

Community Development Transportation Program

In order to provide more places for Contra Costa County residents to work closer to where they live, improve their commute options, and have a better quality of life, this category is intended to provide funding to implement a new Community Development Transportation Program (CDTP) to be administered by the Authority in conjunction with the Authority's existing Transportation for Livable Communities Program (TLC) with projects identified by the Authority's Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs). No less than half the funds in this program will be allocated by the Authority on a competitive basis to transportation capital projects that support and sustain existing and new jobs in Contra Costa County. The remainder of funds will be allocated by the Authority on a competitive basis to transportation capital projects that promote access to affordable infill housing within The funds must be spent on infrastructure (on- or off-site) that directly improve multimodal access to the employment or housing site(s). Examples of potentially eligible use of funds (for illustrative purposes only) include new or upgraded rail crossings to "unlock" development potential, freight rail improvements, multilevel or underground parking structures, bike lanes and bike facilities in industrial parks and on routes from transit stations to industrial areas or other underserved areas.

All projects will be selected through a competitive process, either within each subregion with the Authority approving the final program of projects, or by the Authority for projects of countywide significance, allowing for a comprehensive approach while recognizing subregional needs to achieve the overall program goal – improved jobs-housing balance in Contra Costa County. Project sponsors must demonstrate that at least 20 percent of the project costs are funded from non-local transportation sales tax revenue; unless sponsor demonstrates the project is of regional significance by its inclusion in regional plans and/or support from agencies in other subregions. Additional priority will be given to projects that create new employment opportunities along the Highway 4 corridor, in order to decrease congestion and commute times and use the counter-commute transit capacity, and to housing and jobs projects located in jurisdictions that have met at least a pro-rata portion of their RHNA targets, and are compliant with annual Housing Element reporting requirements as determined by the State of California.

Working with the RTPCs, the Authority will prepare guidelines and establish overall criteria for the program with the intent of complementing and administering the program in conjunction with the Authority's Measure J TLC program no later than December 31, 20XX.