



Approval of CMAQ/STBG/CRP Project Prioritization And Funding Recommendations

Planning and Programming Committee

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Recommendation

Authorize the CEO or their designee to submit to SCAG the project prioritization and funding recommendations for Los Angeles County for CMAQ/STBG/CRP funding.

Background

- SCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, is required under a change in federal funding guidelines to program CMAQ/STBG/CRP funds
- SCAG released the project application for funding on January 8. Metro staff then notified all cities and eligible agencies of the release of the application and the condensed schedule for submitting applications
- To meet SCAG's March 29, deadline to submit prioritized projects Metro set an application deadline of February 16
- Given the two-week turnaround for Metro to rank the completed applications, Metro Countywide Planning staff familiar with these federal fund sources and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) process evaluated each project



29 Projects from 13 Agencies seeking approximately \$214 million were received

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- The SCAG guidelines require each county to apply the following four criteria to rank each project into one of three categories; Highly Recommended, Recommended, and Contingency
- Projects were ranked on four criteria:
 - Eligibility
 - Alignment with Metro and SCAG Plans
 - Community Engagement
 - Deliverability and Readiness
- Metro will provide SCAG ranking of projects and SCAG will decide on fund allocations in June 2024
- Staff will develop and present to the Board a comprehensive plan to evaluate and rank future applications, including the participation of representatives from Councils of Government (COGs)