



APPROVAL OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROJECT RANKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning and Programming Committee

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Metro

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to submit to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) the project ranking recommendations for Los Angeles County for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding for federal fiscal year 2027 through 2028 (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

- The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council established the framework for project selection and allocation of CMAQ and STBG funds
- Metro is tasked to assist in the process by providing initial project screening of LA County applications using the Board-adopted project evaluation and ranking criteria
- SCAG staff will evaluate all nominations against program criteria and recommend funding amounts for SCAG Regional Council approval of the selected projects.
- Los Angeles County's target for the CMAQ and STBG funds available through this call process is approximately \$660 million.



BACKGROUND

- In Los Angeles County, 105 applications from 34 agencies, including Metro, seeking approximately \$2.03 billion were submitted.
- To ensure transparency in the project ranking process, two representatives from the Council of Governments (COG) reviewed and ranked the applications submitted for Los Angeles County.
- The following four criteria were used to evaluate and rank projects submitted in Los Angeles County:
 1. Eligibility
 2. Alignment with Metro Plans and Policies
 3. Community/Stakeholder Engagement
 4. Deliverability and Readiness

NEXT STEPS

- Upon Board approval of these recommendations, staff will transmit the project ranking for Los Angeles County to SCAG by the August 1, 2025, deadline.