2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Criteria

Screening Criteria
- 2016 Measure B Eligible
  - Identify source of eligibility
    - Attachment A of 2016 Measure B
    - Countywide Bicycle Plan, etc.
- Complete Streets Reporting Requirement Attached
- Grant request ≥ $50,000

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**TOTAL** 125

Tie Breaker – Geographic Distribution
Criterion #1 – Connections to/serves schools, transit, or employment centers (Max. 20 points)
Does the project provide connections to schools, transit or employment centers within required biking or walking distance?

Points awarded if:
- Bicycles: Any point of project is within 1 ½ miles actual biking distance
- Pedestrians: Any point of project is within ½ mile actual walk distance

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
  - Points are not additive. Projects will be scored within the “HIGH,” “MEDIUM,” or “LOW” point range based on its highest category destination
  - Example: If the project scores in the HIGH category for all three elements, 20 points can be received.

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<th>Schools (K-12) Combined Enrollment</th>
<th># of Jobs (w/n actual bike/ped distance)</th>
<th>Transit (Frequency of Service)</th>
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<td>≥ 1501</td>
<td>≥ 2000</td>
<td>Connects to &gt;1 Frequent transit route or regional rail service</td>
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<td>Med 8 - 14</td>
<td>301 - 1500</td>
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<td>Low 1 - 7</td>
<td>≤ 300</td>
<td>≤ 500</td>
<td>Connects to local transit service</td>
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Other:
- School is K-12; Colleges & universities can be captured in the ‘# of Jobs’ element
- Employment center is defined by number of jobs
- Transit is defined as: ‘Transportation by a conveyance that provides regular and continuing general or special transportation to the public, but does not include school bus, charter, or sightseeing transportation.’
  - FTA: [https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/region-9/there-FTA-dictionary](https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/region-9/there-FTA-dictionary)
- Frequent transit route as defined by VTA:
  - 15 minute or better frequency from 6:30a to 6:30p, M through F
- Local transit route as defined by VTA
  - All non-frequent routes
- Regional rail service is defined as:
  - Caltrain
  - ACE
  - Capital Corridor
  - BART
Criterion #2 – Gap Closure/Crosses Barriers (Max. 20 points)

Does the project provide for a continuous bicycle or pedestrian travel-way where there was previously none?

Points awarded if:

- Project builds new bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure where there is currently no infrastructure;
  - e.g. Closes gaps in sidewalk; completes trail segments; constructs new bike/ped bridge or undercrossing; provides dedicated space for bicyclist on roadway where there is currently shoulder less than 4 feet.
- OR - Project builds a new bicycle or pedestrian connection across a major barrier (waterway, railway, freeway, expressway).
  - Facilities provided must be dedicated
    - e.g. Class I, II, or IV bikeways; sidewalk

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
  - High: 9-13pts
    - 75% or more of the project cost is for gap closure
  - Med: 4-8pts
    - 25% - 74% of the project cost is for gap closure
  - Low: 1-3pts
    - Less than 25% of the project cost is for gap closure
  - 5 pts: Project builds a new bicycle or pedestrian connection across a major barrier
  - 2 pts: Project is identified as an ABC in Appendix 6.1 of the 2018 Countywide Bicycle Plan or see [https://gis.vta.org/bikeplan/](https://gis.vta.org/bikeplan/)
Criterion #3 – Safety (Max. 20 points)

Does the project make bicycling or walking safer?

Definition of Safety: Potential for reducing the number and/or rate or the risk of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries, including the identification of safety hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Points awarded if:
- Project demonstrates improved safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
- High: 15-20pts
  - Project will address a demonstrated safety issue using proven/demonstrated countermeasure
- Med: 8-14pts
  - Project will improve a situation with safety issues
- Low: 1-7pts
  - Project will generally improve safety issues; Has potential to reduce exposure/risk of conflicts between motor-vehicles and bikes/peds

Other:
- Project sponsor to provide narrative describing safety issue/s that project will address
Criterion #4 – ADA Access or Convenience/Comfort (Max. 20 points)

Does the project address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access issues or make bicycling or walking more convenient or comfortable?

Points awarded if:

- Project upgrades an existing facility to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; OR
- Project provides a shorter route, reduces pedestrian or bicyclist delay, and/or upgrades existing bike/ped infrastructure to lower-stress infrastructure

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
  - High: 15-20pts
    - 75% or more of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
    - Project significantly reduces delay, provides a shorter route, and/or decreases current level of traffic stress by two or more factors
  - Med: 8-14pts
    - 25% - 74% of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
    - Project moderately reduces delay, provides a moderately shorter route, and/or decreases current level of traffic stress by less than two factors
  - Low: 1-7pts
    - Less than 25% of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
    - Project provides minimal reductions in delay, minimally shorter route, and/or does not change current level of traffic stress.

Other

- Project sponsor will identify if the project addresses an ADA issue or convenience/comfort.
- A level of traffic stress analysis is not required. However, a project that provides the analysis to substantiate reductions in traffic stress may receive the maximum points versus those projects that do not.
- References to tools/methods to measure level of traffic stress will be included on the application.
- Though this criterion overlaps some with criterion #2, Gap Closure/Crosses Barrier, criterion #2 is specific to new facilities/infrastructure where none exist. It is possible for a project to receive points for both criterion #2 and criterion #4.
Criterion #5 – Project Readiness/Project Delivery (Max. 10 points)
How close is the project to being delivered?

Points awarded if:
- Project has any of the following phases completed.
- Points are additive.

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 10 points

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Criterion #6 – Non-2016 Measure B Contribution (Max. 10 points)
How much non-2016 Measure B contribution is the project sponsor providing?

Points awarded if:
- The project sponsor pledges/provides more than the required 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution

Point Distribution:
- 10pts: Provides ≥ 30% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 7pts: Provides 20% - 29% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 4pts: Provides 18% - 19% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 2pts: Provides 16% - 17% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 1pts: Provides 11% - 15% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 0pts: Provides the minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution

Other:
- If the project sponsor states that they will provide a higher percentage of matching funds, they will be required to provide the matching percentage.
- If project costs increase and are anticipated to be over budget, 2016 Measure B funds will not be increased. Project sponsor is responsible for cost overruns.
- If the project is anticipated to be delivered under budget, 2016 Measure B funds will be reduced in proportion to project sponsor’s contribution
Criterion #7 - Community Engagement (Max. 5 points)
Has the project been developed with input from the community?

Points awarded if:
- Project is developed through a collaborative planning process that included broad partnerships among a variety of stakeholders (e.g. documents community input/outreach including local BPAC)

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 5 points

Criterion #8 – Usage (Max. 10 points)
How many existing or projected users will the project benefit?

Points awarded if:
- Projected or existing users are identified using a defensible, quantifiable methodology
  - Project sponsors using projections must provide documentation and justification

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 10 points
- Project score is based on the highest usage category by mode or the total usage if mode split is not available.

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Criterion #9 - Targets Populations with Specific Needs (Max. 10 points)

Does a project serve a Community of Concern?

Points awarded if:
- 50% or more of the project limits is located within ½ mile of a Community of Concern (as defined by MTC at the time of the call for projects).
- The project connects directly to a Community of Concern (as defined by MTC at the time of the call for projects).
- MTC definition/map of Communities of Concern: [https://mtc.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1501fe1552414d569ca747e0e23628ff](https://mtc.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1501fe1552414d569ca747e0e23628ff)

Point Distribution:
- Can receive a maximum of 10 points

Other:
- Map identifying the project and relationship to the COC required
- The project sponsor must articulate the benefit of the project to the COC

Tie Breaker

Geographic Distribution

- If two projects have the same score, the project in the geographic area with fewer awarded 2016 Measure B bicycle/pedestrian capital projects – for the current call for projects - will be ranked higher.