



**Agenda Item A.5**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: November 19, 2024**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**SUBMITTED BY:** Luz "Nina" Buelna, Public Works Director

**PREPARED BY:** Teresa Lopes, Senior Project Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Large Metropolitan Planning Organization Grant Opportunity for San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive information on the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Large Metropolitan Planning Organization call for projects - San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path (Path Project).

**BACKGROUND:**

An estimated \$568 million was available for Cycle 7 of the ATP, including Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2028/29. Funding is available through three pots: Statewide (50%), Large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) (40%), and Small Urban/Rural (10%). Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is now considered a large MPO area per Cycle 7 and receives a formula share of the Large MPO 40% pot estimated to be approximately \$2.8 million over the four-year Cycle 7 period. The adopted FY 24/25 State Budget the California Transportation Commission (CTC) reduced the funding estimate from \$568 million to the adopted amount of \$168 million. SBCAG's allocated portion of large MPO ATP funding was reduced from \$2.8 million to \$834,000.

To retain the original funding amount for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is borrowing large MPO shares for the 2025 ATP Cycle (Cycle 7) from Kern Council of Governments (Bakersfield) Region and Lake Tahoe (Bi-State) Region. These funds must be repaid to the loaner MPOs in the 2027 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8). SBCAG has successfully executed agreements with both loaner MPOs.

SBCAG will split the \$2.8 million funding share between the North County and South County based on population share from the 2020 US Census. North County will receive an apportionment of \$1.5 million (52%), and the South County will receive an

apportionment of \$1.3 million (48%). A minimum of 25% of the funds distributed to SBCAG (\$699,000) must benefit disadvantaged communities.

The funding allocation will consist of both State and Federal funds as shown in Table 1:

**Table 1 SBCAG ATP Cycle 7 Funding Allocation**

<b>Santa Barbara (SBCAG) Large MPO Share (\$ in thousands)</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>	<b>FY 2026/27</b>	<b>FY 2027/28</b>	<b>FY 2028/29</b>	<b>4-Year total</b>
State	\$350	\$350	\$360	\$570	\$1,630
Federal			\$340	\$830	\$1,170
Local	\$350	\$350	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,800

Public Works (PW) staff is focusing on pursuing upcoming State and Federal grant opportunities that would help fund existing CIP projects and support the City’s goals and commitments to programs and adopted plans such as the Creek and Watershed Management Plan and Vision Zero.

The Path Project is a CIP project partially funded by ATP grant funding. The project was awarded \$15,290,000 in ATP grant Federal funding in 2019 for the construction phase. Based on the engineers' estimate, an additional \$19 million will be necessary to fund the project construction phase. The Path Project is an ideal candidate to pursue additional grant funding from SBCAG’s ATP Large MPO Cycle 7 funding program to help cover the funding needed for the construction. The Path Project is a competitive grant candidate because the project is “shovel ready”; the environmental review, permitting, right of way, and final design have been completed, and the project is ready for construction. The Path Project will also result in several beneficial impacts for the community as follows:

- Supports active transportation travel and travel mode shift,
- Will result in a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (through transportation mode shift),
- Includes improvements to the San Jose Creek and watershed,
- Benefits the disadvantaged community of Old Town,
- Will benefit bicycle and pedestrian safety,
- Works towards Vision Zero goals.

**DISCUSSION:**

PW staff have previously applied for construction phase funding from three U.S. Department of Transportation Grants for the Path Project. These included the Safe Streets and Roads for All program (SS4A), the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP), and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) program. The City successfully received supplemental planning funding from the SS4A grant program to help progress the City’s Vision Zero program. PW staff are still awaiting the results of the ATIIP and RCP grant application submittals. If successful in either remaining

federal funding grant program, the City is still responsible for an estimated local match of \$6.6 million.

The SBCAG ATP Large MPO Cycle 7 grant provides an opportunity to apply for additional funding for the project's construction phase. If successful in one of the federal grant applications, the funding could be put toward the required local match (State funding only) or, if unsuccessful, could help reduce the unfunded construction amount.

Grant Description

<b>TABLE 1 ATP GRANT PROGRAM DETAILS</b>	
<b>Lead Agency</b>	City of Goleta
<b>Eligible CIP Project</b>	San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path (CIP 9006)
<b>Grant Program Funding Available</b>	Approximately \$1.33 million in funding is available for the South Coast. Funding consists of both State and Federal funding. Would request State funding as preferable.
<b>Grant Funding Request Amount</b>	Approximately \$1.33 million (South Coast share)
<b>Grant Matching Funds</b>	None associated with this opportunity
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Pre-Applications are due by 11/6/2024 Applications are due 11/22/2024 by 5 pm PT.
<b>Grant Wards Announced</b>	SBCAG Board approves projects – 1/16/2025 MPO makes project recommendations to CTC – 6/2/2025 June 2025 – CTC adopts MPO selected projects.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There are no fiscal impacts at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**LEGAL REVIEW BY:** Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney

**APPROVED BY:** Robert Nisbet, City Manager