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**Request for Information (RFI) for
San Mateo County Bike and Scooter-Share Pilots**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Listed below are questions received prior to the closing date and time of the request for clarifications period regarding the San Mateo County Bike and Scooter-Share Pilots RFI:

Question 1: Our stations must be placed within private properties – such as hotels, campuses, etc. Would that be a good fit for what C/CAG is thinking of?

Response 1: In accordance with the utilization of public funds in the project, it is essential that all bike and scooter share locations maintain accessibility to the public. Any instances of access limitations imposed by the placement of stations on private properties would render them incompatible with the objectives of the C/CAG program.

Question 2: Are you looking for a solution where residents can have access to a reliable form of transportation that they can use for short and long trips or are you looking for a solution simply to get people to and from the transit stations?

Response 2: C/CAG is actively seeking a solution that offers expanded mobility options for both short and long trips while effectively addressing the first and last mile challenge to and from transit stations.

Question 3: Are you looking for the vendor to fund the vehicles and docking/storage infrastructure entirely themselves, or does the C/CAG anticipate subsidizing any of the costs?

Response 3: C/CAG and its partners anticipate making minimal financial contributions to support the operational aspects of the program, including the necessary infrastructure required. Through this RFI, C/CAG hopes to have an increased understanding of the financial contributions needed to implement the program.

Question 4: Rather than "publicly" shared, would the C/CAG be open to considering a micro-mobility network through a "controlled" shared fleet program such as e-bike libraries? These controlled programs can still serve many people in the area, but stay better maintained and can often be a more reliable form of transportation for the user than a publicly shared option.

Response 4: C/CAG welcomes the exploration of different bike and scooter-share models and options. Respondents are encouraged to present innovative concepts, accompanied by comprehensive overview of the concepts, relevant cost information, and discussion on potential implementation timelines.

Question 5: Does C/CAG have an American Made “Manufacturer” preference or will consideration be given to American Made “Manufactured” products?

Response 5: At this time, the project has not been allocated any federal funds. As such, American-made requirement is not stipulated. Any such requirement or preference will be communicated explicitly at the time of the Request for Proposal.

Question 6: Does C/CAG have or give consideration for social economic certifications such as minority-owned or women-owned?

Response 6: Certain grant funding necessitates adherence to DBE requirements or preferences for women owned businesses. Any preferences or requirements regarding social economic certifications will be clearly outlined in C/CAG’s future procurement materials to ensure transparency and compliance with the relevant grant funding regulations.

Question 7: With the award for this requisition be based on best value or lowest price technically acceptable?

Response 7: Submission of a response to this RFI will not lead to an offer of acceptance nor an offer of award, nor does this RFI obligate C/CAG to contract with responding firms. A subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) may or may not be issued subject solely to C/CAG’s discretion. If C/CAG issues a procurement in the future, scoring criteria will be clearly listed in the RFP.

Question 8: Will C/CAG hold either a pre-solicitation meeting or an industry day to discuss this acquisition need?

Response 8: At this current time, C/CAG does not anticipate holding a pre-solicitation meeting or an industry day.