



Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 1/27/2020

REPORT TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT

Measure B Funding Recommendations (Shariat)

BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) 2016 Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Capital Projects competitive grant program has approximately \$80 million available for FY2020 - FY2030. The minimum application request is \$50,000 and the maximum grant award per sponsoring agency can be no more than 50 percent of the total available funds per call for the project cycle. This program funds bicycle and pedestrian projects of countywide significance and supports activities related to the Environmental Clearance, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and/or Construction phases of a project. Priority will be given to those projects that connect to schools, transit, and employment centers; fill gaps in the existing bike and pedestrian network; safely cross barriers to mobility; and make walking or biking a safer and more convenient means of transportation for all county residents and visitors.

VTA issued a call for projects on December 3, 2019 with an application deadline of March 23, 2020. Staff will select projects listed in the Santa Clara Bicycle Plan Update 2018 (Bicycle Plan) and the draft Pedestrian Master Plan that meet the criteria of the program. Priority will be given to those bicycle projects listed as the top 40 priority projects in the Bicycle Plan and to the high priority projects in the draft Pedestrian Master Plan. Due to the extensive amount of time necessary for staff to determine which bicycle and pedestrian projects to apply for during this funding cycle, staff is unable to provide the specific projects being applied for at the January Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. The purpose of this item to ensure that the BPAC is aware of this call for projects and to solicit any related feedback or comments. Staff will provide an update on this item at the March BPAC meeting.

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