



## Agenda Report

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### REPORT TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### SUBJECT

Additional Funding Sources for Bike and Pedestrian Projects (Yee)

#### BACKGROUND

At the December 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting, BPAC Member Kratz requested to have the BPAC discuss additional funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects. He is proposing the idea of raising taxes to fund these types of projects.

#### DISCUSSION

The planning, design, and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities may be funded by four main types of funding sources: 1) City funds (i.e. General Fund), 2) County and Regional funds, 3) State and Federal funds and 4) Developer Funding. Below is the existing funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects:

1. City funds:
  - a. General Fund
  - b. Silicon Valley Power (SVP) cap and trade funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects.
2. County and Regional funds:
  - a. Measure B provides sales tax funding for roadway repair, traffic signal, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. A specific portion is set aside for bicycle and pedestrian capital projects, studies, and education and encouragement programs.
  - b. Transportation Funds for Clean Air (TFCA) provides an annual competitive pool of vehicle fee funds for traffic signal, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. VTA sets aside a portion specifically for the Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) consisting of projects listed in the County BEP list.
3. State and Federal funds:
  - a. Gas tax and Senate Bill 1 funding provides an annual amount of guaranteed sales tax funds for roadway repair, traffic signal, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.
    - i. Senate Bill 1 also provides competitive funds for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants for bicycle plans and studies.
  - b. Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding provides an annual amount of guaranteed sales tax funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects. VTA also sets aside a portion specifically for the BEP.
  - c. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) provides competitive federal funds for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) and Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) for bicycle and pedestrian projects. VTA also sets aside a portion specifically for the BEP. Staff anticipates the next call for projects will come out sometime in 2022.

- d. Active Transportation Program (ATP) provides competitive funding (mix of federal and state Senate Bill 1) for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The call for projects occurs every one to two years.
- e. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) provides competitive federal funding for traffic signal, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. The call for projects occurs every one to two years.

4. Developer Funding:

- a. Traffic Impact Fees (TIF) are developer impact fees required to fund projects identified in the City's TIF Nexus Study. The fees are calculated based on the size of new developments. A portion of the TIF is specifically allocated towards bicycle and pedestrian enhancements.
- b. Inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian improvements as requirements for development approvals.
- c. Fair share contributions toward bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- d. Other development related funding such as the Santana West Settlement Agreement provides funding for traffic signal, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.

BPAC is encouraged to discuss additional funding sources desired to supplement these existing sources.

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