

2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Criteria

Screening Criteria

- 2016 Measure B Eligible
 - Identify source of eligibility
 - Attachment A of 2016 Measure B
 - Countywide Bicycle Plan, etc.
- Complete Streets Reporting Requirement Attached
- Grant request \geq \$50,000

Criteria	Max Points
1. Connections to/Serves Schools, Transit or Employment Centers	20
2. Gap Closure/Crosses Barriers	20
3. Safety	20
4. ADA Access or Convenience/Comfort	20
5. Project Readiness/Project Delivery	10
6. Non-2016 Measure B Contribution	10
7. Community Engagement	5
8. Current or Projected Usage	10
9. Targets Populations with Specific Needs	10
TOTAL	125
Tie Breaker – Geographic Distribution	

Criterion #1 – Connections to/serves schools, transit, or employment centers (Max. 20 points)

Does the project provide connections to schools, transit or employment centers within required biking or walking distance?

Points awarded if:

- Bicycles: Any point of project is within 1 ½ miles actual biking distance
- Pedestrians: Any point of project is within ½ mile actual walk distance

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
 - Points are not additive. Projects will be scored within the “HIGH,” “MEDIUM,” or “LOW” point range based on its highest category destination
 - Example: If the project scores in the HIGH category for all three elements, 20 points can be received.

Points	Schools (K-12) Combined Enrollment	# of Jobs (w/n actual bike/ped distance)	Transit (Frequency of Service)
High 15 - 20	≥ 1501	≥ 2000	Connects to >1 Frequent transit route or regional rail service
Med 8 - 14	301 - 1500	501 - 1999	Connects to 1 Frequent transit route or regional rail service
Low 1 - 7	≤ 300	≤ 500	Connects to local transit service

Other:

- School is K-12; Colleges & universities can be captured in the ‘# of Jobs’ element
- Employment center is defined by number of jobs
- Transit is defined as: ‘Transportation by a conveyance that provides regular and continuing general or special transportation to the public, but does not include school bus, charter, or sightseeing transportation.’
 - FTA: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/region-9/there-fta-dictionary>
- Frequent transit route as defined by VTA:
 - 15 minute or better frequency from 6:30a to 6:30p, M through F
- Local transit route as defined by VTA
 - All non-frequent routes
- Regional rail service is defined as:
 - Caltrain
 - ACE
 - Capital Corridor
 - BART

Criterion #2 – Gap Closure/Crosses Barriers (Max. 20 points)

Does the project provide for a continuous bicycle or pedestrian travel-way where there was previously none?

Points awarded if:

- Project builds new bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure where there is currently no infrastructure;
 - e.g. Closes gaps in sidewalk; completes trail segments; constructs new bike/ped bridge or undercrossing; provides dedicated space for bicyclist on roadway where there is currently shoulder less than 4 feet.
- OR - Project builds a new bicycle or pedestrian connection across a major barrier (waterway, railway, freeway, expressway).
 - Facilities provided must be dedicated
 - e.g. Class I, II, or IV bikeways; sidewalk

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
 - High: 9-13pts
 - 75% or more of the project cost is for gap closure
 - Med: 4-8pts
 - 25% - 74% of the project cost is for gap closure
 - Low: 1-3pts
 - Less than 25% of the project cost is for gap closure
 - 5 pts: Project builds a new bicycle or pedestrian connection across a major barrier
 - 2 pts: Project is identified as an ABC in Appendix 6.1 of the 2018 Countywide Bicycle Plan or see <https://gis.vta.org/bikeplan/>

Criterion #3 – Safety (Max. 20 points)

Does the project make bicycling or walking safer?

Definition of Safety: Potential for reducing the number and/or rate or the risk of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries, including the identification of safety hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Points awarded if:

- Project demonstrates improved safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
- High: 15-20pts
 - Project will address a demonstrated safety issue using proven/demonstrated countermeasure
- Med: 8-14pts
 - Project will improve a situation with safety issues
- Low: 1-7pts
 - Project will generally improve safety issues; Has potential to reduce exposure/risk of conflicts between motor-vehicles and bikes/peds

Other:

- Project sponsor to provide narrative describing safety issue/s that project will address

Criterion #4 – ADA Access or Convenience/Comfort (Max. 20 points)

Does the project address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access issues or make bicycling or walking more convenient or comfortable?

Points awarded if:

- Project upgrades an existing facility to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; OR
- Project provides a shorter route, reduces pedestrian or bicyclist delay, and/or upgrades existing bike/ped infrastructure to lower-stress infrastructure

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 20 points
 - High: 15-20pts
 - 75% or more of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
 - Project significantly reduces delay, provides a shorter route, and/or decreases current level of traffic stress by two or more factors
 - Med: 8-14pts
 - 25% - 74% of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
 - Project moderately reduces delay, provides a moderately shorter route, and/or decreases current level of traffic stress by less than two factors
 - Low: 1-7pts
 - Less than 25% of the project cost is to upgrade existing facility to meet current ADA requirements; or
 - Project provides minimal reductions in delay, minimally shorter route, and/or does not change current level of traffic stress.

Other

- Project sponsor will identify if the project addresses an ADA issue or convenience/comfort.
- A level of traffic stress analysis is not required. However, a project that provides the analysis to substantiate reductions in traffic stress may receive the maximum points versus those projects that do not.
- References to tools/methods to measure level of traffic stress will be included on the application.
- Though this criterion overlaps some with criterion #2, Gap Closure/Crosses Barrier, criterion #2 is specific to new facilities/infrastructure where none exist. It is possible for a project to receive points for both criterion #2 and criterion #4.

Criterion #5 – Project Readiness/Project Delivery (Max. 10 points)

How close is the project to being delivered?

Points awarded if:

- Project has any of the following phases completed.
- Points are additive.

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 10 points

Categorical Exclusion or Categorical Exemption		Not Categorical Exclusion or Categorical Exemption	
Phase	Points	Phase	Points
Design Complete	5	ENV Complete	4
ROW Complete	5	Design Complete	3
		ROW Complete	3

Criterion #6 – Non-2016 Measure B Contribution (Max. 10 points)

How much non-2016 Measure B contribution is the project sponsor providing?

Points awarded if:

- The project sponsor pledges/provides more than the required 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution

Point Distribution:

- 10pts: Provides ≥ 30% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 7pts: Provides 20% - 29% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 4pts: Provides 18% - 19% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 2pts: Provides 16% - 17% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 1pts: Provides 11% - 15% non-2016 Measure B contribution
- 0pts: Provides the minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution

Other:

- If the project sponsor states that they will provide a higher percentage of matching funds, they will be required to provide the matching percentage.
- If project costs increase and are anticipated to be over budget, 2016 Measure B funds will not be increased. Project sponsor is responsible for cost overruns.
- If the project is anticipated to be delivered under budget, 2016 Measure B funds will be reduced in proportion to project sponsor’s contribution

Criterion #7 - Community Engagement (Max. 5 points)

Has the project been developed with input from the community?

Points awarded if:

- Project is developed through a collaborative planning process that included broad partnerships among a variety of stakeholders (e.g. documents community input/outreach including local BPAC)

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 5 points

Criterion #8 – Usage (Max. 10 points)

How many existing or projected users will the project benefit?

Points awarded if:

- Projected or existing users are identified using a defensible, quantifiable methodology
 - Project sponsors using projections must provide documentation and justification

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 10 points
- Project score is based on the highest usage category by mode or the total usage if mode split is not available.

Points		Two-way peak hour volume		
		Bicyclists	Pedestrians	“Total”
High	10 points	≥ 51	≥ 101	≥ 151
Medium	5-9 pts	25-50	50 -100	75 - 150
Low	1-4 pts	≤ 24	≤ 49	≤ 74

Criterion #9 - Targets Populations with Specific Needs (Max. 10 points)

Does a project serve a Community of Concern?

Points awarded if:

- 50% or more of the project limits is located within ½ mile of a Community of Concern (as defined by MTC at the time of the call for projects).
- The project connects directly to a Community of Concern (as defined by MTC at the time of the call for projects).
- MTC definition/map of Communities of Concern:
<https://mtc.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1501fe1552414d569ca747e0e23628ff>

Point Distribution:

- Can receive a maximum of 10 points

Other:

- Map identifying the project and relationship to the COC required
- The project sponsor must articulate the benefit of the project to the COC

Tie Breaker

Geographic Distribution

- If two projects have the same score, the project in the geographic area with fewer awarded 2016 Measure B bicycle/pedestrian capital projects – for the current call for projects - will be ranked higher.