19/20 and 20/21.
Fresno County-1	Biola Community Sidewalk	\$243,000	New project recommended for partial funding for PS&E phase in 20/21.
Total ATP Funding		\$2,851,000	

Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the 2017 ATP Augmentation MPO Component recommended projects based.

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Agency	Project Title	DAC (Y/N)	Total Project Cost	ATP Funds Requested	Recommended ATP Funding	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	CON	CON NI	PA&ED	PS&E	ROW	Project Type	SRTS
2017 ATP Funded Projects Requesting Advances																
Coalinga	Coalinga SRTS Sidewalk Gap Closure & Ped Improvements	Y	\$1,284,000	\$1,109,000	\$1,109,000	\$110,000	\$999,000			\$999,000		\$10,000	\$100,000		Infrastructure (I)	X
Sanger	Sanger Active Transportation Access	Y	\$960,000	\$849,000	\$849,000	\$75,000	\$774,000			\$774,000			\$75,000		Infrastructure (I)	
Fresno PARCS	Fresno Pedestrian and Bike Safety Education Program	Y	\$265,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		\$250,000				\$250,000				Non-Infrastructure (NI)	
	Totals Funded Projects Requesting Advances		\$2,509,000		\$2,208,000	\$185,000	\$2,023,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,773,000	\$250,000	\$10,000	\$175,000	\$0		
New Projects Recommended for Funding																
Mendota	Mendota Junior High SRTS	Y	\$158,000	\$158,000	\$158,000			\$158,000		\$129,000		\$1,000	\$28,000		Infrastructure(I)	X
Fowler	Golden State Blvd Bike/Ped Trail from Adams to Clayton	Y	\$269,000	\$242,000	\$242,000			\$38,000	\$204,000	\$204,000		\$3,000	\$35,000		Infrastructure(I)	
Fresno County-1	Biola Community Sidewalk	Y	\$1,364,000	\$1,364,000	\$243,000				\$243,000			\$15,000	\$228,000		Infrastructure(I)	X
	Totals New Projects		\$1,791,000		\$643,000	\$0	\$0	\$196,000	\$447,000	\$333,000	\$0	\$19,000	\$291,000	\$0		