



Active Transportation Program Overview

California Transportation Commission

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Competitive program to:

- Increase biking and walking trips
- Increase safety
- Increase mobility
- Support regional agencies GHG reduction
- Enhance public health
- Benefit disadvantaged communities (25%)
- Include a broad spectrum of projects

Program Consolidation



- Transportation Alternatives
- Recreational Trails ($\approx 2/5$)
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Bicycle Transportation Account
- Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Acct (3/10)

Program Consolidation?



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- MPO run competition
 - SCAG

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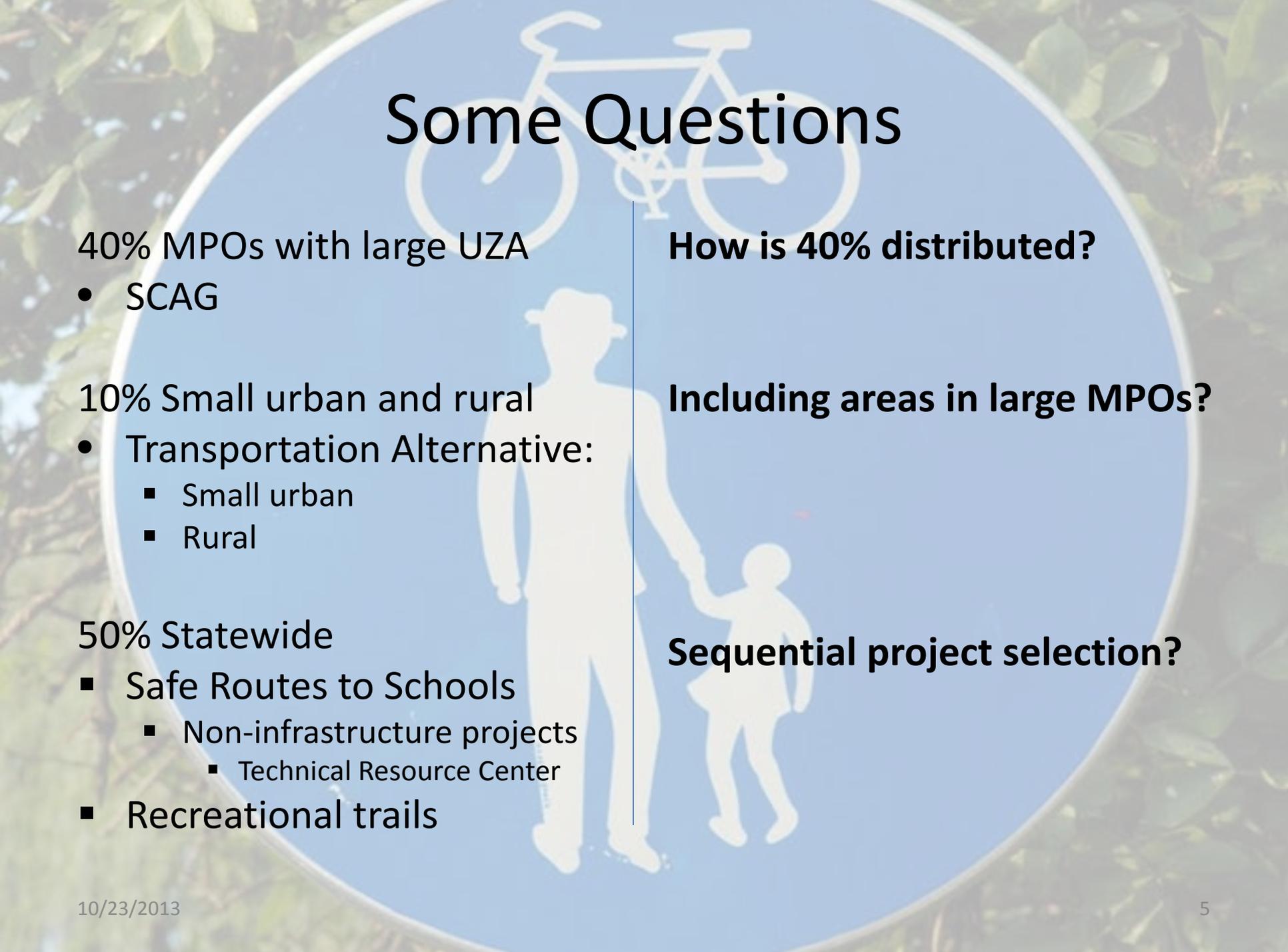
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 - Non-infrastructure projects
 - Technical Resource Center

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Some Questions



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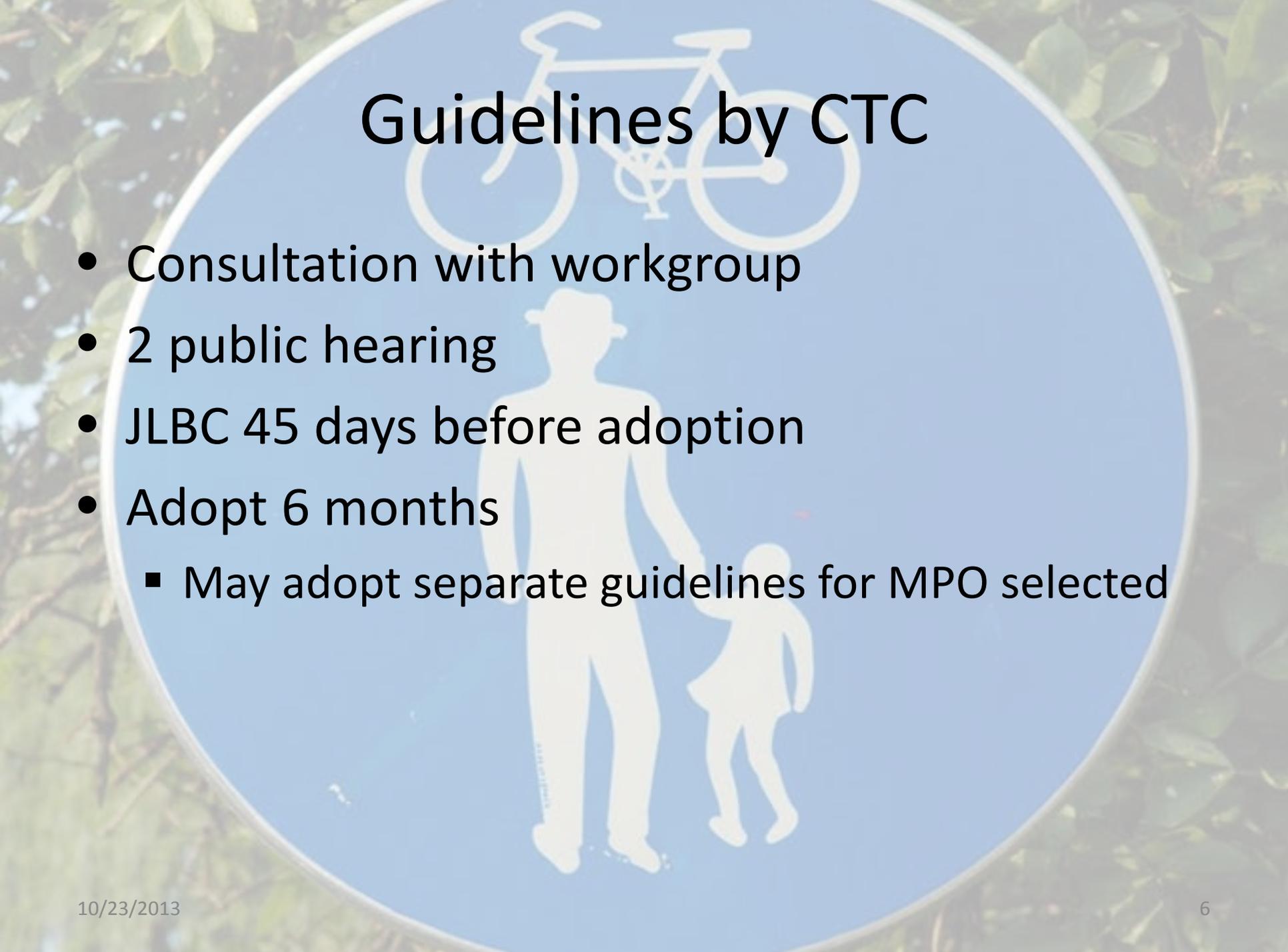
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How is 40% distributed?

Including areas in large MPOs?

Sequential project selection?

Guidelines by CTC



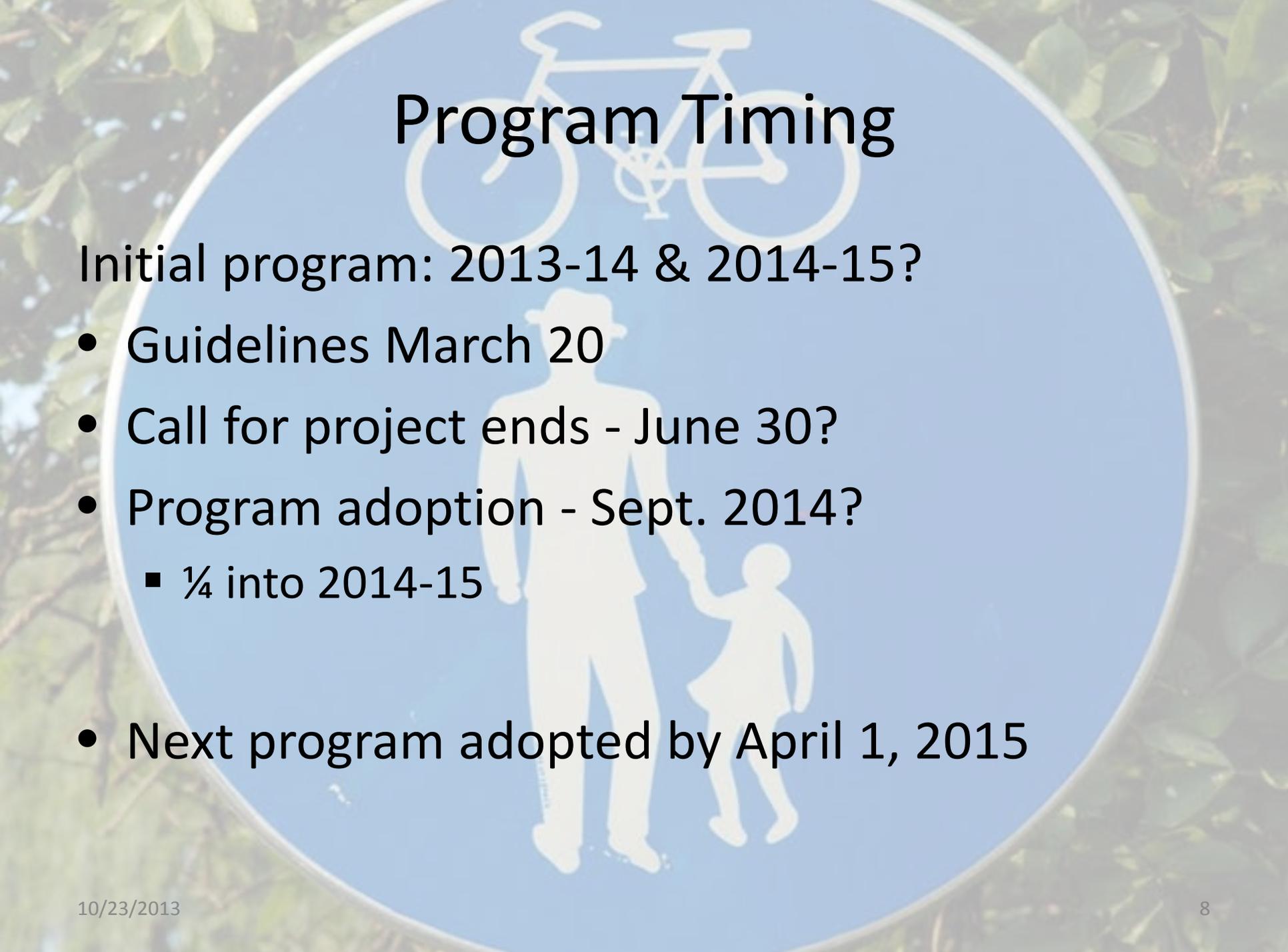
- Consultation with workgroup
- 2 public hearing
- JLBC 45 days before adoption
- Adopt 6 months
 - May adopt separate guidelines for MPO selected

Program Timing



- Adopt guidelines – March 20
- To JLBC - Feb. 3
 - Public hearings - around Jan. 30
 - Draft guidelines - Early Jan.
- Initial program 2 years
- Subsequent programs 4 years
 - Adopt by April 1 of odd number years

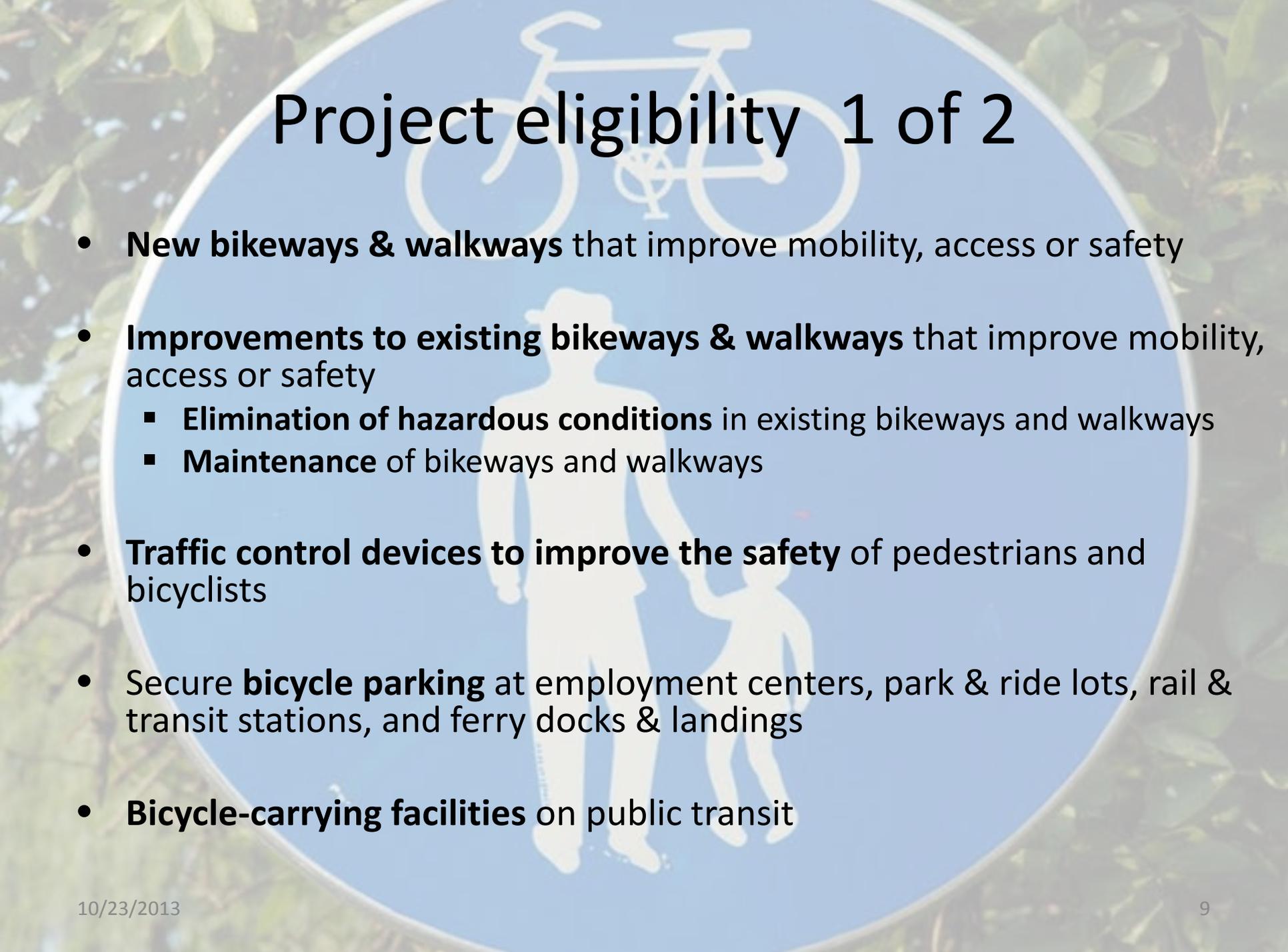
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Initial program: 2013-14 & 2014-15?

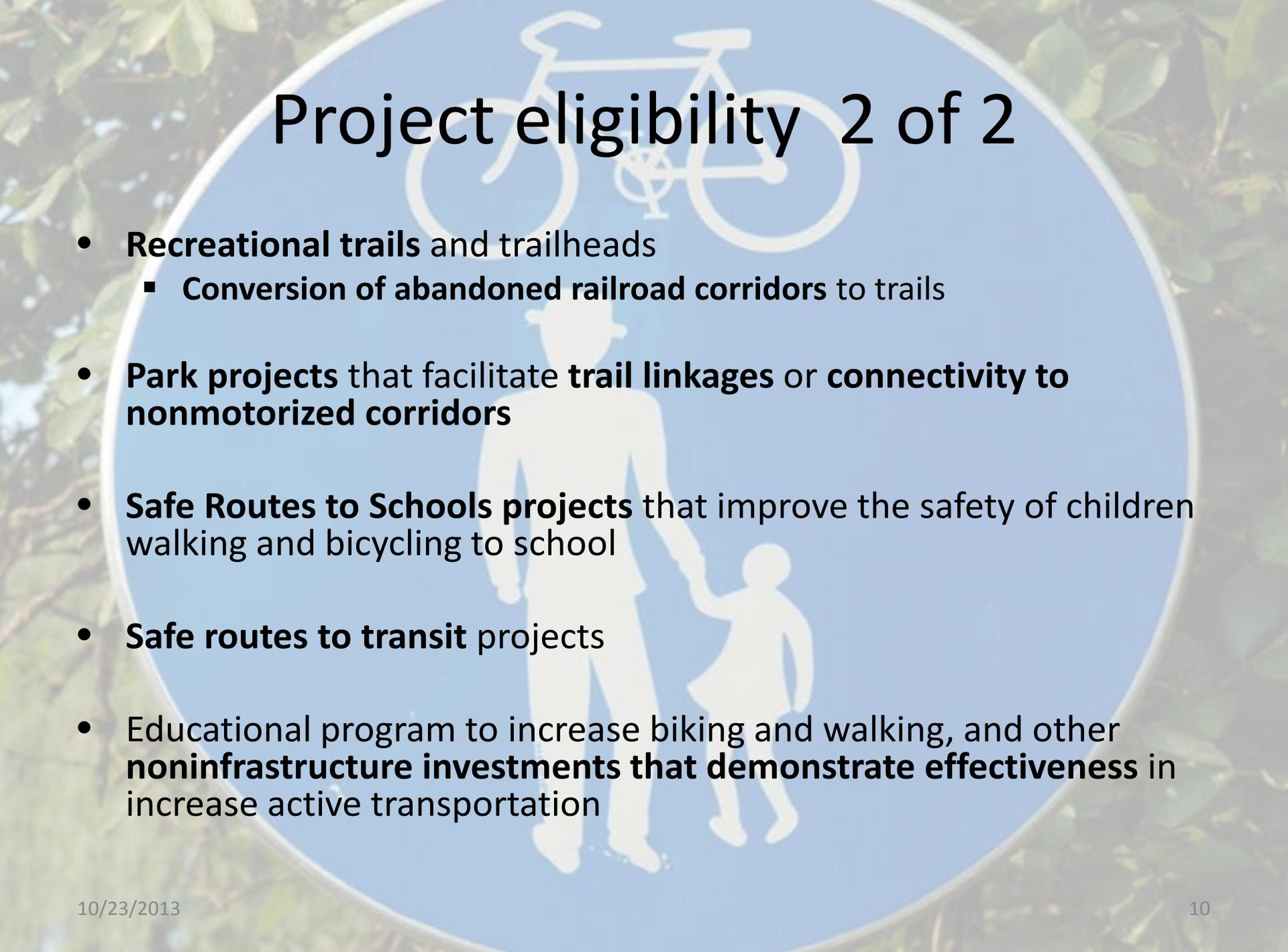
- Guidelines March 20
- Call for project ends - June 30?
- Program adoption - Sept. 2014?
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ into 2014-15
- Next program adopted by April 1, 2015

Project eligibility 1 of 2



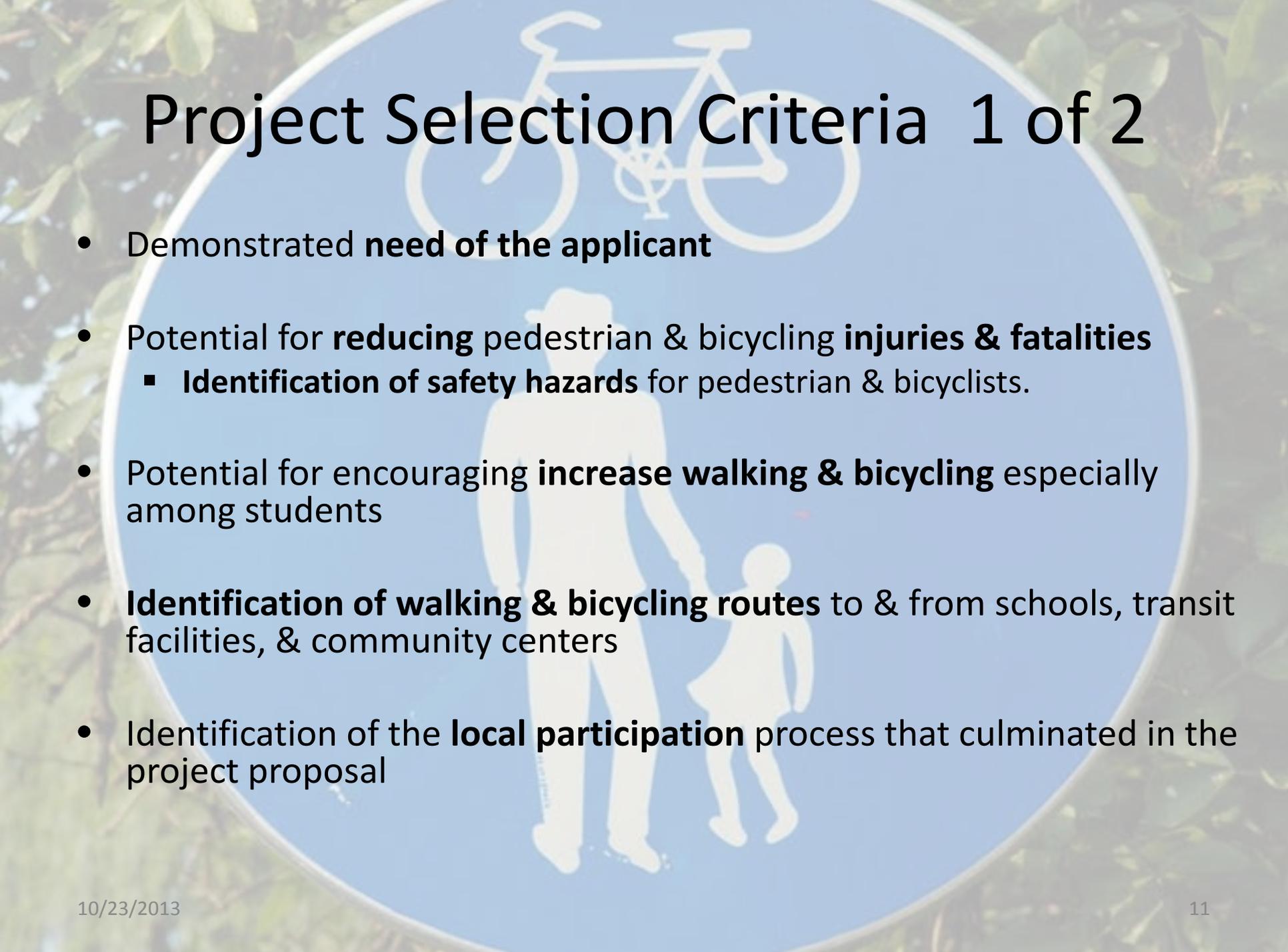
- **New bikeways & walkways** that improve mobility, access or safety
- **Improvements to existing bikeways & walkways** that improve mobility, access or safety
 - **Elimination of hazardous conditions** in existing bikeways and walkways
 - **Maintenance** of bikeways and walkways
- **Traffic control devices to improve the safety** of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Secure **bicycle parking** at employment centers, park & ride lots, rail & transit stations, and ferry docks & landings
- **Bicycle-carrying facilities** on public transit

Project eligibility 2 of 2



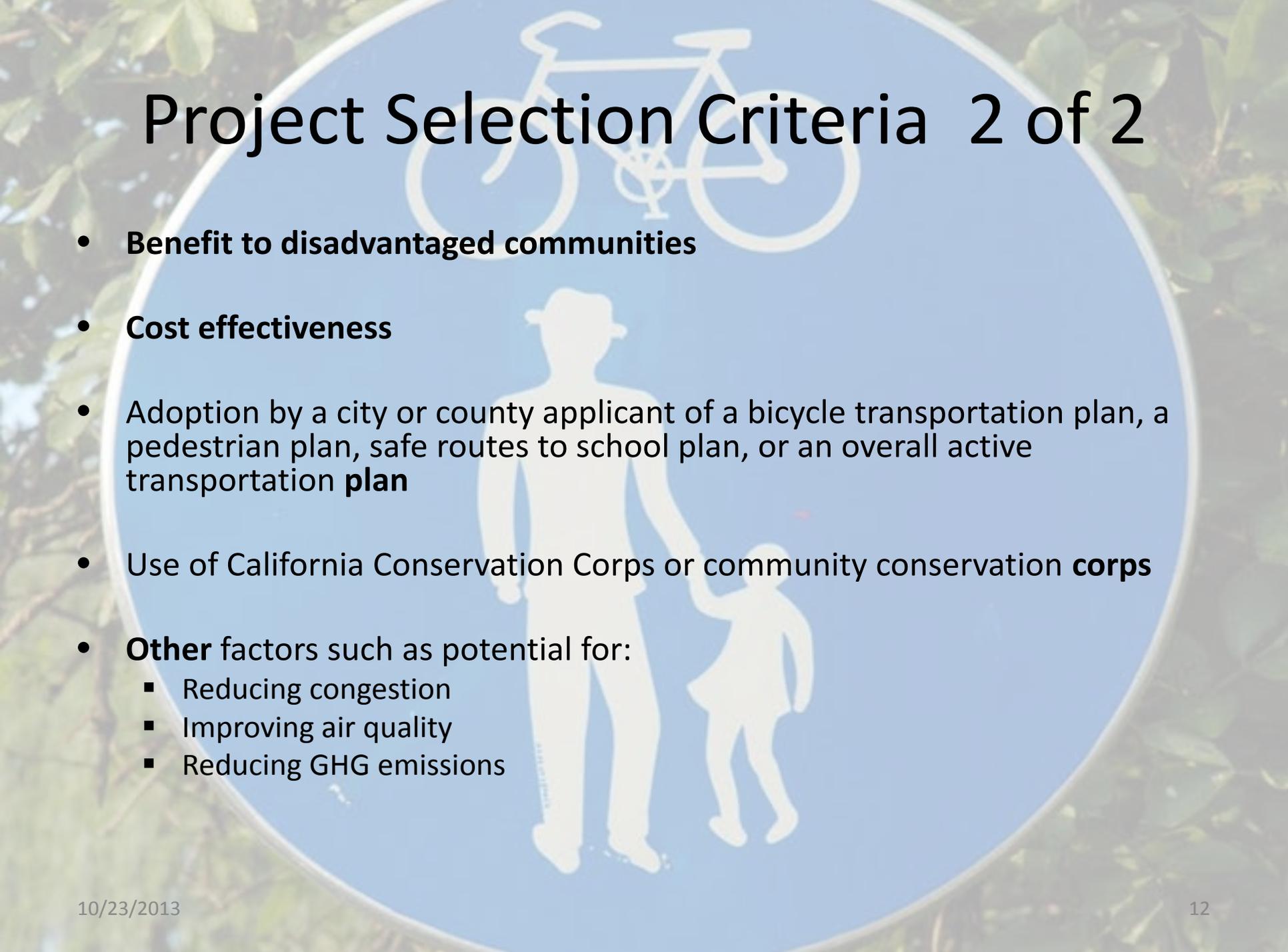
- **Recreational trails and trailheads**
 - **Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails**
- **Park projects that facilitate trail linkages or connectivity to nonmotorized corridors**
- **Safe Routes to Schools projects** that improve the safety of children walking and bicycling to school
- **Safe routes to transit** projects
- Educational program to increase biking and walking, and other **noninfrastructure investments that demonstrate effectiveness** in increase active transportation

Project Selection Criteria 1 of 2



- Demonstrated **need of the applicant**
- Potential for **reducing pedestrian & bicycling injuries & fatalities**
 - **Identification of safety hazards** for pedestrian & bicyclists.
- Potential for encouraging **increase walking & bicycling** especially among students
- **Identification of walking & bicycling routes** to & from schools, transit facilities, & community centers
- Identification of the **local participation** process that culminated in the project proposal

Project Selection Criteria 2 of 2



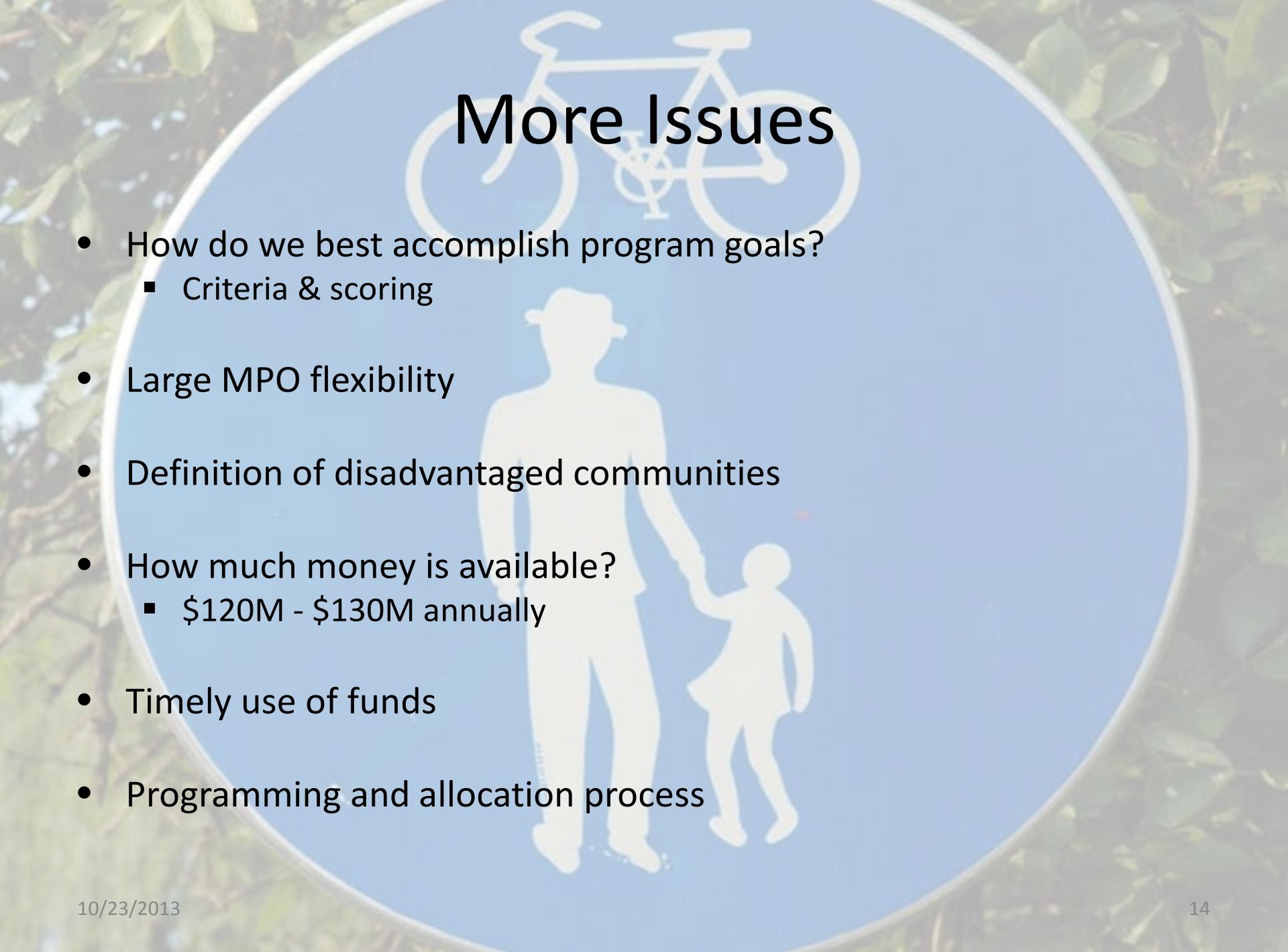
- **Benefit to disadvantaged communities**
- **Cost effectiveness**
- Adoption by a city or county applicant of a bicycle transportation plan, a pedestrian plan, safe routes to school plan, or an overall active transportation **plan**
- Use of California Conservation Corps or community conservation **corps**
- **Other** factors such as potential for:
 - Reducing congestion
 - Improving air quality
 - Reducing GHG emissions

Reporting



- Project types
- Info on grants to disadvantaged communities.
- Geographic distribution
- Planned and achieved improvements in mobility & safety
- Benefit to disadvantaged communities
- Timely use of funds

More Issues



- How do we best accomplish program goals?
 - Criteria & scoring
- Large MPO flexibility
- Definition of disadvantaged communities
- How much money is available?
 - \$120M - \$130M annually
- Timely use of funds
- Programming and allocation process



Questions?

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