



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4-E

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SUBJECT:

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program includes:

- **Sustainable Communities Grants** (\$29.5 million) to encourage local and regional planning that supports state goals, implements Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) (where applicable), and to ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively
- **NEW! Climate Adaptation Planning Grants** (\$50 million) support local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure
- **Strategic Partnerships Grants** (\$4.5 million) to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system in partnership with Caltrans. A sub-category funds transit-focused planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies

The grant schedule is outlined below.

- **October 2023** – Release FY 2024-25 Grant Application Guide/Call-for-applications for minimum eight-weeks and conduct District and HQ grant application workshops
- **January 2024** – Grant application deadline
- **Spring 2024** – Application evaluation and management approval of grant recommendations
- **Summer 2024** – Grant announcements

- **Fall 2024** – Grant recipients begin project activities
- **Winter-Summer 2027** – Grant projects are completed, and grant funds expire (expiration dates depend on grant recipient and fund-type)

View [Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant](#) for more information.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.