



## Board Report

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**SUBJECT: MEASURE M METRO ACTIVE TRANSPORT, TRANSIT AND FIRST/LAST MILE  
(MAT) PROGRAM CYCLE 2**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING project selection for Measure M Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile program (MAT Program) funding to 16 projects, as shown in Attachment A;
- B. APPROVING an additional \$5,000,000 to increase the originally authorized funding for Cycle 2 of the MAT Program from \$80,500,000 to \$85,500,000; and
- C. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or her designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects.

#### **ISSUE**

On November 30, 2023, the Metro Board [authorized <https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2023-0516/>](https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2023-0516/) a project selection process for Cycle 2 of the MAT Program, which invests Measure M MAT Program funds per the Measure M Guidelines, in grants to local jurisdictions, with an emphasis on projects that will be ready for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Staff recommend awarding a total of 16 grants (Attachment A) for Cycle 2 with funding programmed over Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2030 (Attachment B).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Per the Measure M Guidelines, the MAT Program must be informed by the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP). On November 30, 2023, the Board adopted the [update to the ATSP <https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2023-0516/>](https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2023-0516/) and associated eligible project list for each project category, and authorized staff to develop and release the solicitation for Cycle 2 of the MAT Program. On April 24, 2025, the Board authorized a [Programming Update <https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2024-1101/>](https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2024-1101/) authorizing a total amount of \$80.5

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million.

Only projects in locations identified in the ATSP are eligible for Cycle 2 funding. The ATSP describes the active transportation network, defines project types, and identifies high-priority projects for MAT Program funding, reflected by their weighted scores and tier category, with Tier 1 projects being the highest priority. The weighted scores of these projects were based on equity, safety needs, connectivity, and accessibility; the tiering of the project list considered geographic balance.

In summer 2024, Metro staff held a pre-solicitation information session describing program criteria and eligible projects and also held a post-release workshop on February 20, 2025, on the application process and evaluation criteria. The presentation deck for this workshop and recording were made available on the [MAT Program webpage <https://www.metro.net/about/metro-active-transport-transit-and-first-last-mile-program/>](https://www.metro.net/about/metro-active-transport-transit-and-first-last-mile-program/). Additionally, Metro staff held individual office hours upon request from any applicant during February and March and provided continuous updates of a Frequently Asked Questions page.

On February 6, 2025, Metro released the Cycle 2 MAT solicitation for Letters of Interest (LOI) for eligible projects in each of the categories described above. 30 LOIs were received by the due date of April 7, 2025, and were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- demonstration of need
- project benefits
- project delivery assurance
- funding plan and schedule
- demonstration of stakeholder support
- project partnerships
- alignment with existing plans and projects

The MAT solicitation establishes the program requirements, eligibility, and scoring criteria (Attachment C). As detailed in the ATSP, Cycle 2 of the MAT Program will fund three major categories of activity:

- Development of a First/Last Mile (FLM) priority network around major transit stations (First/Last Mile Projects);
- Development of regionally significant pedestrian districts to support walkability and safety (Pedestrian District Projects); and
- Development of a regional active transportation corridor priority network supporting travel by active rolling modes countywide (Active Transportation Corridor Projects).

Bonus points were given to proposals that are based on the 2028 Games Mobility Concept Plan (MCP) MCP and that ensure delivery by FY 2028.

Cycle 1 of the MAT Program awarded \$63,100,000 in funding to 11 First/Last Mile projects and 5 Active Transportation Corridor projects. Based on project implementation in Cycle 1, Cycle 2 focused on targeted safety improvements and timely use of project funds. Staff held project scoping

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discussions with recommended project sponsors to emphasize high safety standards for active transportation infrastructure projects. Additionally, Cycle 2 funds will be programmed by project phase, in addition to fiscal year, in order to better align with construction costs and project timelines.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Project Selection**

Metro assembled an evaluation team composed of 19 agency staff to evaluate the 30 LOIs received. Each LOI was evaluated by three independent evaluators assigned at random. The evaluators' scores were averaged to arrive at a qualitative criteria score worth 70 percent of the total project score. The remaining 30 percent of the score was derived from the predetermined need-based quantitative analysis established in the adopted ATSP. Funding recommendations are based on the order of total score and limited by the amount of available funds. The 30 applications received included 12 FLM applications, 14 active transportation corridor applications, two pedestrian district applications, and two quick build applications. The total funding request across all applications was \$159.4 million.

The project recommendations were posted to the MAT website on August 14, 2025. Upon investigation, it was discovered that one project application from the City of Inglewood was not included in the initial project evaluation due to an Information Technology (IT) email sorting error. Staff coordinated with Metro's Information and Technology Services (ITS) and evaluated the application. The project was included in the revised project list in Attachment A as recommended for funding, increasing the total Cycle 2 recommended funding amount by \$5,000,000. Therefore, staff is recommending increasing the total MAT Cycle 2 programming amount from the previously Board authorized \$80,500,000, to \$85,500,000. This action may impact funding availability for future cycles. Staff will inform the public of the submitted applications after the deadline for submissions to avoid such an issue in the future.

Staff recommends 16 proposals for award that will receive the full \$85.5 million available. Of the 16 projects recommended for funding, 13 have indicated they will be completed by 2028, thereby significantly improving mobility and contributing to the regional active transportation network for the Games. These timelines are subject to change as projects develop further.

Staff recommends fully funding the requests of all but one recommended project, City of Alhambra, which includes the full design of a proposed bicycle plan on several connecting streets with contingent funding to construct a selection of those streets. Unfunded segments from this design will be prioritized for additional funding for construction in Cycle 3 or should funding from either Cycle 1 or 2 be deobligated.

14 proposals were not recommended for award due to their ranked score from the evaluation process. These projects had lower scores due to various considerations, including safety, project delivery assurances, connectivity, and community engagement. In addition to these considerations, the three Games supportive projects are not recommended for funding because the project either duplicates an existing project scope, lacks sufficient evidence of key partnerships necessary for project implementation, or does not meet the application requirements.

Nine of the 16 recommended projects are either on the MCP or are Games-supportive and are

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expected to be completed by 2028. Of these, two projects on Attachment A received additional points for being on the MCP and are required to be completed by Summer 2028 to avoid deobligation of the Cycle 2 project funds. Implementing the MAT Cycle 2 projects will improve public health outcomes, safety, and the environment through the delivery of countywide active transportation improvements comprising 28.3 miles of new bike lanes/paths as well as improved access to 11 transit stops and stations. Collectively, Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 of the MAT Program will deliver 54.2 miles of these improvements to corridors and improve access to 22 transit stops and stations. Pedestrian improvements funded through this action will enhance crosswalks and signals and include new curb extensions, curb ramps, traffic calming infrastructure and intersection improvements.

### Programming and Timely Use of Funds

Staff will program funds by phase and fiscal year. MAT Cycle 2 submittals did not require a completed planning phase in order to apply for all phases of the project through construction, as is typical in other competitive funding programs. As such, four of these projects will require an initial scoping and/or design phase to arrive at a more refined scope and reliable funding amounts for the full project. The programming for subsequent project development phases reflects the best not-to-exceed estimates and is subject to further refinement.

Metro will program funding for the first phase of project development requested by the project sponsor in FY2026, as well as provide conditional approval to fund subsequent phases, which will be programmed at the conclusion of each phase as defined in the funding agreement. Projects that do not change will not require additional Board approval to program the construction phase of the project. Minor scope changes may also be allowed without Board approval if the grantee will still deliver a project that meets the intent of the originally awarded project scope of work, including the defined project limits, with the awarded funding. Staff will seek Board approval of any recommended program funding amendments, such as fund deobligation, addition of project elements, or adjustments to the programming years as projects develop. Deobligation may occur if a project does not meet its original intent, thereby no longer scoring competitively within the evaluation process.

The solicitation describes timely use of funds requirements that will be enforced. Projects have three years from the program year to request allocation of funds. Therefore, projects that have not completed the plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) phase programmed in FY2026 by FY 2029 will be deobligated and not receive a construction grant award, leading to those funds being eligible to fund other projects. Additionally, projects that received points for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY 2028 or the funds will be deobligated. Administrative extensions for MCP projects will not be authorized.

### Project Roles

If requested by a grantee, Metro may lead the early planning and scoping phase of projects, as was done for several projects in the Cycle 1. For projects where Metro leads early project development, funding will be programmed with Metro as the recipient for this phase, as indicated in the programming table, and staff will prepare and execute Cooperative Agreements with project sponsors. Projects led locally will otherwise require Funding Agreements with Metro. If a grantee wishes for Metro to lead the early phase of project development and Metro agrees to this based on an assessment of available resources, Metro will administratively update the programming table to

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reflect Metro as lead entity for that phase and enter into a Cooperative Agreement. Attachment B includes a note indicating the projects eligible for this arrangement. The Construction phase for all projects recommended for MAT Cycle 2 funding will be implemented by the local jurisdictions through a funding agreement with Metro.

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The programming of \$85.5 million in Measure M funds for these projects will result in improved safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and people accessing transit. All projects were first evaluated for safety needs during the development of the ATSP and then further prioritized based on safety benefits during the evaluation of applications. Proposed safety countermeasures from these projects, such as Class I and IV bikeways, curb extensions, pedestrian signals, and traffic calming features reduce vehicle speeds and conflict points between motor vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists. Metro will work with project sponsors to collect data to determine the effectiveness of projects at improving safety and reducing crashes involving the most vulnerable road users.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This action would program projects for funding between FY 2026 and FY 2030 (Attachment B). Each project has three years from the programming year to spend the funds for that phase of project development. Project sponsors may request reimbursements beginning this fiscal year and staff expect \$8,500,000 in disbursements in FY26.

The full life cycle of programming for all MAT Cycle 2 projects is shown in Attachment B. For all projects that did not receive additional points for being on the MCP, project sponsors have three years from the programming year to spend funds before they lapse. The three projects (Pasadena, LABOE and Pomona) that have this requirement are programmed in FY2028 and must request reimbursement by that year. All MAT projects will be budgeted in the Metro Active Transport project (#473001) for reimbursement payments to MAT projects being implemented by local jurisdictions or to Metro for any project where Metro is the lead through a Cooperative Agreement. Since these are multi-year projects, the Cost Center managers and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

### **Impact to Budget**

Recommendation A is inclusive of a multi-year budget and will add \$8,500,000 to the FY 2026 budget for the Metro Active Transport project (#473001) through Cost Centers #0441, #4360, and #4340. The source of funds for these projects is Measure M Active Transportation 2%, which includes other active transportation projects, such as the LA River Path Project. This fund source is not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures. As with all discretionary grant programs, there is a risk of timely expenditure of funds. Staff will continuously monitor projects and budgets to ensure progress and adherence to timelines.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

The recommended projects from the MAT Program will improve the safety and mobility for active

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transportation users throughout LA County. The improvements prioritize safe and dignified routes and accommodations for vulnerable road users accessing Metro Stations by walking, biking, or rolling.

The ATSP, which guides the MAT Program, including the selection and initial prioritization of eligible projects, elevated equity considerations at all stages of development. The ATSP update in 2023 identified the goals of Equity, Safety and Comfort, Accessibility, Connectivity and Sustainability, with each goal being supported by two to three objectives. The purpose of the Equity goal is for low-income populations, communities of color, and other vulnerable and underserved people to have equitable access to safe and convenient active transportation options. A key objective is to prioritize active transportation interventions in Equity Focus Communities (EFCs). As such, equity is a key criterion for the prioritization of the regional network and effectively targets future active transportation investments towards those with the greatest needs in communities that have historically lacked investment.

Of the 16 projects receiving funding through this action, 14 are in or immediately adjacent to EFCs in the cities of Alhambra, Burbank, Pasadena, Long Beach, Pomona, and Duarte, and Los Angeles neighborhoods of San Fernando Valley, Downtown LA, Chinatown, Koreatown, Pico-Union, South Park, and Inglewood (Attachment D). This funding will improve the quality of safety infrastructure for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and bicyclists, many of whom are regular transit users. Many households in EFCs do not have access to a car and would benefit from safer options for travel within neighborhoods and accessing transit to meet daily needs. For those projects that Metro leads the planning and design phases through Cooperative Agreements, CBOs will be employed to participate in project development.

Projects not directly in or adjacent to EFCs scored well in the qualitative evaluation. Both the City of Santa Monica (Bergamot Connector) and the City of Culver City (Overland) projects prioritize active transportation safety and serve a daytime population for work and/or school that may be different than the residential demographics.

## **VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME**

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.\* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. Each of the projects within this item support Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT through investment and planning activities that will improve and further encourage transit ridership and active transportation. Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets were designed to build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

*\*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring*

*System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.*

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The program advances several Strategic Plan Goals including:

- *Goal #1:* High-quality mobility options - advances new active transportation corridors and a full suite of first/last mile interventions at selected stations.
- *Goal #2:* Outstanding trip experiences for all - will develop and advance key station access improvements including traveler/transfer information, improved signage and wayfinding among others.
- *Goal #3:* Enhancing communities and lives - includes a clear focus on targeting investment to places that need it most due to safety, socio-economic and other factors.
- *Goal #4:* Transform LA County through collaboration and leadership - prompts new partnership models with agencies to deliver projects.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could elect not to approve selected projects and the programming of funds; however, this is not recommended as the MAT Program is a funding commitment in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. Without approval and programming of funds for elected projects under the MAT Program, advancement of key corridors and connections to transit that have been prioritized as part of the ATSP would be impeded. This is not recommended as the proposed projects were selected according to Board-adopted criteria. Additionally, many of these projects have been identified as important priorities for implementation before Los Angeles hosts the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games. Delaying programming of these funds may increase the risk that these projects cannot be delivered on time.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, respective implementing agencies will be notified, and Funding and/or Cooperative Agreements will be executed. Staff will continue to work with the selected grantees as described in this report. Annual updates will be provided to the Board via Board Box.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - MAT Program Cycle 2 Application Scores and Ranking

Attachment B - MAT Program Cycle 2 Program of Projects

Attachment C - MAT Program Cycle 2 Solicitation

Attachment D - MAT Program Cycle 2 Recommended Projects Map

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ATTACHMENT A

Application Scores  
MAT Program Cycle 2

Rank	Program Category	Agency	Project Name	Funding Request	LOI Score	ATSP-Based Score	Total Score	MCP/ Games-Supportive
1	FLM	LADOT	Alvarado/Pico First-Last Mile Improvements	\$6,542,640	57.8	28.9	86.7	Yes
2	FLM	City of Pasadena	Pasadena Rose Bowl Multimodal Olympic Route	\$7,171,250	59.3	22.9	82.2	Yes
3	PD	City of Long Beach	Downtown Walkable Corners	\$9,995,525	54.3	27.3	81.6	Yes
4	FLM	LADOT	Grand Ave/Cesar Chavez Ave First/Last Mile Project	\$10,000,000	59.7	18.6	78.3	
5	ATC	LA BOE	West San Fernando Valley LA River Gap Closure Segments 1 and 2	\$10,000,000	68.5	7.5	76.0	Yes
6	FLM	LADOT	Union/Pico First-Last Mile Improvements	\$1,944,215	57.0	18.6	75.6	Yes
7	ATC	LADOT	Koreatown to Pico-Union Neighborhood Active Transportation Corridor Project	\$5,407,580	52.7	18.1	70.8	
8	FLM	LADOT	Vermont/Pico First-Last Mile Improvements	\$4,347,696	57.0	13.4	70.4	Yes
9	FLM	LADOT	Pico Metro Station First-Last Mile Improvements	\$2,632,922	57.3	12.9	70.2	Yes
10	ATC	City of Culver City	Better Overland Phase 2	\$5,557,600	63.2	5.5	68.7	
11	FLM	City of Burbank	Downtown Burbank Sidewalk Enhancement Project	\$6,220,348	56.3	11.9	68.2	
12	ATC	City of Pomona	Metro GoldLine First/Last Mile Improvement Project	\$1,868,452	64.0	3.8	67.8	Yes
13	PD/FLM	City of Santa Monica	The Bergamot Connector	\$1,451,003	53.8	9.3	63.1	
14	ATC	City of Alhambra	Alhambra Backbone Bicycle Network	\$10,000,000	55.5	7.5	63.0	
15	FLM	City of Inglewood	Market Street Streetscape (MSS) Project	\$5,000,000	48.7	13.9	62.6	
16	FLM	City of Duarte	Duarte Town Center Greening and Traffic Calming Project	\$3,115,200	52.5	10.0	62.5	
17	ATC	City of Industry	City of Industry Valley Boulevard Mobility Enhancement Project	\$5,720,100	56.3	4.1	60.4	
18	QB	City of Norwalk	Norwalk Metro Station FLM Improvements	\$1,000,000	53.1	7.1	60.2	Yes
19	FLM	City of Beverly Hills	Wilshire/Rodeo D Line Station Improvements	\$1,407,000	51.8	6.8	58.6	
20	ATC	City of Carson	Los Angeles 2028 Olympics & Paralympics Games Readiness Walk and Roll Network	\$10,000,000	53.2	3.8	57.0	Yes
21	ATC	City of Glendora	Glendora People Movement Project	\$4,560,056	54.2	2.7	56.9	
22	PD	City of Claremont	Arrow Highway and Cambridge Avenue Improvements Project	\$935,951	48	4.7	52.7	
23	ATC	City of Covina	East San Gabriel Valley Safe and Active Streets Connectivity Project	\$3,132,994	45.8	6.1	51.9	
24	ATC	City of El Segundo	El Segundo Greenway Development - Rails to Trails	\$9,974,575	46.7	5.1	51.8	
25	ATC	City of Pico Rivera	Rosemead Blvd Pedestrian Improvements & Transit Connectivity Project	\$4,302,855	45.7	5.6	51.3	
26	ATC	City of Azusa	San Gabriel Avenue/ Azusa Avenue Complete Streets Project	\$3,993,276	43.2	7.2	50.4	
27	ATC	County of LA-PW	Activo! Safe and Connected Vermont Corridor	\$9,500,000	36.2	10.9	47.1	
28	QB	City of San Fernando	San Fernando Mall Enhancement	\$105,700	38.9	7.5	46.4	
29	FLM	City of Carson	Los Angeles 2028 Olympics & Paralympics Games Readiness Bark and Roll Network	\$8,817,989	29.7	3.6	33.3	Yes
30	ATC	City of Calabasas	Calabasas Road Active Transportation Project	\$4,557,286	27.2	5.5	32.7	
Total				\$159,262,213				

## Program of Projects MAT Program Cycle 2

Rank	Program Category	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Project ID No.	Project Location	Funding Phases	Note	Prior FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total	Subregion
1	FLM	Los Angeles DOT**		C1213	Pico Blvd/ Alvarado St	Construction	NEW		\$1,740,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,300,000			\$6,540,000	Central LA
Class IV bike lanes, curb ramp upgrades, pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalk repair, pedestrian refuge island, pedestrian plaza and speed tables between Figueroa Street and Crenshaw Boulevard															
2	FLM	City of Pasadena*		C1217	Holly/ Pasadena/ Walnut/ Orange Grove	Planning/ Environmental, PS&E, Construction	NEW		\$960,000	\$1,640,000	\$4,570,000			\$7,170,000	Arroyo Verdugo
A combination of Class II and Class IV bike facilities, curb ramps, crosswalks, and enhanced crossing treatments.															
3	PD	City of Long Beach		C1218	7th St/ Alamitos Ave/ 1st St/ Magnolia Ave	Construction	NEW				\$2,000,000	\$7,990,000		\$9,990,000	Gateway Cities
Pedestrian refuge islands, bulb outs and Class IV bike lanes.															
4	FLM	Los Angeles DOT		C1219	Cesar Chavez Ave/ Alameda Street	Construction	NEW		\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,000,000			\$10,000,000	Central LA
Improve safety and enhance access to transit stops through enhanced pedestrian crossings, ADA upgrades, sidewalk repairs, lighting enhancements, bus boarding platforms, dedicated bus lanes, and protected bike lanes.															
5	ATC	Los Angeles BOE***		9200000000MMLARVB	LA River Path from Vanalden Ave to Balboa Blvd	Construction	Adds funds to MM Project			\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000			\$10,000,000	Central LA
Class I bike path, ADA-compliant curb ramps, six undercrossings, pedestrian-scale lighting, wayfinding signage, and traffic calming.															
6	FLM	Los Angeles DOT**		C1214	Pico Blvd/ Union Ave	Construction	NEW		\$520,000	\$900,000	\$520,000			\$1,940,000	Central LA
Class IV bike lanes, curb ramp upgrades, pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalk repair, pedestrian refuge island, pedestrian plaza and speed tables between Figueroa Street and Crenshaw Boulevard															
7	ATC	Los Angeles DOT		C1106	New Hampshire/ Berendo	Construction	NEW				\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,400,000	\$5,400,000	Central LA
This project will establish a safe, low-stress, walk and bike route through traffic calming, protected crossings, and a Class IV two-way bike lane.															
8	FLM	Los Angeles DOT**		C1215	Pico Blvd/ Vermont Ave	Construction	NEW		\$1,040,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000			\$4,340,000	Central LA
Class IV bike lanes, curb ramp upgrades, pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalk repair, pedestrian refuge island, pedestrian plaza and speed tables between Figueroa Street and Crenshaw Boulevard															
9	FLM	Los Angeles DOT**		C1216	Pico Blvd/ Albany St/ Figueroa St	Construction	NEW		\$580,000	\$1,200,000	\$850,000			\$2,630,000	Central LA
Class IV bike lanes, curb ramp upgrades, pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalk repair, pedestrian refuge island, pedestrian plaza and speed tables between Figueroa Street and Crenshaw Boulevard															
10	ATC	City of Culver City		C1107	Overland Ave/ Playa St	Construction	NEW					\$5,400,000		\$5,400,000	Westside Cities
Class IV bike lane, curb extensions, protected intersections, upgraded crosswalks, ADA ramps, pedestrian signals and push buttons, wayfinding, pedestrian-level lighting.															
11	FLM	City of Burbank*		C1220	San Fernando Blvd, First St/ Olive Ave & First St/ Magnolia Ave	Planning/ Environmental, PS&E, Construction	NEW		\$530,000	\$2,690,000	\$3,000,000			\$6,220,000	Arroyo Verdugo
Sidewalk improvements, curb extensions, directional ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, high-visibility crosswalks, and wayfinding signage.															
12	ATC	City of Pomona***		MM4701.10	Arrow Hwy/ Bonita Ave/ Garey Ave	Construction	Adds funds to MSP Project				\$1,860,000			\$1,860,000	San Gabriel Valley
Class II and Class IV bike lanes, widened sidewalks, ADA ramps, upgraded crossings, and lighting enhancements.															
13	FLM	City of Santa Monica		C1221	Michigan Ave/ 21st St	PS&E, Construction			\$330,000			\$1,120,000		\$1,450,000	Westside Cities
Class II and Class IV bike lanes, curb extension, ADA-compliant curb ramps, high-visibility crosswalks, traffic signal modifications, pedestrian-activated control devices, and wayfinding signage.															
14	ATC	City of Alhambra*		C1108	E Main St/ Valley Blvd/ Mission Rd/ Fremont Ave/ Poplar Blvd/ Hellman Ave/ Westmont Dr	Planning/ Environmental, Design PS&E, Construction	NEW		\$300,000		\$310,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,840,000	\$4,450,000	San Gabriel Valley
A mix of Class I, II, III, and IV bike lanes, and traffic calming elements.															
15	FLM	City of Inglewood		C1224	Market Street from Florence to Hillcrest	Planning/ Environmental, Design PS&E, Construction	NEW		\$500,000	\$4,500,000				\$5,000,000	South Bay Cities
16	FLM	City of Duarte		C1222	Huntington Dr/ Highland Ave	Construction	NEW					\$3,110,000		\$3,110,000	San Gabriel Valley
Pedestrian-level lighting, curb bulb-outs, curb parklets, crosswalk improvements, and landscaping.															
TOTAL								\$0	\$8,500,000	\$23,230,000	\$28,910,000	\$20,620,000	\$4,240,000	\$85,500,000	
*FY26 programming for Planning/Environmental may be Cooperative Agreement (Metro-led) or Funding Agreement pending adoption of the program of projects.															
** Projects C1213, C1214, C1215, C1216 may be combined in one funding agreement and programming amounts would be aggregated.															
***Construction funds subject to deobligation if not completed by July 2028															

# ATTACHMENT C

## METRO ACTIVE TRANSPORT (MAT) PROGRAM CYCLE 2 SOLICITATION

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Introduction

The Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) program is a multi-year discretionary program within Measure M. This Cycle 2 Program establishes goals, process, and criteria for the five-year cycle of the MAT Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2030.

#### Program Purpose and Goals

The overarching purpose of the MAT Program is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking, and enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety. Specific Cycle 2 goals include:

- Advancing key Metro policies, with a focus on the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP), First/Last Mile (FLM) policy, and the Equity Platform Framework;
- Initiating implementation of projects in ATSP-identified first/last mile areas, active transportation corridors, and pedestrian districts;
- Jump-starting action on building active transportation networks and building momentum to deliver visible, tangible results;
- Encouraging, testing, and refining project partnerships and innovative delivery approaches; and
- Targeting investments in high-need areas.

A one-time special theme for this cycle is to provide funding support for critical active transportation investments that can be delivered in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games through preferential consideration to projects in the Board-adopted 2028 Games Mobility Concept Plan (MCP).

#### Program Schedule

Table 1 lists the major milestones for the development and adoption of the Cycle 2 program.

**Table 1: MAT Cycle 2 Schedule**

#	Milestone	Date
1	MAT Program Project Solicitation	February 6, 2025
2	MAT Program Letters of Intent Due	April 7, 2025
3	<b>Metro Board Meeting</b> <i>Metro staff seek approval of programming recommendations and authorization to execute agreements with grantees.</i>	July 24, 2025
4	MAT Program Agreements/Project Initiation <i>Metro staff work with grantees to execute agreements and initiate projects.</i>	August, 2025

#### Programming Cycle

The MAT Program is a multi-year discretionary program, with a projected total of \$857 million (2015 dollars) available through 2057. The second cycle of the MAT Program will commit and program funds for Fiscal Years 2026-2030 (Cycle 2), according to the process described in the

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MAT Program Administrative Procedures and further delineated in this Cycle 2 program. The Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and Administrative Procedures, as well as the specific MAT Program Administrative Procedures apply to this program, establishing definitions, eligible activities, and process. The programming capacity for the MAT Program for this time period is approximately \$15 million per year, or \$75 million over the full five-year period. Metro may commit funding for all or part of the programming capacity for each year of the programming period. Metro may update the project list, funding amounts for project phases, and timelines on an annual or semi-annual basis. Most projects are expected to expend programmed project phase funds within three years from the date funding agreements are fully executed for that phase. Exceptions will be made for Quick-Build projects that must be completed within 18 months of an executed Funding Agreement and for projects that elect to receive bonus points for being part of the MCP, which must be expended by FY 2028. Failure to expend funds as programmed will result in lapsing and Metro may rescind the award. Any project programmed that does not request allocation of funds in the year of programming may, at the discretion of Metro, have its funding deobligated and reprogrammed to other projects.

#### **Programmatic Categories**

As detailed in the ATSP, and established in the MAT Program Administrative Procedures, the MAT Program will fund three major categories of activity:

- Development of a First/Last Mile priority network around major transit stations;
- Development of regionally significant pedestrian districts to support walkability and safety; and
- Development of a regional active transportation corridor priority network supporting travel by active modes countywide.

#### **Funding Limits**

The maximum award for any one project in the Active Transportation Corridor, First/Last Mile or Pedestrian District category is \$10 million. The maximum award for any one project in the Quick-Build category is \$1 million. For non-Quick-Build projects, applicants must indicate whether their project is scalable and, if so, what elements of the project the applicant would propose to remove from the scope and its impact on project efficacy. Because of limited funds, Metro may choose to award an amount less than what is requested if agreed to by the project sponsor. Metro may also choose to award funding for one or two phases of a project without committing funding to all phases.

#### **Matching and Leveraging Funds**

Because the award amount for Quick-Build projects is lower than that of non-Quick-Build projects, Metro will prioritize projects that include a funding match for construction and final design costs. A funding match is not considered part of the evaluation criteria for all other projects. However, project administrative support will be required from all jurisdictions for any project in the form of staff time and such costs will not be covered with MAT funds. While a specific funding match is not required at the time of application, project sponsors are responsible for completing the project by identifying additional funding should the cost of constructing it exceed the funding available. Metro may assist project sponsors to obtain additional funding through grant-seeking assistance on a case-by-case basis. If a project receives funding for construction from the MAT program, the project sponsor will need to cover any costs exceeding that funding. Metro will not make additional allocations of funding from Measure M funding to cover cost overruns.

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#### **Funding Restrictions**

MAT funds shall not supplant other committed funds and are not available to fund cost increases on previously awarded projects. Projects that are already fully funded or projects that are a capital improvement required as a condition for private development approval or permits are not eligible for MAT Program funding.

#### **Ownership, Maintenance and Liability**

Project proposer/local jurisdiction agrees to own, maintain, and retain liability over all improvements delivered through the program, unless improvements are located on Metro property and Metro maintenance role is specifically agreed to.

#### **Measure M Recognition Requirement**

Projects and services funded by Measure M will publicly acknowledge the use of Measure M funds through websites, flyers, or other promotional and marketing materials. The form of recognition will be left to the discretion of Metro in consultation with the project sponsor.

#### **Complete Streets Requirement**

Project sponsors awarded funding through Cycle 2 must have an adopted Complete Streets Policy, an adopted City/County Resolution supporting Complete Streets, or an adopted General Plan consistent with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 at the time they are awarded MAT funding. For more information and resources, please visit Metro's website: <https://www.metro.net/about/complete-streets-trainings-amp-policy/>.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Eligible Recipients**

Cities, County of Los Angeles, and Caltrans are eligible to apply for funding through this program. Other transportation-related public joint powers authorities (JPAs) must be sponsored by one of the aforementioned public agencies. Joint applications are welcome but the lead applicant must be a public agency with jurisdiction over the development and maintenance of the infrastructure that is the subject of the grant.

#### **Funding of Metro Activities**

As described further below, Cycle 2 of the MAT Program may include significant Metro staff and contractor efforts, in partnership with project sponsors and other entities. Metro-led activities may vary by project as well as by phase within individual projects. Metro's efforts associated with MAT-funded projects will be funded through MAT Program funds, unless otherwise determined at Metro's sole discretion. The program of projects developed for Board approval will specify funding that is allocated to Metro staff time associated with the project as well as Metro consultant/contractor time associated with the project. Similarly, project funds to be granted to recipients, for both staff and consultant/contractor costs, will be specified in the program of projects.

#### **Project Eligibility**

Projects must be consistent with Metro's [First/Last Mile Strategic Plan \(2014\)](#) or [Active Transportation Strategic Plan \(2023\)](#).

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First/Last Mile and Pedestrian District locations eligible for Cycle 2 funding are listed in Attachment A. These locations were identified and prioritized as part of the development of the Active Transportation Strategic Plan update using screening and prioritization criteria that took into account equity, safety, and mobility/connectivity factors. The First/Last Mile Priority Network defined in this program is consistent with Metro Board Motion 14.1 (May 2016). This motion directed first/last mile planning activities for the existing transit network, including Metro Rail, Busway, and Metrolink stations, as well as the top 100 ridership bus stops in the county. These categories collectively yield 609 station areas, which form the universe of eligible project locations for Cycle 2. Consistent with ATSP methodology, a station area is defined by a 300-foot buffer around the closest major intersection to the actual station or stop and is inclusive of adjacent (e.g. bus-to-rail transfer) stops. 81 Pedestrian Districts were also defined and prioritized in the ATSP. Projects in Pedestrian Districts will be evaluated using the same criteria as for First/Last Mile projects with a strong emphasis on improving safety.

Active transportation corridor projects eligible for Cycle 2 funding are also listed in Attachment A. These projects were also identified using screening and prioritization criteria that took into account equity, safety, and mobility/connectivity factors. The ATSP identified 743 corridor segments eligible for MAT funding. These projects were then prioritized using a variety of factors corresponding to equity, safety, and mobility/connectivity.

Generally, projects that were awarded MAT funding in a previous cycle are not eligible to receive additional funding from MAT Cycle 2. However, applicants may propose a new project within the same eligible project area if it includes new scope and project elements not part of the original award.

#### **Eligible Project Expenditures and Limitations**

MAT funds are eligible for planning, design and construction of capital projects on any public road or publicly owned bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail. Projects shall not require the acquisition of significant rights-of-way (not more than 10% of the MAT-funded construction cost). Similarly, projects shall not use more than 10% of the MAT-funded project construction cost on utility relocation or landscaping elements. Examples of eligible project elements are listed in Table 2. The list is not intended to be exhaustive. Project sponsors should use the recommended design treatments detailed in the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Bicycle Design Guide and/or Urban Street Design Guide and projects should be designed for use by individuals of all ages and abilities.

FLM projects must be constructed within a half-mile radius of the transit/rail station. Pedestrian District projects can be any project that addresses critical safety needs within ATSP-defined Pedestrian District areas.

Project elements or costs considered ineligible for MAT funding include but are not limited to non-infrastructure elements such as education, operational costs, and maintenance. Other non-eligible costs include road resurfacing or reconstruction, utility relocation work, traffic signal installation or modification for general purpose lanes for the benefit of motor vehicle travel. The aforementioned list is not intended to be exhaustive.

As Measure M active transportation funds are for design and construction of the capital project elements listed in Table 2 only, MAT-funded projects must lead to the construction of bike and/or pedestrian improvements. In its initial Cycle 2 programming action, Metro may choose to



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initially fund earlier project phases of planning and design on some projects that seek funding for those phases without committing to additional funding for construction. Metro may add construction funds to those projects in a later year in its annual or semi-annual programming update. Applicants are required to identify the current status of the project and for which phases funding is being requested and must estimate the cost of construction of the project even if it is in the early planning phase.

**Table 2: Examples of Eligible Project Elements**

<b>Bicycle Elements</b>	<b>Pedestrian Elements</b>
Bicycle detection loops	Sidewalks
Rumble strips with consideration for bicyclists	Crosswalks
Bicycle-friendly drainage grates	High Visibility Crosswalks
Bicycle rails on bridges	ADA Compliant Curb Ramps
Bicycle-friendly track crossings	Pedestrian-activated control devices (PCS, APS)
Bike boxes	Crossing islands
Bike parking	Curb bulb-outs/extensions
Class I, II, III, IV bike paths	Leading pedestrian interval
Green colored pavement for bikeways	Accommodating pedestrians at interchanges
Bike signals/bicycle signal priority	Pedestrian wayfinding/signage
Roundabouts	Bridge access for pedestrians
Accommodating bicyclists at interchanges	Overpass/underpass for pedestrians
Bicycle signage	Street furniture/seating
Bridge access for bicyclists	Pedestrian scale lighting
Overpass/underpass for bicyclists	Landscaped areas (including trees)
<b>Transit Related Elements*</b>	<b>Traffic Calming Elements</b>
Bus pull out or bulb	Speed humps
Transit stop improvements	Speed cushions
Transit shelters	Speed tables
Boarding islands	Raised crosswalks
Transit signage	Median islands
Transit traveler information	Traffic circles

\*Transit Related Elements eligible only in FLM program category

### **PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORIES**

#### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS**

##### **Program Objectives**

Objectives specific to active transportation corridors include:

- Supporting the expansion of the active transportation network through the creation of multi-jurisdictional corridors;
- Encouraging new or strengthened partnerships across jurisdictional boundaries; and

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- Advancing projects that can effectively compete for additional funding for future phases of work.

#### **Project Proposers**

The Project Proposer should be the eligible recipient with most direct authority to implement the improvements contemplated by the project (typically a local jurisdiction with ownership/authority of the public right-of-way to be improved). At time of application, the project proposer agrees and certifies their ability and willingness to carry out the project improvements (noting optional roles for Metro described later), agrees that any necessary reviews, permit processes, or other discretionary functions will be streamlined to the greatest extent possible, and that key project milestones will be met including completion of each project phase including planning and engagement, design, and construction completion/installation of improvements and initiation of operation in accordance with the terms established in Cycle 2 and the project scope. Timely use of funds provisions are described further below. Given the emphasis of Cycle 2 on rapid deployment of improvements, these provisions will be strictly enforced. If projects are not ready to begin in 2025, project sponsors are encouraged to apply to future cycles.

For multi-jurisdictional projects, a single jurisdiction must be identified as the lead entity at the time an LOI is submitted. The lead entity has primary responsibility for project delivery and compliance with the terms of the program. Support for the project as proposed is required from all jurisdictions. All project partners shall have direct authority to implement the improvements contemplated by the project in their particular jurisdiction (e.g., ownership of the public right-of-way). Metro encourages multi-jurisdictional corridor projects and project sponsors will need to submit evidence of partnership between multiple jurisdictions with the LOI through letters of commitment that defines roles and responsibilities between all partners. Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement for any multi-jurisdictional projects, the jurisdictions must demonstrate an agreement between partnering jurisdictions describing roles, responsibility and coordination for the project.

The Project Proposer will identify and commit a specific project liaison/coordinator or project manager who is responsible for coordinating among functional departments or groups within the jurisdiction and serves as a single point of contact for Metro. The proposal shall describe the decision-making authority of the project manager, with the expectation that they are able to make decisions regarding the delivery of the project and that they are able to confer directly with elected and other decision makers as needed. MAT funds will not cover the cost of staff time for the project liaison/coordinator or project manager or their staff. For multi-jurisdictional projects, project support will be required from all jurisdictions along a corridor in the form of an in-kind match of staff time, which will not be covered with MAT funds. Each additional jurisdiction shall identify and commit its own specific project liaison/coordinator or project manager/project manager who is responsible for working with Metro and other jurisdictions to implement the project. This requirement applies to all entities with ROW control for the project, including special districts, utilities, and other non-municipal entities as applicable. Any changes to the project liaisons/coordinators must be conveyed to Metro within 60 days.

Metro encourages project sponsors to partner with community-based organizations (CBO), and other stakeholder groups to assist with project implementation. CBO participation is particularly important during the planning phase of the project. The project budget should include the



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activities of CBOs and identified CBOs should demonstrate their commitment to partner on delivering the project through a letter of commitment.

To the extent that program funds are granted to project sponsors, funding is made available through a project Funding Agreement, carrying specific requirements for adherence to law, regulation and policy. For active transportation corridor projects, Funding Agreements will be executed or amended in advance of each phase of the project that is covered under the grant: a) planning, preliminary engineering and community engagement; b) final design; and c) construction phases. Where project sponsors are requesting technical assistance in planning, preliminary engineering and community engagement, Metro will enter into Cooperative Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding with project sponsors to specify roles and responsibilities for the project.

#### **Metro's Role**

Metro, in addition to overseeing the MAT Program and serving as grantor, may support individual project development and delivery in a number of ways. At the time of solicitation, Project Proposers may request Metro to be involved in the project according to the menu below. It should be clearly understood that while Project Proposers may suggest a Metro role at the time of submittal, Metro's commitment to any of the functions below is subject to project-specific discussion and determination in the project development phase. Note: Any Metro activities associated with a MAT funded project will be fully paid for as part of the MAT Program project award, unless otherwise determined at Metro's sole discretion. Projects must apply for project delivery assistance through project design as part of their Letter of Interest and indicate the need for assistance and requested delivery assistance model.

Metro roles may, in partnership with a Project Proposer, include:

- Project scoping – includes location-specific study, community engagement, feasibility review and other activities resulting in a defined scope, specific improvements to be delivered, and budget for the project.
- Environmental review – includes any required environmental study, documentation, and public review to comply with applicable law and regulation, as applicable.
- Design and engineering – includes preparation of project design drawings and construction documents suitable to develop a refined budget and secure permits.

#### **Project Development and Delivery**

Applications for eligible projects may be for the a) construction phase only, or b) the design engineering (PS&E) phase and construction phase, or c) for all phases of project development including project scoping, engagement and environmental review. To be considered for construction or PS&E phases, applicants must demonstrate in the LOI that the project will have completed the work of the prior phase before July 2025. Applicants seeking funding for projects for all phases of work may request technical assistance from Metro to lead the project scoping and environmental review, and/or design and engineering phases of the project in close cooperation with the project sponsors.

Metro will allocate funding to the lead project sponsor for each phase of the project according to the established scope and budget defined in a funding agreement or cooperative agreement executed before the end of calendar year 2025. Project sponsors must complete the project within the timeline described in Table 3. Projects only requesting funding for construction are expected

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to complete the project within 3 years, and projects receiving credit for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY2028.

**Table 3: Project Delivery Timeline Requirements\***

Phase	Maximum Time to Complete Phase**	Cumulative Project Timeline*	Programming Years
Planning/Environmental	18 Months	18 Months	FY 2026
Design Engineering (PS&E)/ ROW Acquisition	18 Months	36 Months	FY 2026-FY 2028
Construction***	24 Months	60 Months	FY 2027-FY 2030

\* Projects receiving credit for being on the MCP must complete construction by the end of FY2028

\*\*Months denote total time within the program years.

\*\*\*Projects funded through the Quick-Build Category must be completed within 18 months of an executed Funding Agreement.

Projects for which MAT funds will be allocated will be expected to result in a complete work product or deliverable. Table 4 identifies the products expected.

**Table 4: Expected Work Products/Deliverables by Phase**

Phase	Expected Work Product/Deliverable
Planning/Environmental	15% design package, detailed rough order of magnitude cost estimates, and project report
Design Engineering (PS&E)/ Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition	Final design package including contract documents; environmental documentation as applicable
Construction	Constructed improvement

Even if a project is at an early stage, applicants must develop as detailed a cost estimate for design and construction as is feasible considering likely project components based on the objectives of the project. Metro will review these estimates for all selected projects and make refinements as necessary in cooperation with project sponsors. In the first year of the Cycle 2 program, Metro will program funding for the first phase of project development as well as conditional approval to fund subsequent phases, which will be programmed at the conclusion of each phase as defined in the funding agreement. Changes to the scope and/or funds for the construction phase of each project will need to be approved by the Metro Board of Directors during the MAT Program Annual Update. Projects that do not change will not require additional Board approval to program the construction phase of the project. Minor scope changes may be allowed without Board approval if they would still result in a project that meets the intent of the originally awarded project scope of work, including the defined project limits. Projects that have not completed PS&E by the end of FY 2029 will be deobligated and not receive a construction grant award and

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those funds may be used to fund other selected projects. Projects that are only for the construction phase must request allocation of funds for construction by the end of FY 2029 or their funds will be deobligated and may be used to fund other projects. Projects that elect to receive additional points for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY 2028 or their funds will be deobligated.

If the cost estimate of the 15% design package that is the result of the first phase of project development is higher than what was originally set aside for the construction phase, Metro will only program the Board approved PS&E phase. Metro will work with project sponsors to identify additional funding, including but not limited to providing grant assistance in seeking State Active Transportation Program (ATP) and other competitive grants should additional funding be necessary to complete the project. Additional funding from the MAT Program may only be made to selected projects should sufficient funding be available because of lapsed projects (see previous paragraph), subject to Board approval.

#### **Letters of Interest**

Project sponsors invited to submit an LOI will be required to include the following information in their submission:

1. Lead Project Sponsor Contact Information.
2. Any Additional Project Sponsors - Contact Information.
3. Project Details and Description, including: project name; project location and extents; phase of project delivery, project scope, including improvements/components; and any anticipated project goals, objectives, outcomes, and deliverables, and requested project phase funding.
4. MCP (Bonus Points). The proposal clearly demonstrates that the proposed project is identified within the Mobility Concept Plan (MCP) and is strategically important to increasing accessibility, improving connectivity, and prioritizing safety for users walking, biking, or rolling for Games-related purposes.
5. Demonstration of Need and Benefits. The proposal provides a clear description of the project location, extent, and characteristics affecting safety and access for transit riders. The proposal also clearly describes the intent of proposed improvements, and provides an effective solution to the project objectives along with a generalized description of likely project elements pending the project development phase.
6. Project Delivery Assurances, Funding Plan and Schedule. The proposal describes any likely and/or necessary review, approvals, and permit processes, along with a description of steps and assurances to streamline processes. The proposal describes an overall schedule along with a realistic description of how the schedule can be met and what steps will be taken to mitigate schedule impacts of any unforeseen circumstances. The proposal describes whether it is part of an existing funded project or plan that a jurisdiction wants to extend or enhance.
7. Stakeholder Support and Project Partners. The proposal demonstrates community support. The proposal provides evidence of support from key decision makers and stakeholders. Proposal includes committed and innovative partnerships with thoughtful description of intended partner roles and responsibilities; including Community-Based Organization (CBO) partnerships. If applicant has not completed planning work, it is expected to partner with a CBO. If an applicant is applying for construction, it is encouraged that applicant describes past or future collaborations with a CBO.
8. Alignment with Existing Plans and Projects The project complements other investments in the project area and is one part of a larger project or program. The proposed project's

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inclusion in or consistency with an adopted plan shows evidence of support and commitment.

9. Other Factors. "Other factors" considers several factors related to the proposal's quality. Overall, this section seeks to ask if there are other considerations as to why the project/project location is particularly compelling or valuable per the program goals and objectives.

All proposals will also need to submit letters of commitment from the applicant and all project partners, a project budget, and project delivery schedule.

Screening and selection criteria are further described in Attachment B and K.

LOI submittals, including all required elements, are due to Metro before 5 p.m. PST on April 7 2025. LOIs shall be submitted electronically to [MATProgram@metro.net](mailto:MATProgram@metro.net).

Prior to entering into any agreement to initiate the project (Cooperative Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding, or Funding Agreement), project sponsors will be required to provide evidence of demonstrated support of governing bodies (e.g., resolutions, City Manager letters of support, funding commitments) with authority for public realm and right-of-way affected by the project agreeing to carry out the project as proposed, and further agreeing to terms as established in the program Administrative Procedures and this cycle program.

### FIRST/LAST MILE AREAS AND PEDESTRIAN DISTRICTS

#### Program Objectives

Objectives specific to First/Last Mile projects include:

- Seeding projects at a readily deployable scale to demonstrate results quickly;
- Focusing efforts on the existing transit network, prioritizing safety and equity;
- Testing specific planning and design concepts including those embedded in Metro's Transfers Design Guide (others including National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) complete streets, and NACTO micromobility), and leveraging a suite of public and private opportunities to improve access to transit and deliver outstanding trip experiences for all users of a multi-modal transportation system;
- Fostering new partnerships and collaboration opportunities with local jurisdictions, JPAs, non-profits, community-based organizations, and the business community in project visioning, permit expediting, construction and long-term maintenance; and
- Building momentum and prompting opportunities for projects to compete for additional funding for future phases of work.
- Prioritizing community needs through partnerships with CBOs and community outreach

#### Project Proposer

The Project Proposer should be the eligible recipient with most direct authority to implement the improvements contemplated by the project (typically a local jurisdiction with ownership/authority of the public right-of-way to be improved). At time of application, the project proposer agrees and certifies their ability and willingness to carry out the project improvements (noting optional roles for Metro spelled out below), agrees that any necessary

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reviews, permit processes, or other discretionary functions will be streamlined to the greatest extent possible, and that key project milestones will be met including completion of each project phase including planning and engagement, design, construction completion/installation of improvements and initiation of operation in accordance with the terms established in Cycle 2 and the project scope. Timely use of funds provisions are described further below. Given the emphasis of Cycle 2 on rapid deployment of improvements, these provisions will be strictly enforced. If projects are not ready to begin in July 2025, project sponsors are encouraged to apply to future cycles.

The Project Proposer will identify and commit a specific project liaison/coordinator or project manager who is responsible for coordinating among functional departments or groups within the jurisdiction and serves as a single point of contact for Metro. The proposal shall describe the decision-making authority of the liaison/coordinator, with the expectation that they are able to make decisions regarding the delivery of the project and that they are able to confer directly with elected and other decision makers as needed. Any changes to the project liaison/coordinator or project manager must be conveyed to Metro within 60 days.

To the extent that the eligible project location includes multiple jurisdictions, a single jurisdiction must be identified as the lead entity at the time an LOI is submitted. The lead entity has primary responsibility for project delivery and compliance with the terms of the program. Support for the project as proposed is required from all jurisdictions. Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement for the construction phase of any multi-jurisdictional projects, the jurisdictions must demonstrate an agreement between partnering jurisdictions describing roles, responsibility and coordination for the project.

Metro encourages project sponsors to partner with CBOs and other stakeholder groups to assist with project implementation. CBO partnerships are expected for the planning phase. The project budget should include the activities of CBOs and identified CBOs should demonstrate their commitment to partner on delivering the project through a letter of commitment.

To the extent that program funds are granted to the project proposer, funding is made available through a project Funding Agreement, carrying specific requirements for adherence to law, regulation and policy. Where project sponsors are requesting technical assistance in planning, preliminary engineering and community engagement, Metro will enter into a Cooperative Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with project sponsors to specify roles and responsibilities for the project.

#### **Metro Role**

Metro, in addition to overseeing the MAT Program and serving as grantor, may support individual project development and delivery in a number of ways. At the time of solicitation, Project Proposers may request Metro to be involved in the project according to the menu below. It should be clearly understood that while Project Proposers may suggest a Metro role at the time of submittal, Metro's commitment to any of the functions below is subject to project-specific discussion and determination in the project development phase. Note: Any Metro activities associated with a MAT-funded project will be fully paid for as part of the MAT Program project award, unless otherwise determined at Metro's sole discretion. Projects must apply for project delivery assistance through project design as part of their Letter of Interest and indicate the need for assistance and requested delivery assistance model.

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Metro roles may, in partnership with a Project Proposer, include:

- Project scoping and community engagement– includes location-specific study, community engagement, feasibility review and other activities resulting in a defined scope, specific improvements to be delivered, and budget for the project.
- Environmental review – as applicable, includes any required environmental study, documentation, and public review to comply with applicable law and regulation.
- Design and engineering – includes preparation of project design drawings and construction documents suitable to develop a refined budget and secure permits.

As a complement to proposed project improvements, Metro intends to leverage other ongoing initiatives on Metro Property and right-of-way in the vicinity of the eligible project locations, to improve customer safety, comfort and overall transit journey, with particular emphasis on the transfer experience. All complementary components will be considered to the extent feasible as determined by Metro, but may include any number of multi-mobility, traveler convenience and information, and safety/security enhancements.

#### Project Development and Delivery

Applications for eligible projects may be for the a) construction phase only, or b) the design engineering (PS&E) phase and construction phase, or c) for all phases of project development including project scoping, engagement and environmental review. To be considered for construction or PS&E phases, applicants must demonstrate in the LOI that the project will have completed the work of the prior phase before project funds are programmed. Projects for construction grants that show substantial completion of the prior phases will be prioritized. Applicants seeking funding for projects for all phases of work may request technical assistance from Metro to lead the project scoping and environmental review, and/or design and engineering phases of the project in close cooperation with the project sponsors.

Metro will allocate funding to the lead project sponsor for each phase of the project according to the established scope and budget defined in a funding agreement or cooperative agreement. Project sponsors must complete the project within the timeline described in Table 3 with a cumulative timeline no longer than 5 years. Projects only requesting funding for construction are expected to complete the project within 3 years of an executed funding agreement, and projects receiving credit for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY2028.

**Table 3: Project Delivery Timeline Minimum Requirements\***

Phase	Maximum Time to Complete Project Phase**	Cumulative Project Timeline*	Programming Years
Planning/Environmental	18 Months	18 Months	FY 2026
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Construction***	24 Months	60 Months	FY 2027-FY 2030

\* Projects receiving credit for being on the MCP must complete construction by the end of FY2028

\*\*Months denote total time within the program years.



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\*\*\*Projects funded through the Quick-Build Category must be completed within 18 months of an executed Funding Agreement.

Projects for which MAT funds will be allocated will be expected to result in a complete work product or deliverable. Table 4 identifies the products expected.

**Table 4: Expected Work Products/Deliverables by Phase**

Phase	Expected Work Product/Deliverable
Project Scoping, Community Engagement and Environmental Review	15% design package, community engagement, detailed rough order of magnitude cost
Design Engineering (PS&E)/ROW Acquisition	Final design package including contract documents; environmental documentation as applicable
Construction	Constructed improvement

Even if a project is at an early stage, applicants must develop as detailed a cost estimate for design and construction as is feasible considering likely project components based on the objectives of the project. Metro will review these estimates for all selected projects and make refinements as necessary in cooperation with project sponsors. In the first year of the Cycle 2 program, Metro will program funding for the first phase of project development as well as conditional approval to fund subsequent phases, which will be programmed at the conclusion of each phase as defined in the funding agreement. Changes to the scope and/or funds for the construction phase of each project will need to be approved by the Metro Board of Directors during the MAT Program Annual Update. Projects that do not change will not require additional Board approval to program the construction phase of the project. Minor scope changes may be allowed without Board approval if they would still result in a project that meets the intent of the originally-awarded project scope of work, including the defined project limits. Projects that have not completed PS&E by FY 2029 will be deobligated and not receive a construction grant award and those funds may be used to fund other projects. Projects that are only for the construction phase must request allocation of funds for construction by the end of FY 2029 or the funds will be deobligated and may be used to fund other projects. Projects that elect to receive additional points for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY 2028 or the funds will be deobligated.

If the cost estimate of the 15% design package that is the result of the first phase of project development is higher than what was originally set aside for the construction phase, Metro will only program the Board approved PS&E phase. Metro will work with project sponsors to identify additional funding, including but not limited to providing grant assistance in seeking State Active Transportation Program (ATP) and other competitive grants should additional funding be necessary to complete the project. Additional funding from the MAT Program may only be made to selected projects should sufficient funding be available because of lapsed projects (see previous paragraph), subject to Board approval.

#### Letter of Interest

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Project sponsors invited to submit an LOI (Attachment C-E) will be required to include the following information in their submission:

1. Lead Project Sponsor Contact Information.
2. Any Additional Project Sponsors - Contact Information.
3. Project Details and Description, including: project name; project location and extents; phase of project delivery, project scope, including improvements/components; and any anticipated project goals, objectives, outcomes, and deliverables, and requested project phase funding.
4. MCP (Bonus Points). Proposal demonstrates whether the project is identified within the Mobility Concept Plan (MCP) and is strategically important to increasing accessibility, improving connectivity, and prioritizing safety for users of walking, biking, or rolling for Games-related purposes.
5. Demonstration of Need and Benefits. In this section the proposal provides a clear description of the project location, extent, and characteristics affecting safety and access for transit riders. The proposal also clearly describes the intent of proposed improvements and provides an effective solution to the project objectives along with a generalized description of likely project elements pending the project development phase.
6. Project Delivery Assurances, Funding Plan and Schedule. In this section the proposal describes any likely and/or necessary review, approvals, and permit processes, along with a description of steps and assurances to streamline processes. Proposal describes an overall schedule along with a realistic description of how the schedule can be met and what steps will be taken to mitigate schedule impacts of any unforeseen circumstances. Proposal describes whether it is part of an existing funded project or plan that a jurisdiction wants to extend or enhance.
7. Stakeholder Support and Community Engagement. The proposal demonstrates community support. Proposal provides evidence of support from key decision makers and stakeholders. Proposal includes committed and innovative partnerships with thoughtful description of intended partner roles and responsibilities.
8. Alignment with Existing Plans and Projects. The proposal complements other investments in the project area and is one part of a larger project or program. The proposed project's inclusion in or consistency with an adopted plan shows evidence of support and commitment.
9. Other Factors. "Other factors" considers several factors related to the proposal's quality. Overall, this section seeks to ask if there are other considerations as to why the project/project location is particularly compelling or valuable per the program goals and objectives.

All proposals will also need to submit letters of commitment from the applicant and all project partners, a project budget, and project delivery schedule.

Screening and selection criteria are further described in Attachment B and K.

LOI submittals, including all required elements, are due to Metro before 5 p.m. on April 7, 2025. LOIs shall be submitted electronically to [MATProgram@metro.net](mailto:MATProgram@metro.net).

Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement, project sponsors will be required to provide evidence of demonstrated support of governing bodies (e.g., resolutions, City Manager letters of support, funding commitments) with authority for public realm and right-of-way affected by the project



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agreeing to carry out the project as proposed, and further agreeing to terms as established in the program Administrative Procedures and this cycle program.

#### QUICK-BUILD CATEGORY

##### Program Objectives

- Quickly construct improvements addressing critical safety needs in FLM Areas, Pedestrian Districts or Active Transportation Corridors
- Implement Vision Zero or Street Safety Action Plans

##### Project Eligibility

Projects eligible for the Quick-Build category must be located in one of the three categories of project areas identified in the ATSP (FLM Areas, Pedestrian Districts, Active Transportation Corridors). Projects must have completed design and be ready to construct at the time of entering a funding agreement by July 2025. Projects must be delivered within 18 months of an executed funding agreement. It is anticipated that projects selected for Quick-Build awards will be constructed no later than June 2027.

All project elements eligible for the regular program categories are eligible as capital expenses for Quick-Build projects. Projects must consist of the construction and installation of durable materials. While the materials can change after implementation, projects funded with MAT Program funding must be permanent. Metro will not fund pilot projects. MAT funding is limited to the construction phase of the project only.

Unique to the Quick-Build category, projects will receive additional credit if project sponsors provide a non-MAT match equal to or greater than 50% of the total project cost. The maximum MAT funding award for any individual Quick-Build project is \$1 million. For a project to receive the maximum award, the total project cost must be equal to or greater than \$2 million.

##### Project Proposer

The Project Proposer should be the eligible recipient with most direct authority to implement the improvements contemplated by the project (typically a local jurisdiction with ownership/authority of the public right-of-way to be improved). At time of application, the project proposer agrees and certifies their ability and willingness to carry out the project improvements (noting optional roles for Metro spelled out below), agrees that any necessary reviews, permit processes, or other discretionary functions will be streamlined to the greatest extent possible, Timely use of funds provisions are described further below. Given the emphasis of Cycle 2 on rapid deployment of improvements, these provisions will be strictly enforced. If projects cannot be completed by June 2027, project sponsors are encouraged to apply to future cycles or through the other programmatic categories.

The Project Proposer will identify and commit a specific project liaison/coordinator or project manager who is responsible for coordinating among functional departments or groups within the jurisdiction and serves as a single point of contact for Metro. The proposal shall describe the decision-making authority of the liaison/coordinator, with the expectation that they are able to make decisions regarding the delivery of the project and that they are able to confer directly with

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elected and other decision makers as needed. Any changes to the project liaison/coordinator or project manager must be conveyed to Metro within 60 days.

To the extent that program funds are granted to the project proposer, funding is made available through a project Funding Agreement, carrying specific requirements for adherence to law, regulation and policy.

#### **Project Development and Delivery**

Following selection, Metro will enter into a Funding Agreement with the project sponsor that will describe specific requirements. This agreement will include a requirement to complete construction of the project within 18 months of execution. Execution of a funding agreement must be completed no later than December 31, 2025. Project sponsors must submit evidence of project readiness including design documents and detailed cost estimates at the time of application and a schedule for carrying out the constructed project. If an applicant intends to contract the construction work, the project should be advertised for bidding no later than three months after the execution of the funding agreement. Applicants may also use their own staff resources to construct the project and should describe the process for scheduling that work in the application. If the project is not complete at 18 months after execution of the Funding Agreement, the funds will be deobligated and made available to other projects upon Board approval. Projects that elect to receive additional points for being on the MCP must complete construction by FY 2028 or their funds will be deobligated.

#### **Letter of Interest**

Project sponsors invited to submit an LOI (Attachment C-E) will be required to include the following information in their submission:

1. Lead Project Sponsor Contact Information.
2. Any Additional Project Sponsors - Contact Information.
3. Project Details and Description, including: project name; project location and extents; phase of project delivery, project scope, including improvements/components; and any anticipated project goals, objectives, outcomes, and deliverables, and requested project phase funding.
4. MCP (Bonus Points). Proposal demonstrates whether the project is identified within the Mobility Concept Plan (MCP) and is strategically important to increasing accessibility, improving connectivity, and prioritizing safety for users of walking, biking, or rolling for Games-related purposes.
5. Local Match. A local match is not required but projects with local match will be prioritized. Local contribution of 50% or more of the total project cost will receive all points in this criterion with reduced points for lower match amounts.
6. Safety. The proposal provides a clear description of the project location, extent, and characteristics affecting safety, and access for transit riders. The proposal also clearly describe the intent of the proposed improvements, and provides an effective solution to the project objectives.
7. Project Delivery. The proposal describes the materials to be used for construction and how they will be procured and any and/or necessary review, approvals, and permit processes, along with a description of steps and assurances to streamline processes. Proposal describes an overall schedule that can be met and what steps will be taken to mitigate schedule impacts of any unforeseen circumstances. The project has or will have secured all necessary ROW by the time of award.

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8. Stakeholder Support and Community Engagement. The proposal demonstrates community support. Proposal provides evidence of support from key decision makers and stakeholders. Proposal describes community engagement that has informed the project any CBOs that were included as part of that process.

All proposals will also need to submit letters of commitment from the applicant and all project partners, a project budget, and project delivery schedule.

LOI submittals, including all required elements, are due to Metro before 5 p.m. on April 7, 2025. LOIs shall be submitted electronically to MATProgram@metro.net.

Selection criteria are further described in Attachment B and K.

Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement, project sponsors will be required to provide evidence of demonstrated support of governing bodies (e.g., resolutions, City Manager letters of support, funding commitments) with authority for public realm and right-of-way affected by the project agreeing to carry out the project as proposed, and further agreeing to terms as established in the program Administrative Procedures and this cycle program.

#### **Selection Process:**

Each LOI will be evaluated and scored by a panel of at least three (3) people. A proposed list of selected projects will be presented to the Board according to the program schedule above for approval.

### **PROJECT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

#### **Project Evaluation/Reporting Requirements**

##### *Ongoing Project Reporting*

Project sponsors will submit Quarterly Progress Reports within 60 days after the close of each quarter on the last day of the months of November, February, May and August. Annually with the 4th quarter Progress Report, project sponsors also will submit photos of key components and milestones demonstrating project progress or completion.

##### *Project Closeout Reporting*

Metro will require all project sponsors to establish project goals and to identify basic performance indicators (refer to Performance Metrics at the Project Level in the ATSP) to be collected in order to measure the effectiveness of the projects. Project sponsors will be asked to collect and submit data and an overall report to Metro upon completion of the project. Evaluations will need to be completed before and after projects are constructed. The costs for project evaluation shall be included in the project budget. At minimum, projects will be evaluated for their effectiveness in improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety and enhancing connectivity and mobility. Additionally, projects will be evaluated against the specific goals and objectives established in this program, including those related to innovative partnership and project delivery. Examples of the methods of evaluation are detailed below.

- Safety: Projects will aim to reduce the occurrence and severity of vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicyclist crashes. Progress towards this goal can be measured by evaluating collisions and the details surrounding them, including where they occurred, when they

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occurred, who was involved, and what precipitating actions took place. Progress towards this goal also can be evaluated qualitatively through user interface surveys (e.g., assessing perceived safety of walking and bicycling). Resources: [Transportation Injury Mapping System](#) (TIMS) and [Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System](#) (SWITRS).

- **Connectivity/Mobility:** Projects will aim to increase the number and percent of people walking or bicycling, and/or accessing transit on foot or bike. Progress towards this goal can be measured by counting the number of pedestrians and bicyclists using the constructed facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian counts should be taken on a mid-week day and weekend, excluding winter months. The "after" counts should not be taken until six (6) months after the completion of the project. Bicycle and pedestrian count data should be uploaded to the [SCAG/Metro Bike Count Data Clearinghouse](#). Progress towards this goal also can be measured by counting the number of households within a quarter-mile of a low-stress bicycle facility, the number of jobs within a quarter-mile of a low-stress bicycle facility, and the number of destinations (e.g., schools, medical centers, parks, etc.) within a quarter-mile of a low-stress bicycle facility. Progress towards this goal also can be evaluated qualitatively through user interface surveys.
- **Project Partnerships and Delivery Approaches:** Cycle 2 places a strong emphasis on innovative/experimental project partnerships and delivery. This priority can be evaluated through the assessment of project delivery timelines, as well as compiling and analyzing qualitative input from project sponsors and participants.

#### **Program Evaluation Process and Metrics**

Metro staff will deliver an annual Program Evaluation Report to the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee on progress in accomplishing program objectives. Metro staff will evaluate the program in terms of its ability to achieve the program's goals, as described above.

Metro staff also will evaluate the program's timely use of funds. The report will include a summary of program activities relative to the administration of MAT, including projects programmed, projects allocated, projects completed to-date by project type, projects completed to-date by geographic distribution, and projects completed to-date by benefit to disadvantaged communities.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **Requirements for Project Sponsors**

###### *Project-Specific Public Participation Plan (PPP)*

As part of the project development phase, recipients will develop a project-specific PPP (Attachment H), which will demonstrate an inclusive and extensive outreach process and is representative of a wide variety of stakeholders. The PPP shall be comprehensive, with a description of the full range of participatory activities, including, but not limited to the following:

- Overall strategic vision;
- Schedule;
- Anticipated audiences;
- Roles and responsibilities of project partners;
- Potential local partners (e.g., community-based organizations);
- Event type (e.g., workshops, focus groups, surveys, telephone calls); and

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- Format for soliciting input.

The Plan will ensure projects are vetted and supported by the community through a robust and credible process. The Plan will identify specific touch-points and opportunities for the public to provide input to help shape the project. The Plan will further delineate how public participation is to be documented.

For projects led by Metro, the Public Participation Plan will be developed in collaboration with the project team, inclusive of all project partners with roles and responsibilities clearly delineated in the Plan.

#### *Application Documentation*

It is not expected that project sponsors will have engaged in broad based outreach at the time of submission. To the extent that there may have been prior public, stakeholder involvement, and/or established partnerships, project sponsors must provide evidence within the LOI submittal pursuant to the project readiness requirements.

#### **PROJECT READINESS**

At the time of LOI submittal, all proposed projects will be evaluated for their demonstrated readiness to begin the work and ability to complete the project, noting that, with the exception of Quick-Build category projects, projects requesting funding only for construction, or projects receiving credit for being on the MCP, it is not required for Cycle 2 MAT projects to have completed prior planning work at the time of solicitation. Any known impediments to completing the project will be taken into consideration, including, but not limited to, failure to provide evidence of necessary inter- and/or intra-agency coordination, issues with community support, anticipated issues with securing approvals for work relating to right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, or any pending or threatened litigation.

Prior to the execution of a Cooperative Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Funding Agreement (FA), project sponsors will be required to provide certification that any complementary fund sources are committed to the project. Funding is considered committed if it is included specifically in a programming document adopted by the governing board or council responsible for the administration of the funding and recognized by Metro as available at the time the funds are needed.

Programming of MAT funds for project phase work will be contingent on evidence of prior phase completion (Table 5). Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Note: No prerequisite work is required for programming for work on the project initiation phase, including location-specific studies, community engagement, feasibility reviews and other activities resulting in a refined scope, specific improvements to be delivered, and budget for the project. If an application is for only the construction phase or for the final design and construction phases, evidence of completion of scoping, planning, and conceptual engineering must be provided with the application.

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**Table 5: Milestones for Allocation**

Phase	Prerequisite Milestone(s) for Allocation
Planning/Environmental Review	None
Design Engineering (PS&E)/ROW Aquisition	Inclusion in 5-Year Program of Projects (if applicable) Conceptual Engineering Report
Construction	Inclusion in 5-Year Program of Projects (if applicable) Approved environmental document ROW certification (if applicable) 100% PS&E All applicable permits

#### **TIMELY USE OF FUNDS**

MAT funds will be programmed on a phase-by-phase basis (vs. for the project in its entirety).

Project sponsors must demonstrate timely use of funds and effective implementation of each project phase by:

- Executing an Agreement or Funding Agreement (FA) within 60 days of receiving formal transmittal of the Agreement or FA from Metro.
- Meeting the project milestone and deliverable due dates as stated in the project schedule and budget, and scope of work.
- Timely submitting of the quarterly progress/expense reports.
- Procuring contract/consultant to complete project phase scope of work within six months of Agreement or FA execution with Metro.
- Expending at least a portion of MAT funds within 12 months of the date of Agreement or FA execution. Use of funds includes issuance of an award of a consultant contract, or encumbrance of staff labor charges by project sponsor.
- Expending all project phase funds granted within 36 months from the date the Agreement or FA was fully executed.

For projects or project phases led by Metro, project sponsors are required to ensure that they will facilitate timely implementation by adhering to the following milestones:

- Executing a Cooperative Agreement or MOU within 60 days of receiving formal transmittal of the Cooperative Agreement or MOU from Metro.
- Maintaining a staff liaison and adequate staff capacity as described in the project proposal and MOU.
- Adhering to any other terms in the MOU.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in deobligation of project funding.



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A sample project timeline is included in Table 6. This timeline represents Metro's expectation of project sponsors of capital projects using funds in a timely manner. Table 3 includes the maximum amount of time that Metro will allow to complete project phases and is 2 years longer than this timeline.

**Table 6: Sample Project Timeline**

Phase	Duration	
Planning/Conceptual Engineering/Environmental Studies (if applicable)	12	months
ROW Activities/Acquisition		
Design Engineering	6	months
Advertise Construction	1	months
Award Construction Contract	5	months
Construction	12	months
	36	months

If a project is inactive (no expenditures for 12 months for a project phase from the date of Agreement or FA execution), projects may have their funds deobligated and reprogrammed to another project in the appropriate programmatic category in the current cycle (i.e., First/Last Mile, Pedestrian Districts, and Active Transportation Corridors). Additionally, if a project has not met the minimum timeline requirements stated in Table 3, its funds may be deobligated. Projects experiencing deobligation may compete in future MAT funding cycles or they may pursue alternative funding sources. Deobligated funds may be reprogrammed to support the unfunded construction phase of a project that has received funding for pre-construction activities.

Metro may extend the deadlines for expenditures of funds if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than 20 months per project phase. No deadline may be extended more than once for each project phase.

It is imperative to the success of the MAT program that project sponsors work with Metro representatives in a cooperative process. It is the project sponsor's responsibility to keep Metro apprised of significant issues affecting project delivery and costs. Ongoing communication resolves issues, facilitates compliance with Metro policies and contributes greatly toward ensuring that adequate funds will be available when they are needed.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Project List (Active Transportation Strategic Plan) including MCP Projects
- Attachment B: ATSP Screening and Prioritization Methodology and Selection Criteria
- Attachment C: Letter of Interest Form I – First/Last Mile and Pedestrian District
- Attachment D: Letter of Interest Form II – Active Transportation Corridor

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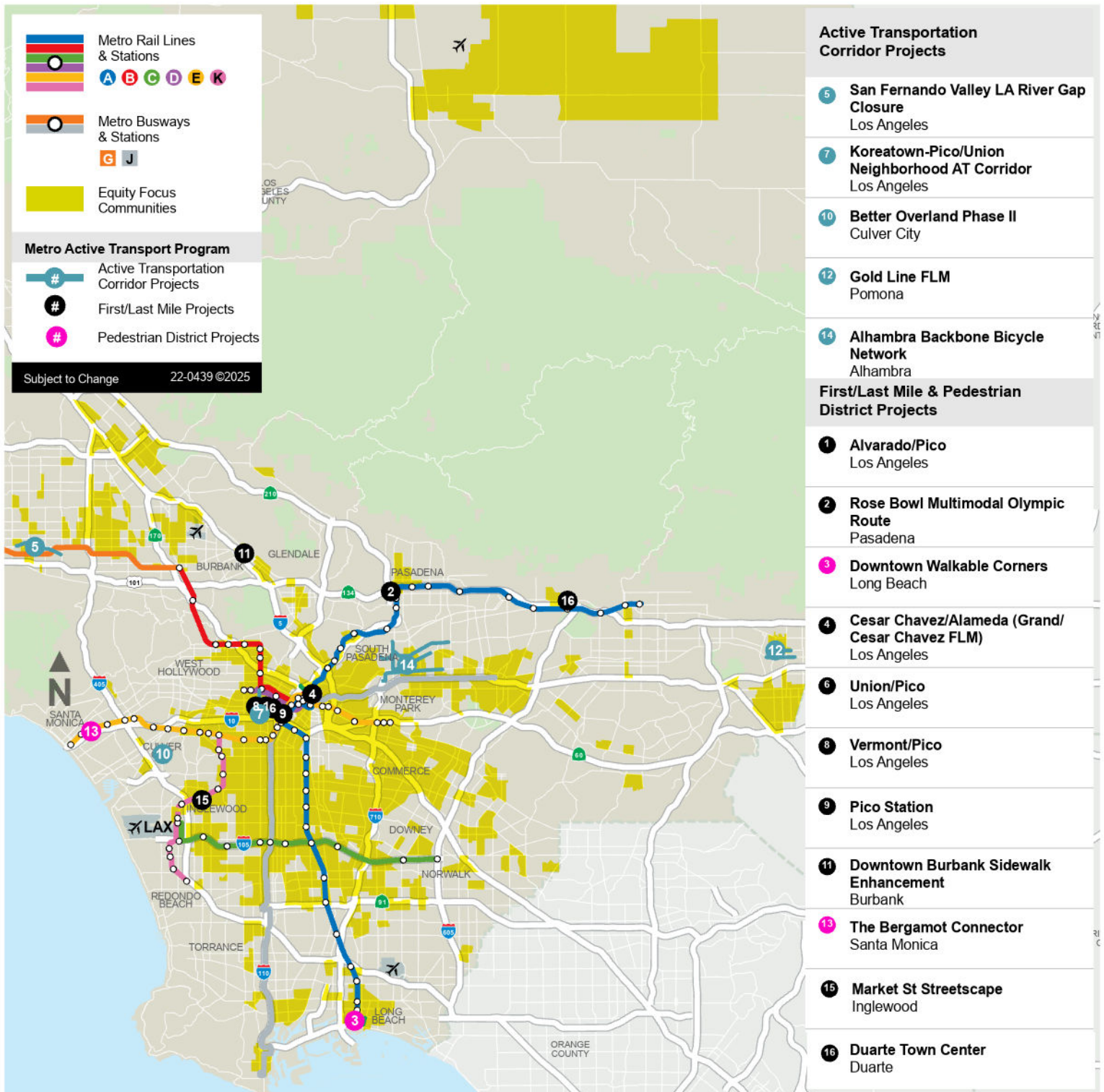
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- Attachment E: Letter of Interest Form III – Quick-Build
- Attachment F: Bicycle Facility Design Guide (NACTO)
- Attachment G: Sample Complete Streets Self-Certification Form (only required if awarded funding)
- Attachment H: Public Participation Plan Worksheet (only required if awarded funding)
- Attachment I: MAT Program Administrative Procedures
- Attachment J: Community-Based Organization (CBO) Partnering Strategy (Metro)
- Attachment K: Evaluation Criteria



# Metro Active Transport Program

## Cycle 2 Projects





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# Staff Recommendations

## CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING project selection for Measure M Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile program (MAT Program) funding to 16 projects, as shown in Attachment A; and
- B. APPROVING an additional \$5,000,000 to increase the originally authorized funding for Cycle 2 of the MAT Program from \$80,500,000 to \$85,500,000; and
- C. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or her designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects.



# Background

- > The Cycle 2 MAT solicitation was released February 6, 2025
  - Received 30 applications
    - 12 First/Last Mile applications
    - 14 Active Transportation Corridor (biking/rolling) applications
    - 2 Pedestrian District applications
    - 2 Quick-Build applications
  - Projects evaluated on ATSP priority (tier and score) as well as application criteria of safety, project delivery, partnerships, alignment with plans and projects, and support for the Olympics Mobility Concept Plan (MCP)
- > 16 applications are recommended for funding based on authorized funding availability

# Discussion

- > MAT Cycle 2 will deliver at least **30.5 miles** of active transportation improvements including **28.3 miles of bike lanes/paths**
  - > Together with Cycle 1 active transportation corridor projects, the MAT Program will deliver **54.2 miles of these improvements to corridors**
- > MAT Cycle 2 will improve **access to 11 transit stops/stations**
  - > Together with Cycle 1 first/last mile projects, the MAT Program will **improve access to 22 transit stops/stations**
- > Pedestrian improvements include:
  - > Crosswalks
  - > Signals
  - > Curb Extensions and Curb Ramps
  - > Traffic Calming/Diversion/Intersection Treatments



# Equity



- > The ATSP elevated equity considerations at all stages of development
- > 14 of the 16 recommended projects are in or immediately adjacent to EFCs in the cities of Alhambra, Burbank, Pasadena, Long Beach, Pomona, and Duarte, and City of LA neighborhoods of San Fernando Valley, Downtown LA, Chinatown, Koreatown, Pico-Union, South Park, and Inglewood

# Next Steps

- > Upon approval, Funding Agreements or Cooperative Agreements will be executed
- > Countywide Planning & Development staff will actively supervise agreements to deliver projects