

2016 Measure B Caltrain Grade Separation Program Guidelines

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To fund grade separation projects along the Caltrain corridor in the cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto, separating the Caltrain tracks from roadways to provide increased safety benefits for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and also reduce congestion at the intersections.

Total Funding

11.11% of Program Tax Revenues

Program Type

Need/Capacity-based program

- Must comply with Board-approved Project Readiness Criteria

Project Readiness Criteria

- Project delivery status: Allocations for projects in the 10-year Program will be based on project delivery phases and completion of each phase. Projects must complete prior delivery phase(s) as a prerequisite for allocation of funds in a Biennial Budget for the next phase.
- Funding status: Project must have non-2016 Measure B match funds identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program and secured for a Biennial Budget allocation.
- Partner agency/community support: Partner agencies must be identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program. Community, permitting agency and partner agency support must be demonstrated for a Biennial Budget allocation.

Distribution of Funds

- Funds will be allocated on a two-year cycle, in conjunction with the VTA Biennial Budget process.
- As approved by the Board of Directors as the implementation strategy and as agreed to by VTA and the Cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto, total available program category funds will be allocated by percentage to each jurisdiction as follows:
 - City of Sunnyvale: 25%
 - City of Mountain View: 25%
 - City of Palo Alto: 50%
- At the end of the life of the sales tax, should the Program Tax Revenue available for the Grade Separation be higher than the originally estimated amount in 2017 dollars, the cities that have received their allocation based on previous percentage calculations will not receive any additional Grade Separation Program funds.
- The percentage distribution may be revised by the VTA Board of Directors.
- As candidate projects move forward and meet the Project Readiness criteria, the project sponsor will submit requests to the 2016 Measure B Program Office for inclusion in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program.

- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Implementation

- VTA will work with the cities, Caltrain and other partners as applicable to deliver all eight grade separation projects eligible for 2016 Measure B funds.
- Based on the project's ability to meet the Project Readiness criteria, VTA will develop and enter funding agreements with individual jurisdictions for project phases.
- VTA will provide technical oversight to jurisdictions during project implementation.

Requirements

- All project sponsors must apply to the State §190 Grade Separation Program.
- Reporting requirements regarding project progress will be detailed in agreements executed with VTA for project funding.
- Projects require a minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution.
- All projects must comply with VTA's Complete Streets reporting requirements.
- All projects must comply with 2016 Measure B program oversight requirements.
- All collateral material must comply with 2016 Measure B branding requirements.