



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item #4 Information

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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS IN THE 2004 STIP

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ISSUE: As part of the 2004 RTIP, the BCAG Board approved the programming of “lump sum” budget targets for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. Staff requested local agencies prepare and submit a project application(s) for TE projects to be programmed into the 2004 STIP. Because the 2004 STIP will be adopted by the California Transportation Commission in August, staff would like to identify the project recommendations for the \$2.1 million TE funds available in the next couple of months.

STAFF ACTION / DISCUSSION

Staff is requesting all applications be submitted by Friday April 30, 2004. This date has been selected in order for staff to compile, analyze and prepare a recommendation for the committee and BCAG Board to consider.

Attached for the committee’s review and comment is a Draft “TE Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria” for consideration in prioritizing project applications.

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DRAFT - TE Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

Screening Criteria

- Nexus with transportation system
- Over and above normal transportation projects—not required mitigation measure
- Fits in one or more of 12 TE project categories:
 1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
 2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
 3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
 4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
 5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
 6. Historic preservation
 7. Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
 8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
 9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising
 10. Archaeological planning and research
 11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
 12. Establishment of transportation museums.

Scoring Criteria (100 points maximum)

1. **Project Readiness and Feasibility** (25 points)

- Current status of project development
- All other funds required to implement project committed and available
- Ability to operate and maintain project in the future
- Agency project delivery resources

2. **Project Support** (25 points)

- Local agency priority
- Project supported by more than one agency
- Indication of public support/opposition
- Consistency with local and regional plans

3. **Project Benefits** (50 points)

A. Project Need

- What is the problem or deficiency?
- Is it regionally significant?
- Potential lost opportunity?

B. Project Benefits

- Direct benefit for transportation system
- Projected usage of facility (bike/ped)
- Completes missing link in regional bikeway system (bike)
- Improves safety (bike/ped)
- Encourages travel mode shift (bike/ped)
- Enhances or protects existing scenic resources(landscaping/beautification)
- Enhances blighted areas or areas deficient in scenic resources on or near transportation facilities (landscaping/beautification)

C. Cost effectiveness

- Project benefits/TE Cost