

### **Pre-Application Workshop**

# Grant Program for Vehicle Trip Reduction

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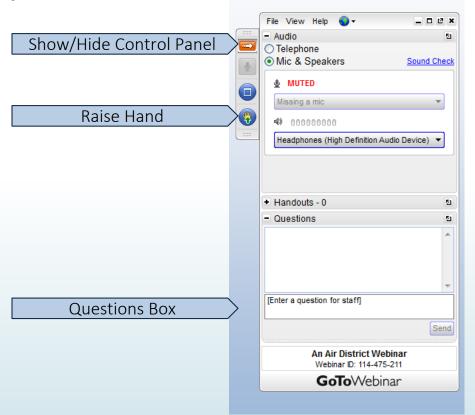


### Webinar Information

This webinar is being recorded.

Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.

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### Introduction & Background

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District):

- Established in 1955
- Nine Bay Area Counties
- Seven million residents
- 5,340 square miles

#### Mission:

"To protect and improve public health, air quality, and the global climate."





### Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)

- \$4 DMV surcharge
- 60% awarded directly by the Air District (Regional Fund & Air District Sponsored Programs)







### Program Overview

**Purpose:** To reduce single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips and improve air quality by offering funding for

- ➤ **Transportation Service** projects that reduce SOV trips by either connecting commuters to mass transit or encouraging the use of shared modes of transportation.
- ➤ **Bicycle Infrastructure** projects that encourage residents and commuters to mode shift to cycling and walking, as alternatives to driving, for short trips and first- and last-mile connections.

**Funding:** At least \$3.6 million is still available; \$3 million max per project category



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### Eligible Project Categories

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#### **Service Projects**



PILOT SERVICES These projects test new emerging on-demand technology-enabled first- and last-mile solutions that connect commuters to mass transit in areas that are underserved and lack other comparable service.

These projects operate and/or

and/or other existing ridesharing



EXISTING RIDE-SHARING SERVICES



These projects operate existing shuttle routes that link commuters to mass transit in areas that are underserved and lack other comparable service.

#### **Bicycle Infrastructure Projects**



RACKS & E-LOCKERS

These projects install new bicycle racks or electronic bicycle lockers to support cycling as an alternative to driving.



These projects construct one or more segments of Class-I or IV bikeways to encourage residents and commuters to shift to cycling as an alternative to driving for short trips and first- and last-mile connections.

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### Eligible Applicants

#### Page 3 & Appendix A

	Eligible Agencies
Pilot services projects	<ul> <li>Any:</li> <li>congestion management agency,</li> <li>public transit agency, or</li> <li>the Metropolitan Transportation Commission</li> </ul>
All other project types	Any public agency

Other entities may partner with the above Eligible Agencies to implement a project, but an Eligible Agency must serve as the <u>lead applicant</u> and project administrator



### Key Project Eligibility Requirements

#### Pages 4, 5, and 9

- Located in the Air District's jurisdiction
- Voluntary and surplus
- Commence within 12 months after contract execution.
- Available to <u>all members</u> of the public
- Meet cost-effectiveness thresholds for each project category (table 3):

Project Category	Maximum C-E (\$/weighted ton)	
Pilot Services	\$500,000	
<b>Existing Shuttle Services</b>	\$200,000; \$250,000 for services in	
	CARE Areas or PDAs	
<b>Existing Regional Ridesharing Services</b>	\$150,000	
Protected Bikeways	\$500,000	
Bicycle Electronic Lockers	\$250,000	
Bicycle Racks	\$90,000	



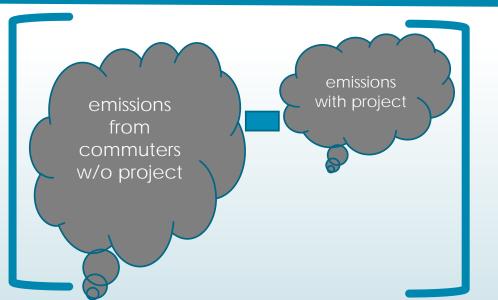
### Cost-Effectiveness

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### Project Process Overview

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### Application Instructions

#### Pages 5-8

- Complete and submit an online application at www.baaqmd.gov/tripreduction
- Mail one printed and signed hard copy of all application materials to:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Strategic Incentives Division Attn: Chengfeng Wang, Air Quality Program Manager 375 Beale Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94105

- The date the hard-copy application is received is the official date of receipt.
- Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Refer to the Guidance for required supplemental materials for each project category



### Pre-Application Data Collection

#### Pages 6 & 7; appendix A, B, & C

- For all transportation service projects, a user survey must be conducted within the 12 months prior to the date of the application
- > For existing transportation services, 18 months of boardings of the service during the peak-commute hour windows
- > For bikeway projects
  - A pre-construction bike-count survey must be conducted within the
     12 months prior to the date of the application
  - Provide the Annual Average Daily Traffic of the adjacent/parallel major arterial



### **Application Evaluation**

#### Pages 9 & 10

- Application checked for eligibility
- Projects also evaluated based on cost-effectiveness (CE)
- Projects will be prioritized if they are located within areas designated by the Community Air Risk Evaluation Program as an Impacted Area (CARE) and/or within areas designated as a Priority Development Area (PDA)





### Project Implementation & Operation

#### Pages 10-14

- Contract obligations
- ➤ Adherence to all applicable laws & regulations
- ➤ Licensed contractor(s)
- ➤ Insurance
- > Reports and data collection
- ➤ Inspection and audit
- Acknowledgement of Air District as a funding source



### Data Collection & Reporting

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#### <u>Transportation Services</u>

- Workgroups (Pilot Services only)
- User survey during first six months of operational phase
- Progress reports every six months during implementation (Pilot Services only)
- Operations reports every six months (September 1 / March 1)

#### **Bicycle Facilities**

- Post-completion bike count within the first year of operation (bikeways only)
- Progress reports every six months during implementation
- Operations reports every 12 months (March 1)



### Reimbursement & Eligible Costs

Pages 12-14

Eligible Costs				
Pilot Services	Existing Shuttles	Existing Ridesharing	Bicycle Facilities	
Purchase or lease of vehicles	Documented hourly labor charges and contractor labor charges	Marketing and outreach materials	Bicycle racks or electronic bicycle locker hardware, including taxes and fees	
Installation of alternative fuel stations		Financial transit or rideshare subsidies	Material directly related to construction	
Outreach activities and materials (max \$15,000)			Equipment rental directly related to construction	
Documented hourly			Labor charges	
labor charges and contractor charges			Installation of the bicycle rack or bicycle locker	
Transportation services provided by a third party			Permit fees	



### Audit and Records Retention

#### Page 14

All TFCA projects subject to audit after the Air District accepts and approves the final invoice

Project Sponsors must maintain **all project records** throughout the project term and for three years following the final payment.

#### Examples of project records include:

- Reports
- Survey results and results of other required data collection activities
- Documentation of acknowledgment of the Air District, including photos of required Air District logos
- Copies of invoices showing eligible costs incurred
- Proof of payment of eligible costs incurred (e.g. check copies)



### Tentative Program Schedule

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Activity	Tentative Dates	
Air District announces grant opportunity and issues Program Guidance	August 2019	
Online application opens	After the first pre-application webinar	
Application deadline	4pm, September 10, 2019	
Deadline to receive Board/Council resolutions	Within 30 calendar days after initial application deadline for applications submitted during the competitive phase. Board/Council resolutions must be included in the application that are submitted after the competitive deadline.	
Air District issues awards for projects requesting awards of less than \$100,000	After the initial deadline, within 60 calendar days after the application is submitted	
Air District Board of Directors considers awards for projects requesting awards of more than \$100,000	After the initial deadline, within 90 calendar days after an application has been submitted	
Proposed funding agreements are sent to awardees for signature	Within 30 calendar days after an application has been approved for award	
Deadline for Awardees to returns signed funding agreement to the Air District	Within 60 days from date the agreement has been issued by Air District	
Funding agreements executed by Air District	Within 30 days from the date the Air District receives the funding agreement signed by awardee	



### Thank You!

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