

2016 Measure B Highway Interchanges Program Guidelines

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To fund highway projects throughout the valley that will provide congestion relief, improved highway operations and freeway access, noise abatement, roadway connection overcrossings, and deploy advanced technology through Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Candidate Projects are set forth in Attachment B.

Total Funding

11.90% 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.
- Funds will be distributed through two competitive grant programs: Capital Projects and Noise Abatement.
- As candidate projects move forward and meet the Project Readiness criteria, the project sponsor 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.
- Based on the project's ability to meet the Project Readiness Criteria, VTA will develop and enter funding agreements with the project sponsor.
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Implementation

- Only projects and programs currently listed on 2016 Measure B Attachment B are eligible for Highway Interchanges program funds.

- Only VTA, Caltrans and Member Agencies can serve as an implementing agency.
- Capital Projects are in two categories:
 - Grandfathered projects and projects on the Board-adopted Highway Interchanges prioritized project list.
 - The 2016 Measure B Program Office will work with project sponsors to advance grandfathered projects and candidate projects on Board-adopted prioritized project list.
- Noise Abatement projects will be implemented through a separate competitive grant category within the Highway Interchanges Program and will have a separate eligible project list.

Requirements

- Projects require a minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution.
- Reporting requirements regarding project progress will be detailed in agreements executed with VTA for project funding.
- All projects 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.