

Objectives and Eligibility Criteria

This attachment describes the 2021 REAP objectives and requirements which all projects must meet, and the eligible activities and project priorities which are identified by SCAG for the CTC Partnership Program.

Objectives and Requirements

Objectives and requirements described in the Department of Housing and Community Development's *Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) of 2021 Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations*¹:

All projects must demonstrate a nexus to all three 2021 REAP objectives:

1. Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
2. Affirmatively furthering fair housing
3. Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

All projects must also:

- Have significant geographic or regionwide benefit
- Meet the definition of a transformative planning or implementation activity²
- Meet the infill definition³

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities that meet the 2021 REAP objectives as described in SCAG's *2023 CTC Partnership Program Guidelines*⁴:

1. Realizing multimodal communities
 - a. Establishing and implementing a vision-zero policy and program, a safety plan, and a slow streets program.

¹ <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/mpo-reap-2-0-final-guidelines.pdf>

² "Transformative planning and implementation activities" means housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting infill housing, and other actions that enable meeting housing goals that also result in per capita VMT reductions, including accelerating infill development, supporting residents through realizing Multimodal Communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.

³ "Infill", for the purposes of the 2021 REAP, means areas where all the following apply: (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands (2) within existing development patterns (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:

- a. An urban center, urban corridor, or area with transit-supportive densities, or
- b. An established community that meets all the following criteria:
 - a. The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses
 - b. The area is predominantly surrounded (approximately 75 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses. In counting this, perimeters bordering navigable bodies of water and improved parks shall not be included, and
 - c. No parcel within or adjoining the area is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands
- c. Under unique circumstances, applicants may propose an alternative definition of "Infill" subject to approval by the Department of Housing and Community Development and State Collaborative Partners.

⁴ https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ctc_call_for_projects_guidelines_04112023_final.pdf?1681314989

- b. Developing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure plans and other multimodal plans or policies.
 - c. Investing in infrastructure projects and other programs to expand active transportation and implement bicycle or pedestrian plans.
 - d. Producing multimodal corridor studies associated with developing specific planning documents or implementation actions.
2. Shifting travel behavior by reducing driving
 - a. Studying roadway pricing feasibility and implementing road pricing programs.
 - b. Funding the establishment of a local VMT impact fee or catalyzing a regional VMT mitigation bank.
 - c. Funding and implementing parking and transportation demand management programs or ordinances.
 3. Increasing transit ridership
 - a. Funding and implementing actions to establish more seamless regional transit systems between and across communities, including establishing common fares systems, sync transit routing systems and schedules, service design, and wayfinding to connect residential neighborhoods with employment centers and other key destinations.
 - b. Developing and implementing multimodal access plans to and from transit facilities
 - c. Planning for additional Housing near transit.

Priority Projects

Priority projects to implement Key Connection strategies included in *Connect SoCal 2020*⁵ as described in SCAG's *2023 CTC Partnership Program Guidelines*:

1. Transit Recovery – examples include capital improvements to increase bus speed and reliability and improve customer experience.
2. Mobility Integration & Incentives – examples include mobility wallets, pricing, universal basic mobility, and fare integration.
3. Shared Mobility & Mobility Hubs – examples include micromobility programs, mobility hubs, first/last mile services, wayfinding systems, and multimodal access plans.
4. VMT Bank & Exchange Programs – examples include studies, pilot programs, and plans.

Indicator Mapping Tool

Interactive map prepared by SCAG to help identify project locations that are consistent with 2021 REAP and SCAG objectives:

<https://maps.scag.ca.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=94a15b4f502d44c6941e6c0b71818823>

⁵ <https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-social-2020>