

ATTACHMENT A

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Santa Clara County Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS)

PROJECT EVALUATION

A project must obtain an overall minimum score of 50 out of 100 points to be eligible for funding. Receipt of at least 50 points does not guarantee funding. Each project will be screened to ensure that it has the screening criteria (pass/fail). If the project passes, then it will be scored.

SCREENING CRITERIA

Provided Letters of Support from: school officials, school-based associations, local traffic engineers, local elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders that will inform the evaluation process.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS SCORING CRITERIA

		(Max Pts)
1. Infrastructure improvement(s) to school access (Proof of current conditions and map included?)	High: Project will significantly improve access to a school and project will be within 1/3 mile in actual walking/biking distance from a school. <u>Up to 20 pts</u>	<u>20</u>
	Medium: Project will moderately improve access to a school and project will be within 2/3 mile in actual walking/biking distance from a school. <u>Up to 13 pts</u>	
	Low: Project will improve upon limited existing access and project will be 1 mile in actual walking/biking distance from a school. <u>Up to 6 pts</u>	
2. Air Quality Improvements	High: Project will significantly improve air quality. <u>Up to 20 pts</u>	<u>20</u>
	Medium: Project will moderately improve air quality. <u>Up to 13 pts</u>	
	Low: Project will improve air quality. <u>Up to 6 pts</u>	
3. Gap Closure/Connectivity (Map included?)	Project proposes a shorter bicycle or pedestrian route. Score 2 points for each 0.10 mile shorter distance. <u>Up to 15 pts</u>	<u>15</u>
4. Safety	High: Project will significantly improve a demonstrated safety issue with a proven or demonstrated countermeasure. <u>Up to 15 pts</u>	<u>15</u>
	Medium: Project will moderately improve a situation with some safety issues (e.g. some reported collisions, conflicts, near-misses, or evidence of high vehicle traffic volume or speed). <u>Up to 10 pts</u>	
	Low: Project will improve safety, even though there are no known problems. Project will reduce exposure/risk of conflicts between motor-vehicles and bike/pedestrians. <u>Up to 5 pts</u>	
5. Local Match	Agency can commit from 12% to ≥ 21% of total project cost from non-federal sources. (one point for each 1 percent to 10 points max)	<u>10</u>
6. Project Readiness (within 5 years)	High: NEPA, Design and ROW complete. <u>10 pts</u>	<u>10</u>
	Medium: NEPA complete and ROW complete. <u>6 pts</u>	
	Low: ROW complete. <u>3 pts</u>	
7. Community of Concern (Map included?)	Project is in a Community of Concern, which identifies transportation needs and potential social impacts on minority and low-income communities.	<u>5</u>
8. Local Plan(s)	Is the project in a local, county or community-based plan, such as adopted Bicycle Plans, General Plans, Capital Improvement programs, Specific Plans, Park/Trail Master Plans?	<u>5</u>