



June 23, 2020

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5. Thank you.

Please see attached for the following information items for your review:

1. **Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment – Timeline**
(Pacheco)
2. **California Air Resources Board (CARB) Sustainable Transportation Equity Program (STEP) Call For Projects \$22 Million Available** (Snoddy)



July 1, 2020

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: AHRON HAKIMI,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Raquel Pacheco,
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: TTAC AGENDA ITEM: I
Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment – Timeline

DESCRIPTION:

Upcoming amendment schedule for next 2019 FTIP Amendment.

DISCUSSION:

Amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) are a normal part of the management and use of the FTIP. The upcoming amendment will include revisions to the Transit Program. The next amendment schedule is provided below for your reference.

<i>2019 FTIP AMENDMENT</i>	
Public review period begins	Friday, July 3, 2020
TPPC meeting – public hearing	Thursday, July 16, 2020
Public review period ends	Friday, July 17, 2020
Regional approval	Monday, July 20, 2020
State approval	August 2020
Federal approval	September 2020

ACTION: Information



July 1, 2020

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

By: Robert M. Snoddy,
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: TTAC AGENDA ITEM: II
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY PROGRAM (STEP) CALL FOR PROJECTS \$22 MILLION AVAILABLE

DESCRIPTION:

STEP is a new transportation equity pilot that aims to address community residents’ transportation needs, increase access to key destinations, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by funding planning, clean transportation, and supporting projects.

DISCUSSION:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is making up to \$22 million available to increase transportation equity in disadvantaged and low-income communities throughout California via two types of grants: Planning and Capacity Building Grants and Implementation Grants.

Through the Planning and Capacity Building Grant Solicitation, STEP currently has up to **\$2 million available** from Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Low Carbon Transportation

Investments to help disadvantaged and low-income communities identify residents’ transportation needs and prepare them to implement clean transportation and supporting projects. Lead Applicants may include community-based organizations, federally recognized tribes, and local governments.

Through the Implementation Grant Solicitation, STEP currently has up to **\$20 million available** from Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Low Carbon Transportation Investments to fund clean transportation and supporting projects in disadvantaged communities.

Funded projects will work together to increase community residents’ ability to access key destinations without a personal vehicle. Lead Applicants may include community-based organizations, federally recognized tribes, and local governments.

Solicitation Timeline

Key Action	Date	Time (Pacific time)
Public Release of solicitation	June 4, 2020	
Preliminary Applicant Question Deadline	June 25, 2020	12:00 p.m.
Preliminary Applicant Teleconference	June 30, 2020	3:00 p.m.
Deadline for Technical Assistance Survey	July 1, 2020	5:00 p.m.

STEP Implementation Grant Solicitation

Key Action	Date	Time (Pacific Time)
Responses		
Mid-Solicitation Teleconference	July 17, 2020	12:00 p.m.
Final Applicant Question Deadline	July 22, 2020	2:00 p.m.
Final Applicant Teleconference	August 10, 2020	12:00p.m.
Proposal Submit Deadline	August 13, 2020	3:00 p.m.
Review and Scoring of Proposals	August 31, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Preliminary Grantee Selection	September 1-30, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Complete Grant Agreement for CARB Review	October 15, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Executive Grant Agreement and Return Signed Grant agreement to CARB	December 23, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Final Grant Agreement to CARB	March 15, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Execute Grant Agreement and Return Signed Grant Agreement to CARB	May 14, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Draft Final Report to CARB	January 31, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Grant Term and Final Disbursement Request Deadline	March 31, 2025	11:59 p.m.

During the solicitation period, CARB will host multiple public teleconferences to answer questions about the solicitation. Interested parties may view the solicitation timeline at: <https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/msprog/lct/opportunitiesgov/step.htm> **All proposals must be received by CARB by 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), August 31, 2020.**

Please feel free to call Bob Snoddy, Regional Planner at 661-635-2916 or E-mail at bsnoddy@kerncog.org for additional information.

Action:

Information

Attachment:

CARB STEP Solicitation Information

June 4, 2020

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION
EQUITY PROJECT (STEP)

You are invited to apply for funding through the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP). CARB has up to \$22 million available to fund planning, clean transportation, and supporting projects for multiple grantees across the State.

STEP is a new pilot that takes a community-based approach to overcoming barriers to clean transportation. STEP's overarching purpose is to increase transportation equity in disadvantaged and low-income communities throughout California via two types of grants: Planning and Capacity Building Grants and Implementation Grants. STEP aims to address community residents' transportation needs, increase residents' access to key destinations (e.g., schools, grocery stores, workplaces, community centers, medical facilities), and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This solicitation is open to community-based organizations, federally recognized tribes, and local governments interested in implementing community-driven clean transportation projects. Applications submitted via email, in person, or via a delivery service provider (U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, etc.) must be delivered to CARB no later than **5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), Monday, August 31, 2020**. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on CARB's webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

Please note that these funding amounts are not guaranteed and are subject to change. The final funding amount will be determined through a public work group meeting during the solicitation period and the resulting determination will be posted on CARB's website. For future information about the public work group meeting, see: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0>

CARB will hold four Grant Applicant Teleconferences, at which time staff will be available to answer questions potential applicants' questions regarding eligibility thresholds, proposal components, solicitation processes, and anything else related to the current STEP solicitation. The first and final teleconferences will be open to applicants of both the STEP Planning and Capacity Building Grant and the STEP Implementation Grant. Please see details for Grant Applicant Teleconferences below:

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First Applicant Teleconference:

Date: June 30, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm
Webinar registration:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3438438249644849933>

Mid-solicitation Planning and Capacity Building Grant Applicant Teleconference:

Date: July 22, 2020
Time: 10:00 am
Webinar registration:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6139653545578850573>

Mid-solicitation Implementation Grant Applicant Teleconference:

Date: July 22, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm
Webinar registration:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5244172793011062285>

Final Applicant Teleconference:

Date: August 13, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm
Webinar registration:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1793756870980326669>

The questions and answers from the Grant Applicant Teleconferences and any questions received via email will be posted on the CARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>. CARB may collect questions via email; however, staff will only respond to questions regarding this solicitation during the Grant Applicant Teleconferences. In addition, CARB will not respond to questions after the final teleconference has taken place.

Background

STEP is a new pilot project within Low Carbon Transportation Investments and is part of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan approved by the Board in October 2019. Low Carbon Transportation Investments is part of California

Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars at work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. Low Carbon Transportation Investments also includes other pilot projects, such as the Clean Mobility Options voucher pilot, which funds smaller-scale shared mobility projects.

Based on environmental justice principles, STEP funds projects that are priorities for historically under-served and over-burdened residents by requiring that projects center the knowledge and expertise of residents through all phases of project design, implementation, and evaluation. STEP has the flexibility to fund many different types of projects to ensure that STEP funds can help meet the needs of each community within that community's context.

- STEP has up to \$2 million available for **planning and capacity building grants** to help identify community resident's transportation needs and prepare to implement clean transportation and supporting projects.
- STEP has up to \$20 million available for one to three **implementation grants** to fund clean transportation and supporting projects. Funded projects will work together to increase community residents' access to and use of their transportation system without a personal vehicle. For example, one grant may fund a variety of clean transportation and supporting projects, including but not limited to zero-emission buses, a new vanpool service, bike and pedestrian paths, transit passes, parking management strategies, and an outreach and education campaign to encourage active transportation.

STEP supports the goals of Senate Bill (SB) 1275 (De León, Chapter 530, Statutes of 2014) for prioritizing low- and zero-carbon transportation alternatives; SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) for reducing greenhouse gas emissions through more integrated transportation, housing, and land use planning; and SB 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) for overcoming barriers for low-income consumers and disadvantaged communities to access clean transportation options. Disadvantaged and low-income communities are identified per Assembly Bill 1550 (Gomez, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016).

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Contact

If you have any questions regarding STEP, please contact Bree Swenson, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at step@arb.ca.gov. Staff will answer your questions during the Grant Applicant Teleconferences.

Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Stella Ling-Taylor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6369 or by email at stella.lingtaylor@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas paracualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envíe un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jennifer Gress, Chief
Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division

cc: Bree Swenson
Air Pollution Specialist
Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division