



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda Memo

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) Call for Projects
 Process Review

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 4 program guidelines for the local and county shares on February 25, 2026 via MTC [Resolution No. 4740 Revised](#). MTC also released funding targets for each county shown in Table 1 below. Funding for the Napa County call for projects is \$7.28 million. It should be noted that this amount is 120% of Napa County’s target to allow for the regional selection process.

Table 1. County Program Nomination Targets

CTA	Nomination Target
ACTC	\$77,724,000
CCTA	\$52,102,000
TAM	\$12,630,000
NVTA	\$7,288,000
SFCTA	\$56,656,000
C/CAG	\$36,249,000
VTA	\$102,325,000
STA	\$19,830,000
SCTCA	\$23,996,000
Total	\$388,800,000

Staff will review proposed OBAG 4 Call for Projects schedule, process and requirements to allow the TAC adequate opportunity to prepare for the upcoming release anticipated in May.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

BACKGROUND

MTC held a kick-off meeting with staff on March 13 to review OBAG 4 county program policies, timeline, evaluation criteria and project sponsor requirements. Once MTC confirms that the proposed county program process and materials meet requirements, staff anticipate releasing the Call for Projects at the May 20, 2026 NVTA Board meeting. Project nominations and a detailed description of public outreach compliance for the county program are due to MTC by October 31, 2026. The proposed schedule for OBAG 4 is shown in Attachment 1.

NVTA will solicit project applications (Attachment 2), and conduct an initial screening and prioritization of projects for Napa County. OBAG 4 nominations must meet the 50% Priority Development Area (PDA) investment requirement. In addition, NVTA will prioritize projects that align with regional plans and policies:

1. Are located in jurisdictions with affordable housing protection, preservation, and production strategies, including an emphasis on community stabilization and anti-displacement policies with demonstrated effectiveness
2. Invest in historically underserved communities, including projects prioritized in a Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) or projects located within Equity Priority Communities with demonstrated community support
3. Address federal performance management requirements by supporting regional performance goals for roadway safety, asset management, environmental sustainability, or system performance
4. Implement multiple Plan Bay Area 2050+ Strategies
5. Demonstrate consistency with other regional plans and policies, including the Regional Safety/Vision Zero policy, Equity Platform, Regional Active Transportation Plan, Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) policy, and the Transit Transformation Action Plan and Transit Priority Policy for Roadways
6. Demonstrate public support from communities disproportionately impacted by past discriminatory practices, including redlining, racial covenants, urban renewal, and highway construction that divided low-income and communities of color

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7. Can be completed in accordance with MTC's Regional Project Delivery Policy ([MTC Resolution No. 3606](#)) and can meet all OBAG 3 deadlines, and federal and state delivery requirements

Local evaluation criteria will address:

- Needs and benefits: with consideration for safety, multi-modal access, emissions, resilience, stormwater management, and state of good repair
- Local priority/community support: Demonstrated through CBTPs, PDA plans, other local plans, letters of support, etc.
- Equity impacts: including benefits to EPC's or similar local designations, ADA Transition Plan alignment, etc.
- Leveraging local funds: Additional match beyond the 11.47% requirement
- Capacity to deliver the project: Meet timely use of funds requirements
- Ability for project to improve multimodal connectivity and access: Gap closures, transit access improvements, etc.

After completing initial project screening and evaluations, NVTA will submit prioritized project nominations and required documentation to MTC by October 31, 2026. Prioritized nomination lists must be approved by the NVTA Board prior to submission to MTC. An evaluation panel of MTC staff will evaluate all project nominations and develop a recommended program of projects for Commission consideration and approval.

MTC will consider the following criteria when evaluating OBAG 4 county program nominations:

- CTA Priorities (**75 points**): CTA scores normalized across counties
- Regional Alignment: *Support for Plan Bay Area 2050+* strategies, the Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy ([MTC Resolution No. 4400](#)), the Complete Streets Policy ([MTC Resolution No. 4493](#)), the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan, and the regional Transit Priority Policy for Roadways (anticipated)
- Federal Performance Goals: Improvements to safety, infrastructure condition, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, congestion reduction, and environmental sustainability (23 U.S.C. § 105(b)).
- Deliverability and Risk: Sponsor capacity and expertise, recent delivery of regional funds, and risks to the project schedule or delivery plan
- Air Quality Benefits: The relative cost-effectiveness in reducing criteria air pollutants, for CMAQ-eligible projects for the purpose of assigning CMAQ funding consistent with federal requirements.

Additional information can be found on the MTC OBAG 4 website: [One Bay Area Grant 4 \(OBAG 4\) | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed OBAG 4 Schedule
2. OBAG 4 Project Application

Proposed NVTA OBAG 4 County Program Call for Projects Schedule

County Program Timeline	
April 2, 2026	TAC receives overview of the OBAG 4 program and guidelines-
May 7, 2026	TAC recommends release of OBAG 4 Call for Projects
May 18, 2026	ATAC recommends release of OBAG 4 Call for Projects
May 20, 2026	NVTA Board Opens OBAG 4 Call for Projects
June 19, 2026	OBAG 4 Applications due to NVTA
July 8, 2026	CAC Advisory Review-Feedback
July 9, 2026	PCC Review-Feedback
July 27, 2026	ATAC Review-CS Checklists
September 3, 2026	TAC reviews NVTA staff project recommendations for Board approval
September 16, 2026	NVTA Board OBAG 4 project nomination approval
September 30, 2026 (Deadline 10/31/26)	NVTA staff submits project nominations to MTC
November – Dec 2026	County & Local Program – Regional Project Evaluation & Project Prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTC evaluation of nominations • CMAQ emissions benefits & cost effectiveness (for eligible projects) • MTC & CTA discussions of preliminary staff recommendation
January 2027	County & Local Program – MTC Project Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTC staff recommendations for Commission consideration & approval • Programming of County & Local Program projects into 2023 TIP (est. February 2027)
October 1, 2027	First year of OBAG 4 funding availability for County & Local Program projects



OBAG 4 County Program Base Application

Instructions

Agencies applying for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 4) County Program funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) must complete and submit the following grant application to the appropriate County Transportation Agency (CTA), along with any required attachments, by the deadline established by the CTA. Applications should be completed and submitted as a fillable PDF form, separate from any attachments, and should not be scanned, signed, or otherwise modified to remove form fields.

Additional information on the OBAG 4 program is available on [MTC's website](#).

General Information

Agency Name	
Contact Name/Title	
Contact Email	
Contact Phone	

Project Name	TIP ID <i>if applicable</i>

Project Location
<i>Specify street names where applicable, including the closest cross streets (e.g. Main St from 2nd Ave to 7th Ave). Provide a project overview map as an attachment, if available.</i>

Project Scope
<i>Provide a brief description of activities to be funded (limited to 250 characters for consistency with TIP listing if awarded).</i>

Project Mode(s):	Pedestrian	Bicycle	Transit	Auto	Other
Percent Share <i>Portion of total project cost</i>					

Project Eligibility

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Specify applicable federal fund source(s) and confirm regional eligibility requirements

Project is eligible for the following OBAG 4 federal fund sources:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) ([23 U.S.C. § 133](#))
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ([23 U.S.C. § 149](#))

Note: applications for \$1 million or more in OBAG 4 funds for CMAQ-eligible projects must include a completed [Air Quality Input Form](#) as an attachment.

Project meets regional eligibility requirements:

- Project is consistent with *Plan Bay Area 2050+* (included as a named project or consistent with a programmatic listing in the Transportation Project List, see link on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)).
- Project consists of eligible activities for OBAG 4 county funds as listed in MTC Resolution No. 4740, Attachment A (available on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)), which excludes air quality non-exempt projects, new roadways, roadway extensions, right of way acquisition for future expansion, operations, and routine maintenance.

Need and Benefits

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Describe how the project will address transportation and related needs and provide clear benefits, with specific consideration for safety, multi-modal accessibility, emissions reduction, resilience, stormwater management, and state of good repair as applicable.

Local Priority
Community Support

Describe community support for the project, including any letters of support and/or applicable local plans that prioritize the project, such as Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs), Priority Development Area (PDA) Plans (e.g. Specific Plan, PDA Investment and Growth Strategy), Countywide Transportation Plans (CTPs), or other local plans/project prioritization processes. Include descriptions of public outreach responses specific to this project, including comments received at public meetings or hearings, feedback from community workshops, or survey responses.

Letters of Support

List any individuals (with affiliations) and/or organizations providing letters of support for this project (attach copies if applicable).

Plan Name <i>List any local plans that identify or prioritize the application project</i>	Plan Year <i>Completed or last updated</i>	Plan Type <i>CBTP, PDA, CTP, or other</i>	Plan Link <i>Attach copy if not available</i>	Reference <i>Page(s) with named project</i>

Equity Impacts

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If applicable, describe how the project will provide demonstrated benefits to historically marginalized or underserved groups, including benefits to [Equity Priority Communities \(EPCs\)](#) or similar local designations, and/or align with applicant [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Transition Plans](#).

EPC Relationship

Indicate the project's relationship to MTC-designated EPCs or similar local designations. Projects located outside of these areas remain eligible for funding.

- Project is located within an MTC-designated EPC and is designed to benefit this population as described above
- Project is located within a similar local designation and is designed to benefit this population as described above
- Project is not located within an EPC or similar local designation but is designed to specifically benefit historically marginalized or underserved groups as described above
- Project is not located within an EPC or similar local designation and is not designed to specifically benefit historically marginalized or underserved groups (not disqualifying)

Applicant ADA Transition Plan Link <i>Required for all applications, attach copy if not available</i>	Reference <i>Page reference(s) if applicable</i>

Regional Alignment**Plan Strategies**

Briefly describe how the project supports Plan Bay Area 2050+ strategies, linked on [OBAG 4 webpage](#).

Safety/Vision Zero

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy](#), if applicable.

Complete Streets

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Complete Streets Policy](#), if applicable.

Transit Transformation

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Transit Transformation Action Plan](#), if applicable.

Transit Priority

Briefly describe how the project supports MTC's [Transit Priority Policy for Roadways](#), if applicable.

Federal Performance

Federal Performance Measures

Select the *federal performance measures (23 U.S.C. § 150)* that are supported by the project.

- Safety:** significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads and improve safety of public transportation systems.
- Infrastructure Condition:** maintain the condition of Interstate and National Highway System (NHS) assets and public transit assets in a state of good repair.
- Congestion Reduction:** significantly reduce congestion on the NHS in urbanized areas.
- System Reliability:** improve the reliability of the Interstate system and NHS.
- Freight Movement and Economic Vitality:** improve the reliability of the Interstate system for truck travel.
- Environmental Sustainability:** improve emission reductions from the transportation system, specifically from CMAQ-funded projects.

Deliverability and Risk

Delivery Risks

Identify any known risks to project delivery and briefly describe planned mitigation efforts, as applicable, including the status and timeline for any environmental and/or right-of-way approvals.

Environmental Approval and Right-of-Way

Specify applicable fund source(s) and confirm other eligibility requirements.

Select the anticipated NEPA class of action for the project:

- Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Select applicable right-of-way and utility challenges for the project:

- Project area is not located entirely on applicant right-of-way
- Project may require temporary use of areas outside of the applicant right-of-way
- Project is adjacent to or may impact the operations of a railroad, light rail, or Caltrans facility
- Project may require utility relocation

Schedule and Funding Plan

Phase	Fiscal Year <i>Phase start</i>	OBAG 4 Request	Other Amount	Other Description <i>Fund source name(s), secured/unsecured</i>
Preliminary Engineering (PE)				
Right-of-Way (ROW)				
Construction (CON)				
Non Infrastructure (NI)				
Total	<i>Latest 2031</i>			<i>Non-federal share must be ≥11.47%</i>

Funding and Schedule Requirements

Confirm that the project schedule and funding plan meet the following requirements.

- Total requested award amount meets the minimum applicable threshold:
 - \$500,000 or more for projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties
 - \$250,000 or more for projects Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma Counties
 - \$150,000 or more with a request for an exception to the standard minimum
- Non-federal share of the project total meets or exceeds the federal 11.47% minimum local match
- Applicant will obligate any awarded OBAG 4 funds by the September 30, 2031 obligation deadline
- Requested award amount is rounded to the nearest \$1,000

Contribution to Geographic Minimum

PDA and TOC Relationship

A minimum share of each county's projects must support a Priority Development Area (PDA) and/or Transit Oriented Community (TOC), generally defined as projects within a mile or less of a PDA and/or TOC (see [reference map](#)). Projects located outside of these areas remain eligible for funding. Indicate the location of the project relative to PDAs/TOCs.

- Project is located within a mile or less of a PDA and/or TOC
- Project is countywide or otherwise not confined to a fixed location
- Project is not located within a mile or less of a PDA or TOC (not disqualifying)

Applicant Acknowledgements

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Affirm understanding of, and intent to comply with, OBAG 4 requirements as summarized below and detailed in MTC Resolution No. 4740, Revised (available on MTC's [OBAG 4 webpage](#)).

- Complete Streets Checklist:** applicant has submitted a checklist for this project in MTC's [Complete Streets Portal](#) to demonstrate consistency with MTC's [Complete Streets Policy](#) and [Transit Priority Policy for Roadways](#), including project review by a local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and/or transit agency/ies as applicable.
- Project Delivery Policy:** if awarded OBAG 4 county funds, applicant will comply with MTC's [Regional Project Delivery Policy](#), including designation of a staff Single Point of Contact (SPOC), adoption of a [Resolution of Local Support](#), project inclusion in the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and MTC's associated TIP management platform, and participation in the Annual Obligation Plan (AOP) process.
- Jurisdiction Requirements:** jurisdiction applicants, or applicants requesting OBAG 4 funds on behalf of one or more jurisdiction(s), acknowledge the following ongoing requirements for jurisdiction recipients:
 - State Housing Element certification, Annual Progress Report (APR) submission, and compliance with select state housing laws
 - Updated Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) or equivalent plan as defined by California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) guidelines
 - Pavement Management Program (PMP) certification and participation in statewide local streets and roads needs assessment surveys
 - Federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) traffic count reporting
- Attachments:** applicant will provide the following attachments with this application, as applicable:
 - Project overview map (if available)
 - CMAQ [Air Quality Input Form](#) (for eligible applications requesting over \$1 million)
 - Letter(s) of support (if referenced above)
 - Local plan(s) (if referenced above but no link is provided)
 - Applicant ADA Transition Plan (required, attach if no link is provided above)