



**DECEMBER 14, 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM # 13**

**SENATE BILL (SB) 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM  
NOMINEE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

Action Requested: Receive Presentations

Key Staff: Norman Hom, Executive Director (Interim)

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**Recommendation**

1. Receive presentations on the projects being nominated for the SB1 Local Partnership Program Competitive Grant Program; and
2. Provide comments and feedback to the project sponsors.

**Background Information**

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. One of the many programs created by SB1 is the Local Partnership Program (LPP), a \$200 million/year program that rewards self-help counties such as Sacramento which voted to tax themselves to improve their local transportation systems. The LPP is further split into two programs: the Formula Shares Program and the Competitive Grant Program.

At the December 6, 2017 meeting, the STA Governing Board adopted a recommended allocation for the Formula Shares Program. The Competitive Grant Program is the focus of this and the January 11 Board meetings.

The Competitive Grant Program is a \$100 million/year program to fund transportation construction projects chosen by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) through a statewide competitive process. In the initial cycle, the CTC will program the first three years of funding, approximately \$300 million. As the taxing authority for the Measure A transportation sales tax program, the STA is a designated Eligible Applicant, meaning it may nominate projects for the statewide competition. Sacramento County's population of over 1.5 million people puts us into the LPP's "Category I" which requires a minimum project size of \$10 million, Agencies nominating multiple projects are required to clearly prioritize its projects.

The CTC has established evaluation criteria that gives higher priority to:

- Projects that are more cost-effective
- Projects that can commence construction or implementation earlier
- Projects that leverage more committed funds per program dollar

- Projects that can demonstrate quantifiable air quality improvements, including a significant reduction in vehicle-miles traveled
- Projects that can demonstrate regional and community project support
- Within a Metropolitan Planning Organization, projects that further the implementation of the sustainable communities strategy

The STA priorities and project applications are due to the CTC no later than January 30.

**Discussion**

A total of six projects are being nominated for the Competitive Grant Program:

**Table 1: LPP Competitive Grant Program Nominations Through the STA**

Implementing Agency	Project(s)	Requested Amount
City of Sacramento	Downtown Grid 3.0 Implementation	\$5.0 Million
	Hazel Avenue Improvement, Phase III	\$5.0 Million
County of Sacramento	Elverta Road Improvement – Dutch Haven Blvd to Watt Ave	\$5.0 Million
	South Watt Avenue Improvement – Florin Rd to Jackson Rd	\$5.0 Million
City of Rancho Cordova	White Rock Road Transportation Improvement Project	\$10.5 Million
ConnectorJPA City of Elk Grove City of Folsom County of Sacramento	Capital SouthEast Connector	\$20.0 Million

At the January 11, 2018 meeting, the STA Governing Board will prioritize the above projects from one to six. The CTC may elect to only evaluate the highest priority application(s) submitted by each agency but is also not under any obligation to take into consideration the STA’s rankings.

All projects will compete against other nominated projects from throughout the state. CTC indicated it will give consideration to geographic balance but over multiple programming cycles. Therefore, there is no assurance any of the local projects will be selected in this initial cycle. Since Category I is the most competitive category, it is recommended that the Board carefully consider the CTC evaluation criteria as it ranks projects next month. Although not specifically listed in the LPP Guidelines, the CTC will likely also evaluate which projects are the highest-visibility and which projects offer the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people.

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