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CALL FOR PROJECTS

2026 State Transportation Improvements Program

Dear Project Sponsor:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) invites you to submit applications for the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2026 STIP will cover the 5-year period from Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 through FY 2030-31. The specific amount available to program in the 2026 STIP will not be known until the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopts the Fund Estimate in August 2025.

The 2026 STIP will add programming of funds, if available, in FY 2029-30 and FY 2030-31. The STIP funds can be used to fund one or more phases of a capital project (e.g. environmental clearance, design, Right-of-Way (ROW) and/or construction).

Authority Contact

Project applications relating to this Call for Projects should be submitted to the address shown below. For inquires please call (925) 256-4750; or by email:

jzhang@ccta.net.

Jay Zhang, Associate Engineer
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2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Project sponsors must submit electronic copy of their applications no later than **2:00 p.m., June 6, 2025** by email to jzhang@ccta.net.

Project Screening

Projects will be screened based on the following criteria:

1. Project must be consistent with adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
2. Local projects must be in a Congestion Management Plan (CMP).
3. Candidate projects must submit a draft Project Study Report (PSR) or PSR Equivalent along with the application by June 6, 2025. Final PSRs should be submitted to the Authority no later than October 3, 2025.

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4. Funds must be allocated for the phase(s) requesting STIP funding within the period between FY 2029-30 and FY 2030-31.
5. Project/project phases must be fully funded with requested STIP funds and other committed fund sources. Current STIP projects cannot seek additional funds for the same phase.
6. Projects must solve an existing problem related to safety, capacity, and/or operations.
7. Requested STIP funds must be for capital improvements and must be at least \$1 million.
8. Roadway projects must be on collector roads or above, as classified by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) California Road System (CRS) maps.
9. Since STIP funds are federalized, project sponsors must navigate and comply with the Federal-Aid process. This may include, but not limited to, obtaining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, securing Right of Way (ROW) Certification, complying with federal contracting laws and procedures, fulfilling Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, coordinating with Caltrans Local Assistance and CTC staff for funding allocations and extension, and adhering to the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) Policy. Federalized projects are subject to strict regulatory requirements, which may increase administrative costs and add complexity to the project delivery process.
10. Projects that are operational in nature must show commitment of Operations and Maintenance funds for the life of the project.
11. Applications are limited to no more than two per jurisdiction

Project Scoring

Transit and roadway projects will be evaluated separately using the following scoring criteria:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
Safety	30 max
System Productivity	10 max
Congestion Relief	10 max
Strategic Expansion	15 max
Meeting Senate Bill 375 (SB375) Goals	10 max
Other Secured Funds	5 max
Measure J Project	20 max
<hr/> TOTAL Points	<hr/> 100 maximum

The 2026 STIP Timeline is as follows:

June 6, 2025 (2 pm)	Applications and draft Project Study Reports (PSRs) or PSR equivalents are due to the Authority.
June 9 – 27, 2025	STIP Subcommittee reviews and scores applications, and develops a draft project list.
July 17, 2025	The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) reviews scoring, draft project list, and based on fund estimate, recommends final project list.
August 14, 2025	CTC adopts STIP Fund Estimate and STIP Guidelines.
September 4, 2025	The Administration and Projects Committee (APC) reviews and recommends approval of final project list.

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| September 17, 2025 | The Authority Board approves final project list. |
| October 3, 2025 | Project sponsors submit the final Project Programming Requests (PPR), performance measure analyses, final PSRs or PSR equivalents, resolutions of local support, complete streets checklists, and certifications of assurances to the Authority. |
| December 2025 | The Authority submits the final PPR, final project listing and performance measure analyses, final PSRs or PSR equivalents, resolutions of local support, and certifications of assurances to MTC. |
| March 2026 | CTC adopts the 2026 STIP. |

Project applications are attached and are also available in electronic format at: <https://ccta.net/about-us/funding/>

If you have any questions, please call Jay Zhang at (925) 256-4750 or email at jzhang@ccta.net. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



Timothy Haile
Executive Director