California’s Active Transportation Program: What’s Changed in Cycle 5?

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About the Safe Routes Partnership

We are a nonprofit organization that advances safe walking and bicycling to and from schools, improves the health and wellbeing of kids of all races, income levels and abilities, and fosters the creation of healthy communities for everyone.
Goal of this Webinar Series

- Help first-time, under-resourced and previously unsuccessful applicants unlock the keys to success in the ATP
- Be sure to read our Guide to the ATP:
- Previous Webinars:
  - September: Getting Started
  - April: Writing a Compelling Statement of Need
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Jonathan serves as California Senior Policy Manager for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. In this role, he works to promote state and local policies that facilitate active transportation and safe streets. Additionally, he advises governments and agencies in low-income communities on safe streets policy and helps them build capacity and secure funding for Safe Routes to School infrastructure and planning through California's Active Transportation Program and other sources.

ATP Experience:

- Member of the ATP Technical Advisory Committee since 2017, participating in the Counts Guidance, Non-Infrastructure, Plans, and Quick Build working groups.

- Provided technical assistance to 7 communities in ATP Cycles 4 and 5.

- Published “California’s Active Transportation Program: A Step-by-Step Guide to the Application Process” in 2018.
Meghan Pedroncelli

Meghan Pedroncelli is a graduate of Saint Mary’s College of California with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She joined the California Transportation Commission in 2015. During her tenure at the Commission, Meghan has worked primarily with the Active Transportation Program, including development of the ATP Guidelines, application and scoring rubrics. Over the four ATP cycles, she has reviewed more than 500 ATP applications and participated in dozens of workshops, site visits, and application debriefs.
## Update on ATP Schedule

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Changes in the Guidelines

- Beginning in Cycle 6: points for inclusion in AT Plans
- Disadvantaged Communities
  - Healthy Places Index adopted as a statewide metric
    - HPI Score 20\textsuperscript{th} percentile – 25\textsuperscript{th} percentile: 1 severity point
    - HPI Score 15\textsuperscript{th} percentile – < 20\textsuperscript{th} percentile: 2 severity points
    - HPI Score 10\textsuperscript{th} percentile – < 15\textsuperscript{th} percentile: 3 severity points
    - HPI Score < 10\textsuperscript{th} percentile: 4 severity points
  - Regional DACs moved to “Other”
  - Opportunity to explain anti-displacement strategies
Changes in the Guidelines

• Leveraging Points:
  – Applications from Tribal Communities will receive full leveraging points in the Medium and Large Infrastructure Categories

• The threshold between the Small and Medium Infrastructure applications has been moved from $1.5 million to $2 million
Rubrics and Scoring

- Evaluation
  - Meaningful comments required from all evaluators
  - CTC staff will meet with ALL evaluator teams to discuss their scores
- “Transformative Projects” in Large Infrastructure application
- Public Participation (in light of COVID-19)
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