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C/CAG ANNOUNCES A CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE UPDATE OF THE 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)/ SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) ALSO KNOWN AS “PLAN BAY AREA 2040”

SAN MATEO, Calif. (May 15, 2015) – The City/ County Association of Governments of San Mateo County has issued a “Call for Projects” to assist the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) also known as Plan Bay Area 2040. The announcement for this call can be found at the following website:

<http://ccag.ca.gov/2040-plan-bay-area-call-for-projects/>

The RTP/SCS is a combined transportation plan and land use plan that aims to support development patterns and transportation elements that work together to reduce green house gas (GHG) emissions.

Plan Bay Area 2040 is a state-mandated, integrated long-range transportation, land-use and housing plan that will support a growing economy, provide more housing and transportation choices, and reduce transportation-related pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Projects included in the RTP are for planning purposes only. Projects not listed in the RTP/ SCS cannot compete for Federal, State of California, or regional discretionary funding. In addition, projects that are 100% locally funded and have regional significance must be included in the RTP for air quality conformity purposes.

Eligible project sponsors must be a public agency such as a city, the county, transit operator, or a transportation agency in San Mateo County. Members of the public with project ideas must secure a public agency sponsor.

General Project Criteria

Project sponsors are encouraged to submit projects/programs that meet one or more of the general criterion listed below:

- Supports Plan Bay Area’s performance targets.
- Supports Plan Bay Area’s adopted forecasted land use, including Priority Development Areas (PDA) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCA).
- Derives from an adopted plan, corridor study, or project study report (e.g., community-

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based transportation plans, countywide transportation plan, regional bicycle plan and climate action plans).

Further details and guidelines from MTC are available at:

<http://planbayarea.org/index.php>

MTC is has developed a web-based application form for sponsors to submit their projects as a part of the Call for Projects process. In order to meet the MTC deadlines, project sponsors must complete the MTC detail "on-line" application and notify Jean Higaki, for submission, at jhigaki@smcgov.org, by or before **July 3, 2015**. The MTC web-based application will be available by May 18, 2015.

Schedule of the San Mateo RTP/SCS Call For Projects is as follows:

- C/CAG issues a call for projects to all identified project sponsors -May 15, 2015.
- MTC Opens Web-Based Project Application Form for Use by CMAs/ Project Sponsors May 18, 2015
- Web-Based Project Application Workshop for San Mateo County Project Sponsors - May 27, 2015
- C/CAG Board - Outreach and Process Review -June 11, 2015
- Congestion Management Program Technical Advisory Committee (CMP TAC) – Outreach and Process Review -June 18, 2015
- Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ) – Outreach and Process Review - June 29, 2015
- Deadline for Project Sponsors to submit projects to C/CAG via Web-Based Application -July 3, 2015
- CMP TAC –Review of the project list - August 20, 2015
- CMEQ – Review of the project list - August 31, 2015
- C/CAG Board –Endorsement of the project list - September 10, 2015
- Project Submittals Due to MTC - September 30, 2015

- **Public Hearing in San Mateo: Monday, June 29, 2015**
3:00 –5:00 p.m.: Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ) meeting to review and comment on call for projects process - San Mateo City Hall, Conference Room C, 330 West 20th Avenue, City of San Mateo, California

If you have any questions about this process please contact Jean Higaki at (650) 599-1462 jhigaki@smcgov.org or Sandy Wong at (650) 599-1409 Slwong@smcgov.org.

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