

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure A Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Programs

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2012 **AGENDA ITEM:** 13

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve projects recommended by South Coast Subregional Committee for funding cycle 1.

SUMMARY:

It is recommended by the South Coast Subregional Committee that the Board approve 26 projects for \$1.8 M in funding from the Measure A South Coast Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Programs. At the conclusion of a call for South Coast projects, a scoring committee consisting of South Coast member agency staffs and stakeholders reviewed a total of 30 submitted projects and recommended 26 for funding to the South Coast Subregional Committee. The South Coast Subregional Committee on January 4 in turn recommended the projects to the full Board for funding.

The first cycle of the Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Schools Programs appears to have been a great success. A wide variety of projects will be funded that will fill gaps in the South Coast regional bicycle/pedestrian network, rehabilitate important infrastructure on the existing network, facilitate bicycle usage, promote ADA mobility, and increase the safety of children walking and riding bikes to school. These are exactly the types of improvements promised to voters from the Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Programs in the Measure A Investment Plan. All local agencies on the South Coast, many schools, PTAs and civic groups that promote bicycle and pedestrian usage participated in the process by either submitting projects for consideration or participating on the scoring committee.

The next step in the process after Board approval will be to draft cooperative agreements with the project sponsors for approval by their policy body and the SBCAG Board.

The North County Bike/Pedestrian/Safe Routes to School program funding recommendations will be presented to the North County Subregional Committee and Board in February for approval.

DISCUSSION:

The Measure A Investment Plan includes funding in both the North County and South Coast program categories for bicycle and pedestrian and safe routes to school programs. Allocation of funding is required by the Investment Plan to be conducted through a competitive grant process.

SBCAG announced a call for projects for Cycle 1 in May with final applications due by November 3rd. SBCAG staff reviewed the applications for completeness and forwarded them on to the respective scoring committees. The South Coast scoring committee met on December 14th to review the rank and score of each application and recommend funding allocations to projects in

both the South Coast Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Programs. Guidelines for the South Coast programs for scoring the projects were established through a stakeholder review process and approved by the South Coast committee and the Board. The scoring committee had 9 members:

1. Charlie Ebeling, City of Carpinteria
2. Rosemarie Gaglione, City of Goleta
3. Ed France, SB Bike Coalition
4. Browning Allen, City of Santa Barbara
5. Steve Maas, SBMTD
6. Eva Inbar, COAST
7. Matt Dobberteen, Santa Barbara County
8. Adam Fukushima, Caltrans
9. Debbie Castanha, PTA, 15th District

At the January South Coast Subregional Committee meeting staff presented the scoring committee's funding recommendations. Attachments to this staff report include all of the projects submitted on the South Coast during cycle 1 and the Measure A funding amounts as recommended by the South Coast Scoring Committee and approved by the South Coast Subregional Committee on January 4, 2012.

Applications Received

SBCAG received a total of 30 final applications between the two South Coast programs requesting \$3.27 million in funding. A total of \$1.98 million is available for the South programs.

South Coast Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

SBCAG received 17 applications from project sponsors for the South Coast Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The total funding requested is \$2,224,340. A total of \$992,276 is available for the program for the three year period FY 10/11 – FY 12/13. The scoring committee recommended Measure A funding for 13 projects.

Attachment A provides a summary of applications received and the committee's funding recommendations for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The committee recommended funding as many higher priority projects as possible with the funding available. In some cases projects that ranked lower were funded over projects with higher scores to match available funding with the amount requested and provide balance between type of project and project location.

South Coast Safe Routes to School Program

SBCAG received a total of 13 applications from project sponsors for the South Coast Safe Routes to School Program. The total funding requested for Cycle 1 of the program is \$1,289,047. A total of \$992,276 is available for the three year period FY 10/11 – FY 12/13. The scoring committee recommended Measure A funding for all 13 projects.

Attachment B provides a summary of applications received and the committee's funding recommendations for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Two projects recommended for Measure A funding by the scoring committee are not recommended for full funding in the Measure A programs:

1. The Ninth Street Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation project in Carpinteria is recommended to receive \$105,000 of the \$130,000 requested. The original application did not identify

matching funding but city staff has since indicated that \$25,000 is available to leverage the Measure A funding.

2. Hollister Class I Bikeway in Goleta was submitted for funding under both the Bicycle & Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Schools programs and requested a range of funding from \$80,000 - \$579,500. The project is recommended to receive a total of \$107,272 between the two Measure A programs which will fund the design phase of the project. SBCAG staff will work with Goleta to help fund the balance of Goleta's request.

In some cases projects that ranked lower were funded over projects with higher scores to match available funding with the amount requested and provide balance between type of project and project location.

The scoring committee recommended to the South Coast Subregional Committee that the projects shown in Attachment A Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Program, and Attachment B, Safe Routes to School Program, be approved for funding. The Board may accept or reject the South Coast Subregional's recommendation, but may not change it except by a 2/3 majority vote, per Section 23.B of Measure A Ordinance #5.

Next Steps

Each project sponsor receiving Measure A funding will be required to enter into a cooperative agreement approved by the SBCAG Board and the sponsor's policy body. All funding recommendations are contingent on an executed agreement. Over the next several months SBCAG staff will work with individual project sponsors to prepare project agreements for approval and reflect Measure A funding for the projects in the FY 12/13 Program of Projects (POP).

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

South Coast scoring committee members reviewed and scored each application individually. The committee met on December 14 to review the average score and rank of each application and recommend funding allocations to the South Coast Subregional Committee.

On January 4th the South Coast Subregional Committee voted to unanimously support the scoring committee's recommended funding allocations in each program as reflected in Attachments A and B.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Scoring Committee Recommendations for South Coast Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
- B. Scoring Committee Recommendations for South Coast Safe Routes to School Program

**Measure A South Coast Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
Cycle 1 Scoring Committee Funding Recommendations - Total funding available is \$992,276 over 3 years (FY 10/11 - FY 12/13)**

Attachment A

Project Sponsor and Co-sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Total Project Cost	Requested Measure A Amount	Scoring Committee Funding Recommendations	Are other funds dedicated to project?	Average Score (low and high score omitted)
1 County of SB	Obern Trail Lighting Retrofit Project	Retrofit solar powered lighting on the Obern Trail west of Turnpike Raod and east of Goleta Beach County Park.	Capital	\$438,000	\$219,000	\$219,000	\$219,000	28
2 Cities and County Co	Adult Bicycle Education and Safety Outreach	Program to target South Coast adult bicyclists who lack access to adequately functioning bicycles and/or adequate information surrounding safe bicycling in traffic.	Program	\$328,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$268,000	27
3 Goleta	Dos Pueblos Bike Rack Addition	Provide 50 additional bike parking spaces in a secured location.	Capital	\$9,800	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$4,900	25
4 City of SB	Goleta Slough Bridge Surface Repair	Smooth bridge surface and replace deteriorated boards on bridge that connects the Fairview and Coastal bike routes.	Capital	\$120,000	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$24,000	23
5 Goleta	Hollister Class I Bikeway	Design and Construct a class I bikeway along Hollister Avenue from Pacific Oaks Road to Ellwood Elementary School.	Capital	\$724,458	\$579,500	\$80,000	\$144,958	23
6 Goleta	Patterson Avenue Sidewalk Infill	Construct sidewalk, driveways, curb and gutter to complete a walking path along Patterson Avenue between Hollister Avenue and Debbie Road.	Capital	\$343,835	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$293,835	23
7 Carpinteria	Carpinteria Rincon Shared Use Trail	Construct new shared use trail with 130' span bridge connecting Carpinteria Ave with the Ventura County line.	Capital	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	No	22
8 Carpinteria/TS	County Bike Map	Reprint of the Santa Barbara County Bike Map.	Program	\$12,750	\$9,562	\$9,562	\$3,187	21
9 City of SB/TS	CycleMAYnia/Bike Challenge/Bike to Work Day	Host CycleMAYnia (bike month) and Bike to Work Day events on the South Coast.	Program	\$36,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$14,000	21
10 County/Goleta	Senior and Handicapped Pedestrian/ADA Needs Assessment	Provide public outreach, surveys and maps to assess senior and handicapped pedestrian needs in the City of Goleta and the unincorporated south county.	Plan	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	20
11 City of SB	Santa Barbara Transit Center Bikestation Module	Install a Bikestation module at the MTD transit center to provide secure bicycle parking.	Capital	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$30,000	19
12 Carpinteria	Ninth Street Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation	Replace wood decking and chainlink fence railing and reconstruct the approach walkways to meet current ADA standards.	Capital	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$105,000	\$25,000	18
13 Carpinteria	Carpinteria Bicycle Master Plan	Prepare the Carpinteria Bicycle Master Plan.	Plan	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	No	16

Total

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\$1,515,962

\$991,462

Projects Not Recommended for Funding in Cycle 1

14 City of SB	Hollister Sidewalk	Install new sidewalk and access ramps on the north side of Hollister Ave west of Fairview Ave to La Patera Lane.	Capital	\$479,101	\$378,378	\$0	\$100,723	19
15 City of SB	Traffic Safety and Education Campaign	Develop a multi-media public education campaign that targets pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to promote safety among all road users.	Program	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	No	18
16 Carpinteria	Santa Monica Creek Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation	Replace wood decking and chainlink fence and reconstruct the approach walkways to meet current ADA standards.	Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	No	14
17 City of SB	Sycamore Creek Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study	Initial feasibility study to provide non-vehicular access across Highway 101 from the lower Eastside to Dwight Murphy Field via Sycamore Creek.	Plan	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$0	No	11

Total Requested \$2,224,340

Hollister Class I Bikeway Application requested a range from \$80,000 - \$579,500 to fund the project through construction. The project was submitted under both the SRTS and Bike & Ped programs. The recommended Measure A Bike & Ped amount will fully fund the design phase.

**Measure A South Coast Safe Routes to School Program
Cycle 1 Scoring Committee Funding Recommendations - Total funding available is \$992,276 over 3 years (FY 10/11 - FY 12/13)**

Attachment B

	Project Sponsor and Co-sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Total Project Cost	Requested Measure A Amount	Scoring Committee Funding Recommendation	Are other funds dedicated to project?	Average Score (low and high score omitted)
1	County/All Co	Safe Routes to School	Conduct Safe Routes to School programs at all South Coast schools.	Program	\$152,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	29
2	City of SB	Cleveland School Pedestrian Improvements	Improvements at Salinas/Clifton intersection, and Clifton corridor pedestrian improvements near Cleveland Elementary School.	Capital	\$271,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$225,000	27
3	County/All Co	Youth Bicycle Education	Education program for grades 6-12 in bicycle riding skills, basic rules of the road and bike maintenance.	Program	\$172,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$112,000	26
4	Goleta	Cathedral Oaks Rd @ Santa Marguerita Dr Pedestrian Flashing Beacons	Install flashing beacons on Cathedral Oaks at Santa Marguerita Drive near Goleta Valley Junior High.	Capital	\$75,955	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$45,955	23
5	City of SB	La Colina Sidewalk	Provide safe route of travel along the south side of La Colina Road from Pesetas Lane to Lee Drive near Hope Elementary and Bishop Diego High Schools.	Capital	\$355,676	\$111,004	\$111,004	\$144,673	23
6	County	Hope Avenue/Pueblo Road Crosswalk Improvements	Enhance the pedestrian crosswalk at the Hope Ave/Pueblo Ave intersection by adding curb ramps, curb extension and a pedestrian activated flashing yellow beacon near Monte Vista Elementary School.	Capital	\$50,500	\$45,450	\$45,450	\$5,050	23
7	Goleta	Hollister Class I Bikeway	Design and Construct a class I bikeway along Hollister Avenue from Pacific Oaks Road to Ellwood Elementary School.	Capital	\$724,458	\$579,500	\$27,272	\$144,958	22
8	Goleta	Stow Canyon Road Sidewalk Infill	Construct concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk along the north side of Stow Canyon Road near Goleta Valley Jr. High between Carlo Drive and Engelwood Drive.	Capital	\$335,820	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$285,820	21
9	County	San Marcos Road/Cathedral Oaks Road Sidewalk Improvements	Replace asphalt pathway on the west side of San Marcos Road and construct new curb, gutter and sidewalk on Cathedral Oaks Road near Foothill Elementary School.	Capital	\$285,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$20,000	20
10	City of SB	McKinley Elementary School Sidewalk	Construct concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk from Loma Alta Drive to McKinley School pedestrian entrance on Weldon Place.	Capital	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	20
11	Carpinteria	Carpinteria Avenue/Santa Ynez Avenue Intersection Improvements	Reconstruct sidewalk and install a curb extension on the SW corner of the intersection to shorten the crosswalk and prevent drivers from using the bike lane as a turn lane near Aliso Elementary School.	Capital	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	No	17
12	City of SB	Santa Barbara School Bicycle Racks	Purchase secure bicycle racks for schools in need of secure bike parking at various public schools in the City of Santa Barbara.	Capital	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	No	16
13	Carpinteria	Calle Ocho/Concha Loma Drive Intersection Improvements	Reconstruct NW corner of intersection, extend curb return, construct curb ramps, asphalt concrete curb, sidewalk and landscaping near Carpinteria Middle School.	Capital	\$91,550	\$91,550	\$91,550	No	15
Total						\$1,544,504	\$992,276		

Hollister Class I Bikeway Application requested a range from \$80,000 - \$579,500 to fund the project through construction. The project was submitted under both the SRTS and Bike & Ped programs. The recommended Measure A SRTS amount will fund a portion of construction.