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### **2017 Active Transportation Program Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds Commission Staff Recommendations**

#### **Program Background**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1613 (Budget Act of 2016), signed by the Governor on September 14, 2016, appropriated Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds totaling \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) necessitating an amendment to the 2017 Active Transportation Program Guidelines. The California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted amendments to the Active Transportation Program Guidelines for the use of these funds at the October 2016 Commission meeting.

AB 1532 (Pérez, Chapter 807, Statutes of 2012), Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012), and SB 1018 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Chapter 39, Statutes of 2012) provide the framework for how the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds must be appropriated and expended. Goals derived from AB 1532, established for the investment of auction proceeds, and SB 535, requirements for allocating funds to benefit disadvantaged communities, are:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the State;
- Foster job creation by promoting in-State greenhouse gas emission reduction projects carried out by California workers and businesses;
- Complement efforts to improve air quality;
- Direct investment toward the most disadvantaged communities and households in the State;

- Provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Lessen the impacts and effects of climate change on the State's communities, economy, and environment.

Pursuant to AB 1613, the \$10 million appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Active Transportation Program must be allocated by the Commission no later than June 30, 2018 and liquidated by June 30, 2020.

### **Commission Staff Recommendations**

Commission staff recommendations for the 2017 Active Transportation Program - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds are subject to Commission approval at the August 2017 Commission meeting. The staff recommendations are based on:

- Funding levels identified in Assembly Bill 1613;
- Eligibility for the program;
- 2017 Active Transportation Program project scores;
- Deliverability and project readiness;
- Estimated greenhouse gas reductions;
- Disadvantaged community benefits;
- Statutory requirements, and
- Commission policies as expressed in the amended 2017 Active Transportation Program Guidelines for Use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

### **Summary**

The Commission received 27 applications requesting funds from the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Program. These applications were reviewed and evaluated by Commission, California Department of Transportation, and California Air Resources Board staff. While Commission and Caltrans staff evaluated project applications based on all aspects of the Commission's adopted guidance, the California Air Resources Board staff limited their review to project eligibility, greenhouse gas reductions, and disadvantaged community benefit criteria. Based on the evaluations conducted, it was determined that 17 projects did not meet the requirements of the Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds and were removed from the evaluation process.

Of the 10 eligible projects remaining, based on the evaluations conducted, Commission staff recommends funding the three projects identified below and detailed further in Attachment A.

- 1) City of South Lake Tahoe – Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets Project
- 2) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Metro Bike Share USC/South Los Angeles/Expo Line Communities Expansion
- 3) San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments – Bike Share Expansion into the San Gabriel Valley

### **Disadvantaged Communities**

No less than 25% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds must be allocated to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities as set forth in SB 535. Since not all programs utilizing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds can contribute towards the disadvantaged community requirements, certain programs are required to exceed the statutory minimum. For the Active Transportation Program administered by the Commission, the California Air Resources Board's *Cap and Trade Funding Guidelines*\* specified a 50% funding target developed by the Administration to benefit disadvantaged communities. Staff recommendations exceed this target since \$7.1 million (71%) of available funds are recommended to projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities.

For questions concerning the Commission's Active Transportation Program, please contact Laurie Waters, Commission Associate Deputy Director and Active Transportation Program Manager, at (916) 651-6145.

Sincerely,



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**Attachment** – Commission Staff Recommendations for the 2017 Active Transportation Program Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds

\*Funding Guidelines Supplement for FY 2016-17 Funds: Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Funding Guidelines to Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments (December 30, 2016)

**2017 Active Transportation Program - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds  
(\$1,000's)**

**Staff Recommendations**

Application ID	Co	Project Title	DAC SB 535 (CES 2.0)	Total Project Cost	Total Fund Request	Funding Recommendation	17-18	CON	CON NI
3-South Lake Tahoe-1	ED	Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets Project		6,267	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0
7-Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority-2	LA	Metro Bike Share USC/South LA/Expo Line Communities Expansion	X	2,546	2,546	2,546	2,546	2,287	259
7-San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-1*	LA	Bike Share Expansion into the San Gabriel Valley	X	7,461	6,850	4,554	6,850	6,577	273
		<b>Totals</b>		<b>16,274</b>	<b>12,296</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>12,296</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>532</b>

\* Applicant requested \$6850. \$4554 was the remaining available funding. Commission staff will work with the applicant to determine if the project can be delivered with available ATP - GGRF funding

CES: CalEnviroScreen

CON: Construction Funding

DAC: Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities

NI: Non-Infrastructure