

## SCAG ATP Project Selection Processes

### County-led Process: Implementation Project Selection

Under the Regional Guidelines, no less than 95% of SCAG's 2017 ATP funds will be recommended for Implementation Projects, including environmental, design, and construction of infrastructure and/or non-infrastructure (NI) projects. The LA County share of SCAG ATP funds for Implementation Projects is approximately \$28.8 million. The Implementation Project selection process is managed largely by the counties through 10 point assignments augmenting the statewide base scores. SCAG provided each county with a list of Implementation Projects which were submitted within its area but not funded through the Statewide component. Counties reviewed the applications for consistency with local and regional plans and assigned up to 10 points to each project. The 10 points were added to the statewide score and the augmented score was used to select Implementation Projects up to each county's population share of SCAG's 2017 ATP funds not reserved for Planning and NI Projects. Metro staff identified the 10 point assignments using the methodology adopted by the Metro Board as part of Metro's ATP Grant Assistance Policy in February 2016:

- A. Assign seven points to all projects except any that are clearly not in alignment with regional or local plans.
- B. Assign an additional three points to all successful Call projects, all projects with Metro Board commitment, and all projects which implement Metro active transportation plans and policies. Qualifying plans and policies include any plans and policies for which grant assistance is allowable.

All projects are recommended to receive the full 10 points as Metro staff has identified consistency with regional or local plans and support for implementation of one or more Metro active transportation plans and policies. Metro staff recommends that the Board approve the 2017 ATP Regional Implementation Projects List for LA County including the 10 point assignments and the contingency list in Attachment A to be used should additional ATP funds be made available.

### *Partial Funding*

The Regional Implementation Projects List includes partial funding for three projects. A \$7,361,000 threshold funding amount fell to three projects with an MPO score of 93. Two projects are sponsored by the City of Pasadena and one is sponsored by Metro. The threshold funding is being proportionally distributed funding 59% of each project's ATP request. In order to accept partial funding, project sponsors must demonstrate that they can deliver all benefits committed to in the original applications using the partial funding. This report recommends that the Board authorize the CEO to commit \$2,169,000 to fund the balance on Metro's *Reconnecting Union Station to the Historic*

*Cultural Communities in DTLA* so that the full benefits can be delivered. For its two projects, the City has demonstrated that it can deliver all benefits committed to in its applications.

### SCAG-led Process: Planning and NI Project Selection

Under the Regional Guidelines, no more than 5% of SCAG's 2017 ATP funds will be recommended for Planning and NI Projects. A maximum of 2% of the funds are dedicated to Planning Projects in accordance with State ATP Guidelines. The LA County share of SCAG ATP funds for Planning and NI Projects is approximately \$1.5 million. The selection process was facilitated through a new supplemental call for projects coordinated with the Active Transportation Category of SCAG's 2016 Sustainability Planning Grants Program (2016 SPG). The supplemental application builds upon the Statewide ATP application and scores and was developed in consultation with the counties and a multi-disciplinary working group. Project sponsors that have not been awarded ATP funds before and project sponsors that first submitted their Planning and NI Projects to the Statewide component but were not recommended for funding were invited to submit supplemental applications. NI projects that were unsuccessful in the Statewide component were first considered in the Implementation Project selection process previously discussed. NI projects that were not successful in that process could then be considered in this supplemental process.

Supplemental applications were reviewed and scored by evaluation panels comprised of SCAG staff and county representatives following the same criteria, weighting, match requirement, and definition of disadvantaged communities as used in the Statewide component. The 2016 SPG Active Transportation Preliminary Recommendations and Draft Award Programming for Los Angeles County will be released on January 20, 2017. Staff will forward the information to the Board.

### SCAG 2017 ATP Regional Program

SCAG will make its final project programming recommendations to the CTC by February 2, 2017. The recommendations will include the Implementation Projects selected by each county and the Planning and NI Projects selected through the 2016 SPG. Each county transportation commission will be seeking board approval for their respective Implementation Project lists prior to this date. Should there be changes in the draft Implementation Project List as part of SCAG's or the CTC's adoption processes, staff will return to the Board with an update.