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## NCSPC STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

**MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2019 **AGENDA ITEM:** 6

**STAFF CONTACT:** Dylan Tonningsen

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend the Board approve guidelines for Cycle 3 of the Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and announce a call for projects.

**SUMMARY:**

In September, the North County Subregional Committee directed staff to convene the guideline development committee to review and recommend guidelines for cycle 3 of the Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian program.



SBCAG staff convened the guideline committee on October 2 to review the guidelines and application and receive any recommended changes. The committee provided SBCAG staff with minor revisions to the documents for use in Cycle 3. Of the proposed changes, the committee is recommending a four-year call for projects, instead of the traditional five-year call for projects. The four-year period would cover fiscal years 20/21 to 23/24, with approximately \$458,838 available or approximately \$115,000 per year per the draft FY 20/21 Measure A revenue estimates. This will also sync up with the State Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding cycle. The committee also received a summary of previously awarded projects to consider geographic equity that is being shared with the Subregional Planning Committee.

The guidelines committee unanimously recommends that the North County Subregional committee approve the guidelines and conduct a call for projects. SBCAG staff also recommends approval of the program guidelines and recommends the SBCAG Board conduct a call for projects at their November meeting. Per the schedule, pre-applications are due December 16 and applications due February 14. The North County Subregional Committee will receive recommended projects at their April 8, 2020 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Measure A Investment Plan includes funding in the North County for a bicycle and pedestrian and safe routes to school program. \$3 million is available for the thirty-year period for the bicycle and pedestrian and safe routes to school program. Allocation of funding is required, by the Investment Plan, to be conducted through a competitive grant process.

**Guidelines Committee**

SBCAG staff convened the guideline committee and one meeting was held on October 2 to review the Cycle 2 guidelines and scoring criteria and recommend any improvements that could be incorporated into the Cycle 3 process. Members of the committee are listed below. The

committee provided SBCAG staff with minor revisions/improvements to the guidelines related to clarifying the call for projects frequency and amount available each cycle. The guidelines are included as **Attachment A** (with track changes from the prior cycle guidelines) and application materials are included as **Attachments B and C**. The committee unanimously recommended that the North County Subregional committee include the changes for the Cycle 3 process and that the committee recommend the Board conduct a call for projects (**Attachment D – Schedule**).

Based on the schedule, project sponsors must submit a one-page pre-application to SBCAG by December 16 with applications due on February 14, 2020. The summary of pre-applications will be presented to North County Subregional on January 8. The scoring committee will then evaluate and recommend projects for funding in mid-March. The recommendations will be presented to the North County Subregional committee on April 8 for recommendation to the SBCAG Board on April 16. Applicants may be able to leverage Measure A funds for additional state funding through the Active Transportation Program with applications due by June 2020.

### **Geographic Equity and Modal Equity**

Per Sections 13 and 14 of the program guidelines, the geographic goal and project type/modal equity goal is intended to be realized over time, and not necessarily within each funding cycle. Prior to each funding cycle, SBCAG will review previously funded projects to determine if program funds are being distributed equitably throughout North County and by project type and mode. If, over time, parts of the North County or certain project types are repeatedly receiving less funding, appropriate methods to ensure equitable distribution of funds will be developed with the assistance of local agency staffs and other stakeholders and recommended to the Subregional Committee and full SBCAG board for approval.

With one third of the 30-year period complete with Cycles 1 and 2, SBCAG staff provided the guideline committee with a summary of awarded projects from Cycles 1 and 2 (**Attachment E**). This summary will be presented by staff on November 13.

### **Measure A North County Safe Routes to School Committee**

- City of Buellton – Rose Hess
- City of Lompoc - Joshua Leard
- City of Solvang – Matt van der Linden
- Caltrans District 5 – Hana Mengsteab
- Parent Teachers' Association (PTA) 15<sup>th</sup> District – Norene Nims
- Santa Maria Bonita School District – Matt Beecher
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments – Kent Epperson
- City of Guadalupe – Shannon Sweeney
- City of Santa Maria – David Beas
- County of Santa Barbara – Brittany Heaton
- North Co. Ped Advocate – Barry Stotts

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Cycle 3 Guidelines (web posting only)
- B. Cycle 3 Pre-application (web posting only)
- C. Cycle 3 Application
- D. Measure A Cycle 3 Program Schedule
- E. Summary of Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 approved projects

# ATTACHMENT C



## Measure A North County Safe Routes to School Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

### Cycle 3 Pre-Application

A pre-application must be submitted to by **December 16, 2019** SBCAG for each project.

#### **Section I - Applicant Information**

Applicant Agency:

Contact Person:

Contact Telephone:

Contact Email:

Co-Sponsor (if any):

Co-Sponsor Contact (if any):

*\*Please attach signed sponsor agreement to pre-application*

Total number of pre-applications being submitted/sponsored by local agency:

If submitting more than one pre-application, the priority number of this pre-application is:

If the project or program is on School District property, has school district approved the project?:

What is the name/title of the person approving the project? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section II – Project Information**

Project Title:

Project Category:  Planning

Project development

Construction of capital project

Education program

Maintenance

Project Scope and Location: Provide a brief description of the proposed project improvements, plan or study, or program, and general location(s) of the proposed project.

For capital projects, is the project included in a local or regional plan adopted in the last five years?

Yes  No  Date of Plan Approval:

#### **Section III – Funding Information**

Total amount of Measure A funds requested for this project: \$

Will other sources of funding be used to help deliver the project? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the fund source(s) and percentage of total project cost the source(s) will represent:

Fund Source(s):            Percentage:            %

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**Please submit pre-applications electronically by 5PM ON December 16, 2019 to:**

**Dylan Tonningsen, SBCAG Transportation Planner - [dtonningsen@sbcag.org](mailto:dtonningsen@sbcag.org)**

**Attachment D. Measure A Cycle 3 Program Schedule**

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Action</b>   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>November 13</b> | <b>North County Subregional approves Guidelines for Cycle 3 and recommends SBCAG Board announce Call for Projects</b> |
| <b>November 21</b> | <b>SBCAG Approves Program Guidelines and Announces Call for Projects for Cycle 3</b>                                  |
| <b>December 16</b> | <b>Pre-applications are due to SBCAG staff</b>  |
| January 2020       | SBCAG staff presents list of pre-applications submitted to the North County Subregional Committee                     |
| <b>February 14</b> | <b>Applications are due to SBCAG staff (staff provides applications to scoring committee)</b>                         |
| Early March        | Cycle 3 committee meets to review application scores and recommends projects for funding.                             |
| <b>April 8</b>     | <b>Cycle 3 committee recommendations presented to North County Subregional for recommendation to SBCAG Board</b>      |
| <b>April 16</b>    | <b>SBCAG Board approves projects for Cycle 3</b>  |

# ATTACHMENT E

## Summary of Projects Approved for Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program (Cycles 1 & 2)

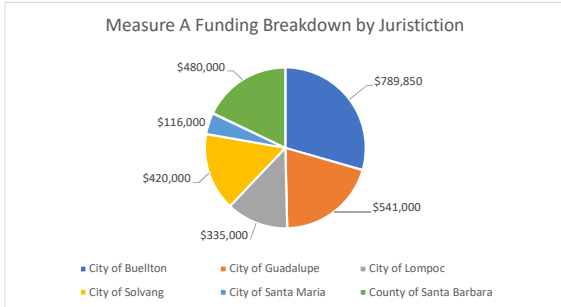
| Project Sponsor<br>(Co-sponsor if any) | Project Title   | Funding Cycle | Status   | Measure A Amount   | Other funding      | Total Funding      |
|--|---|---------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>City of Buellton</i>                | Phase 1 - Flashing School Crossing Signs on SR 246 at Sycamore Drive and La Lata Drive            | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$25,000           | \$0                | \$25,000           |
|  | Phase 3 - Installation of Warning Lights & Sidewalk Improvements on SR 246 at Sycamore Drive      | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$20,601           | \$0                | \$20,601           |
|  | County Bike Map   | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$3,187            | \$1,062            | \$4,249            |
|  | Highway 246/Sycamore School Safety Crossing - on SR 246 at Sycamore Drive and La Lata Drive       | Cycle 2       | The City has finalized the design and has attained the required Caltrans encroachment permit. The City also received construction funding allocation from the CTC and therefore has put the project out to bid. The project is currently under construction. | \$70,000           | \$670,000          | \$740,000          |
| <i>City of Guadalupe</i>               | Guadalupe Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Infill Project on Olivera St between SR 1 and 9th Street | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$95,000           | \$5,000            | \$100,000          |
|  | Guadalupe Street / Highway 1 Sidewalk Project (Phase I)   | Cycle 2       | Time extension recommended for approval. Construction scheduled for FY 19/20.  | \$32,196           | \$408,804          | \$441,000          |
| <i>City of Lompoc</i>                  | Sidewalk, Curb Ramps & Pedestrian Crossing  | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$160,000          | \$30,000           | \$190,000          |
|  | Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan   | Cycle 2       | Time extension approved in May 2019. Scheduled completion in 2020.   | \$54,000           | \$6,000            | \$60,000           |
|  | Hickory Avenue Sidewalk Infill Project  | Cycle 2       | Project is still in design phase. Possible time extension needed.  | \$67,500           | \$17,500           | \$85,000           |
| <i>City of Solvang</i>                 | Fifth Street Sidewalk Project (Solvang SRTS Project)  | Cycle 2       | Construction in FY 19/20.  | \$168,000          | \$252,000          | \$420,000          |
| <i>City of Santa Maria</i>             | Intersection Improvements: W. Stowell Road at Entrada Way   | Cycle 2       | Completed  | \$19,000           | \$97,600           | \$116,000          |
| <i>County of Santa Barbara</i>         | Lakeview Road Crosswalk Improvements in Orcutt  | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$58,500           | \$6,500            | \$65,000           |
|  | Los Alamos Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan  | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$54,000           | \$6,000            | \$60,000           |
|  | Dyer St. Sidewalk Improvements  | Cycle 2       | Completed  | \$130,000          | \$100,000          | \$230,000          |
|  | North County Bicycling Safety and Education Program   | Cycle 2       | Completed  | \$45,000           | \$80,000           | \$125,000          |
| <b>Total:</b>                          |   |               |  | <b>\$1,001,984</b> | <b>\$1,680,466</b> | <b>\$2,681,850</b> |

**Summary of Projects Approved for Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program (Cycles 1 & 2)**

|                                | Project Title  | Project Sponsor         | Funding Cycle | Status   | Measure A Amount   | Other funding      | Total Funding      |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Capital Projects</b>        | Phase 1 - Flashing School Crossing Signs on SR 246 at Sycamore Drive and La Lata Drive               | City of Buellton        | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$25,000           | \$0                | \$25,000           |
|                                | Phase 3 - Installation of Warning Lights & Sidewalk Improvements on SR 246 at Sycamore Drive         | City of Buellton        | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$20,601           | \$0                | \$20,601           |
|                                | Guadalupe Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Infill Project on Olivera St between SR 1 and 9th Street    | City of Guadalupe       | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$95,000           | \$5,000            | \$100,000          |
|                                | Sidewalk, Curb Ramps & Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at various locations near schools in Lompoc. | City of Lompoc          | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$160,000          | \$30,000           | \$190,000          |
|                                | Lakeview Road Crosswalk Improvements in Orcutt   | County of Santa Barbara | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$58,500           | \$6,500            | \$65,000           |
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| <b>Planning</b>                | County Bike Map  | City of Buellton        | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$3,187            | \$1,062            | \$4,249            |
|                                | Los Alamos Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan   | County of Santa Barbara | Cycle 1       | Completed  | \$54,000           | \$6,000            | \$60,000           |
|                                | Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan  | City of Lompoc          | Cycle 2       | Time extension approved in May 2019. Scheduled completion in 2020.   | \$54,000           | \$6,000            | \$60,000           |
| <b>Education Program</b>       | North County Bicycling Safety and Education Program  | County of Santa Barbara | Cycle 2       | Completed  | \$45,000           | \$80,000           | \$125,000          |
| <b>Total:</b>                  |  |                         |               |  | <b>\$1,001,984</b> | <b>\$1,680,466</b> | <b>\$2,681,850</b> |

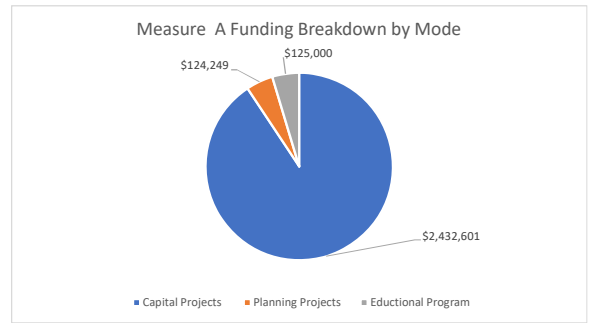
**Funding by Jurisdiction (by \$)**

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| City of Buellton        | \$789,850          |
| City of Guadalupe       | \$541,000          |
| City of Lompoc          | \$335,000          |
| City of Solvang         | \$420,000          |
| City of Santa Maria     | \$116,000          |
| County of Santa Barbara | \$480,000          |
|                         | <b>\$2,681,850</b> |



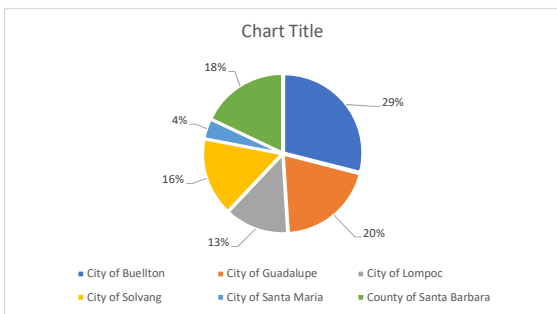
**Funding by Mode (by \$)**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Projects    | \$2,432,601        |
| Planning Projects   | \$124,249          |
| Educational Program | \$125,000          |
|                     | <b>\$2,681,850</b> |



**Funding by Jurisdiction (by %)**

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| City of Buellton        | 29%         |
| City of Guadalupe       | 20%         |
| City of Lompoc          | 13%         |
| City of Solvang         | 16%         |
| City of Santa Maria     | 4%          |
| County of Santa Barbara | 18%         |
|                         | <b>100%</b> |



**Funding by Mode (by %)**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Capital Projects    | 90% |
| Planning Projects   | 5%  |
| Educational Program | 5%  |

