



## **BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee**

### **Agenda Item #5 - Information**

**Date:** August 7, 2025

**Subject:** 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – Call for Projects

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**Summary:** BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) every two years. The 2026 RTIP is required to be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup> to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for their approval and inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Project nominations are due by September 4, 2025.

**Action(s) requested:**

- Item is presented for information.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 - Staff Report

## Agenda Item #5 - Information Attachment

### Staff Report

The RTIP development process includes: 1) CTC development of a statewide 5-Year regional share fund estimate; 2) CTC update of STIP guidelines; 3) Regional submittal of RTIP's; and 4) CTC consolidation of RTIP's with the Caltrans Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) for approval of the 2026 STIP. The RTIP development schedule and timeline is identified below:

<b>2026 RTIP / STIP Timeline</b>		
March 2025	CTC	Fund Estimate Assumptions to Commissioners
March 6, 2025	BCAG	Present to Transportation Advisory Committee
	BCAG	Present to BCAG Board of Directors
May 2025	CTC	Adopt Fund Estimate Assumptions
June 2025	CTC	Present Draft Fund Estimate (Draft Regional Targets for Programming Released)
→ August 7, 2025	BCAG	BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee (8/7/2025 Call-for-Projects) 8/7/2025 RTIP Public Workshop
August 2025	CTC BCAG	Adopt Statewide Fund Estimate and Guidelines Board of Directors RTIP Development
→ September 4, 2025	BCAG	Project Nominations Due - ePPRs
September 4, 2025 September 25, 2025	BCAG	BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee Board of Directors (Draft RTIP Project Recommendations)
October 2025	BCAG	Circulate Draft 2026 RTIP Document
November 6, 2025	BCAG	Transportation Advisory Committee
<b>December 11, 2025</b>	<b>BCAG</b>	<b>Regional Adoption of 2026 RTIP</b>
February 2026	CTC	Conduct Southern & Northern STIP Hearing
March 2026	CTC	CTC Staff's Recommendations for the 2026 STIP
March 2026	CTC	CTC Adopts the 2026 STIP

The process for BCAG is to: 1) establish new programming capacity for the RTIP/STIP period for the 5 fiscal year period from FY 26/27 through FY 30/31; 2) assess current regional project needs including cost estimate updates; 3) develop a proposed program of projects consistent with the adopted RTP/SCS; and 4) adopt the 2026 RTIP in December for submission to the CTC by December 15, 2025.

### Fund Estimate for FY 2026/27 through FY 2030/31

The CTC has made available the draft Fund Estimate for new programming. BCAG's share for the 2026 RTIP/STIP Period is \$3.603 million. This figure includes funds that would be directed to support BCAG's Planning, Programming and Monitoring efforts for the allowable 5% of regional share funds. The Fund Estimate breakdown is as follows:

Total Regional Target Share -	\$ 3,603,000
Planning Programming and Monitoring -	\$ - 339,000
<b>New Programming Capacity -</b>	<b>\$ 3,264,000</b>

## Requirements For All Projects

Implementing agencies are required to have master agreement with Caltrans. BCAG has identified 4 requirements for new project programming consideration. These requirements are defined in the STIP guidelines.

- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy** – All projects are required to be included in the current [Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy \(RTP/SCS\)](#).
- **Project Study Reports** – A complete project study report (PSR) or, for a project that is not on a State highway, a PSR equivalent.
- **Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness** – Depending on the project, an appropriate level of performance metric demonstration is required. The criterion in the guidelines aims to capture: vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions, air quality benefits, mode shift, distance to transit service and safety benefits as relevant to the project.
- **ePPR** – An Electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) form is required. This electronic form identifies the basic scope, benefits, funding, and schedule for the proposed project. The ePPR can be generated thru CalSMART at: <https://calsmart.dot.ca.gov/>.

## BCAG Project Criteria Evaluation

Evaluation criteria will be based on the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) built from the Governor's Executive Orders (EO) EO N-19-19 and N-79-20. These Executive Orders and the CAPTI are the basis for which ALL transportation funding is programmed thru BCAG. Additionally, BCAG is required to report progress on the Federal Performance Measures to FHWA and to California Air Resources Board (CARB) under SB 375 for achieved GHG reductions.

In an effort to meet the various existing state and federal goals including reporting requirements, RTIP project evaluation criteria are expected to focus on:

- Green House Gas (GHG) reduction
- Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) reduction
- Development and integration of public transit with multimodal rail, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure (Mode Shift)
- Significant expansion of equitable transportation opportunities to underserved communities
- Safety

A RTIP public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the BCAG offices. A zoom link will be published prior to the workshop.