

2016 Measure B Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements Program Guidelines

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To fund Caltrain corridor capacity improvements and increased service in Santa Clara County in order to ease highway congestion, including: increased service to Morgan Hill and Gilroy, station improvements, level boarding, extended platforms and service enhancements.

Total Funding

4.98% of Program Tax Revenues

Program Type

Need/Capacity-based program

- Must comply with Board-approved Project Readiness Criteria

Project Readiness Criteria

- Project delivery status: Allocations for projects in the 10-year Program will be based on project delivery phases and completion of each phase. Projects must complete prior delivery phase(s) as a prerequisite for allocation of funds in a Biennial Budget for the next phase.
- Funding status: Project must have non-2016 Measure B match funds identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program and secured for a Biennial Budget allocation.
- Partner agency/community support: Partner agencies must be identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program. Community, permitting agency and partner agency support must be demonstrated for a Biennial Budget allocation.

Distribution of Funds

- Funds will be allocated on a two-year cycle, in conjunction with the VTA Biennial Budget process.
- As candidate projects move forward and meet the Project Readiness criteria, Caltrain will submit requests to the 2016 Measure B Program Office for inclusion in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program.
- The 2016 Measure B Program Office will program funding based on the Project Readiness criteria in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program to complete project.
- Funds for increased service to Morgan Hill and Gilroy will be distributed on a regular basis.
- Based on the project's ability to meet the Project Readiness criteria, VTA will develop and enter funding agreements.
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Implementation

- Service schedule to Morgan Hill and Gilroy will be reevaluated prior to addition of increased service.

- VTA and Caltrain staff will determine operating and capital costs associated with increased service to Morgan Hill and Gilroy.
- Improvement projects will be identified by VTA and Caltrain staff after completion of Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) and CA High Speed Rail blended service operations and maintenance needs/issues have been identified and remedies finalized.
- Should projects (including station improvements) arise prior to the completion of the PCEP that VTA believes should move forward, VTA will work with Caltrain to develop and recommend an early implementation schedule to the VTA Board of Directors.

Requirements

- Projects require a minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution.
- Capital projects in this program must comply with VTA's Complete Streets reporting requirements.
- All projects must comply with 2016 Measure B program oversight requirements.
- All collateral material must comply with 2016 Measure B branding requirements.