

2016 Measure B State Route 85 Corridor Program Guidelines

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To fund new transit and congestion relief projects on SR 85, including a new transit lane from SR 87 in San Jose to U.S. 101 in Mountain View. Additionally this category will fund noise abatement along SR 85 and will provide funding to study transportation alternatives that include, but are not limited to, Bus Rapid Transit with infrastructure such as stations and access ramps, Light Rail Transit, and future transportation technologies that may be applicable.

Total Funding

5.56% 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 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.
- The 2016 Measure B Program Office will program funding based on the Project Readiness criteria in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program to complete project.
- Based on the project's ability to meet the Project Readiness Criteria, VTA will develop and enter funding agreements with the project sponsor.
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Implementation

- VTA staff completed the SR 85 Transit Guideway Study to identify the most effective transit and congestion relief projects on SR 85, and the SR 85 Policy Advisory Board identified a preferred project that they recommended to the Board of Directors for further study.

- Projects identified by the Transit Guideway Study will be candidates for funding.
- An implementation strategy for SR 85 Corridor projects will be developed in consultation with the VTA Technical Advisory Committee.
- VTA will serve as the implementing agency for all program projects.
- Any activity on the portion of SR 85 that would preclude the implementation of a lane for transit purposes shall be suspended until the Transit Guideway Study has been received by the VTA Board of Directors.
- The five pilot projects identified in the SR 85 Noise Abatement Study are eligible for funds.
- Any eligible noise abatement project on SR 85 is eligible for these funds.

Requirements

- Program requires 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.