



The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) current Mission: *Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.* Current significant efforts were also considered during grant program development, such as California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities Vision and Core Concepts; State Smart Transportation Initiative Assessment and Recommendations; Caltrans Program Review Major Actions; California Transportation Plan 2040 Vision and Goals; and, Smart Mobility 2010 Principles. Overarching objectives were also defined to ensure consideration of these major efforts in transportation planning, including: Sustainability, Preservation, Mobility, Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, and Equity.

In addition, grant administration processes have been streamlined and made consistent to benefit our partners. Most notable is the earlier release date of the *Grant Application Guide*, the earlier application deadline, and an earlier grant award announcement date. With this advanced process, grant recipients can anticipate starting project activities in July 2015, pending State Budget approval.

The intent of the Grant Program remains unchanged. Although dedicated grants no longer exist for Environmental Justice, Community-Based Transportation Planning, and Transit Planning, these important areas are still eligible for funding under the new Grant Program. Caltrans still provides transportation planning grants to promote a balanced, comprehensive multimodal transportation system. These grants may be used for a wide range of transportation planning purposes, which address local and regional transportation needs and issues. The implementation of these grants should ultimately lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements. The Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning provides the following transportation planning grants:

- Strategic Partnerships
- Sustainable Communities

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Schedule for FY 2015-16 Grant Awards

September 2, 2014 — Release Call for Applications

September – Regional Marketing Workshops

October 31 at 5 PM – Application Deadline

November – District Grant Application Review/Ranking

December/January – HQ Grant Committee Review/Funding Recommendations

February – Management Approval of Committee Recommendations

March – Send Preliminary Notifications to All Applicants

April – Send Conditional Award Letters with State Budget Contingency

July 2015– Grantees May Begin Work, Pending State Budget Approval

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Strategic Partnerships

Consistent with the intent of partnership planning, the Strategic Partnerships grant funds planning projects that encourage regional agencies to partner with Caltrans to identify and address statewide/interregional transportation deficiencies in the state highway system, strengthen government-to-government relationships, and result in programmed system improvements, all in an effort to achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

Who May Apply as **Primary Recipients** – Metropolitan Planning Organizations/Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (MPO/RTPAs); **Sub-recipients** – Transit Agencies, Universities, Community Colleges, Native American Tribal Governments, Cities and Counties, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, and Other Public Entities.

Estimated Budget – \$1.5 Million, Federal Highway Administration – SPR, Part I

Local Match – 20% of the total project amount

Sustainable Communities

The Sustainable Communities grant funds transportation planning projects that identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, encourage stakeholder collaboration, involve active public engagement, integrate Smart Mobility 2010 concepts, ultimately result in programmed system improvements, and achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

Who May Apply as **Primary Recipients** – MPO/RTPAs, Transit Agencies, Cities, Counties, and Native American Tribal Governments; **Sub-recipients** – Transit Agencies, Universities, Community Colleges, Native American Tribal Governments, Cities and Counties, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, and Other Public Entities.

Estimated Budget – \$8.3 Million Total (\$2.8 Million, Federal Transit Administration, Section 5304; \$5.5 Million, State Highway Account)

Local Match – 11.47% of the total project amount

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Grants Website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

**Caltrans District 6 Workshop: Caltrans Manchester, 2015 E. Shields Ave, Suite 100 - Room 231, Fresno, CA 93726
Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**