

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM FACT SHEET



## Overview

The *TransNet* Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP) provides funding to the region's 18 cities and the County of San Diego for projects that encourage the increased use of active modes of transportation, including biking and walking. Through a competitive process, the ATGP funds capital improvements, planning projects, and programs that educate, encourage, and raise awareness about biking and walking as viable transportation alternatives for work, shopping, and other daily activities.

The ATGP is funded by *TransNet*, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation projects administered by SANDAG, and the funds distributed by the state under the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). The program was established as part of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, approved by San Diego County voters in 2004. An estimated \$280 million is expected to be available for the ATGP and regional bike projects over the 40-year lifetime of *TransNet*.

## Accomplishments

Since the program was launched in 2009, four funding cycles have supported dozens of bike and pedestrian projects that improve travel choices for the region's residents. The ATGP has awarded nearly \$29 million in *TransNet* and TDA funds throughout the San Diego region. A total of 85 projects have been awarded funding, with approximately 75 percent of the funds spent on capital grants and the remaining 25 percent allocated toward planning, bike parking, and education grants.

Projects promote bike and pedestrian connectivity to transit, schools, retail centers,

parks, work, and other community gathering places. Various campaigns also educate residents about bike safety and right-of-way issues. Projects funded by the ATGP have included the installation of custom bike racks and lockers; mobility and transportation plans; education, encouragement, and awareness campaigns; and the construction of bike paths and pedestrian crosswalks. The program helps improve the health and quality of life of communities in the San Diego region, and supports implementation of local climate action plans and complete street policies.

## Program Objectives

Projects funded through the ATGP serve as models for the region by featuring new and innovative active transportation solutions. By promoting active transportation as a means of improving health outcomes, the program increases community support for biking and walking as a viable transportation choice for daily trips. Overall, the program helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase levels of biking and walking in the region.

## Program Requirements

Proposed projects must be consistent with SANDAG guidance provided in *Riding to 2050: The San Diego Regional Bike Plan* and *Planning and Designing for Pedestrians: Model Guidelines for the San Diego Region*.

## For More Information

To see examples of completed projects and an interactive map of grant-funded projects that have been completed or are in progress, please visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/grants](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/grants).

For additional grant information visit [sandag.org/grants](http://sandag.org/grants).

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## Active Transportation Grant Program Scoring Criteria:

Grant proposals are evaluated using the criteria below.



Capital Grants	
Project Connections and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections to regional/local bike and pedestrian networks</li> <li>Connections to transit</li> <li>Creates safety and access improvements</li> </ul>
Quality of Proposed Capital Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project impact and effectiveness</li> <li>Program objectives, innovation, and advanced technologies</li> </ul>
Supportive Policies and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project accompanied by supportive education and awareness programs</li> <li>Reduces greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>Jurisdiction has adopted a Climate Action Plan and Complete Streets Policy</li> </ul>
Demand Analysis	Population, employment, and intersection densities
Project Readiness	Completion of major milestones, such as plans, environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, final design
Efficient Use of Program Funds	Efficient use of funds based on dollar amount requested
Matching Funds	Additional funds or in-kind services to be used in addition to grant award
Regional Housing Needs Assessment	<a href="#">SANDAG Board Policy No. 033</a>

Non-Capital Grants	
Program Objectives and Advanced Technologies	How well project meets ATGP objectives
Comprehensiveness and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed plan is extensive and thorough</li> <li>Project accompanies existing or proposed capital improvements</li> <li>Jurisdiction has adopted a Climate Action Plan and a Complete Streets Policy</li> </ul>
Methodology	Project meets demonstrated need and project goals
Community Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusive public process</li> <li>Broad and meaningful community support</li> </ul>
Evaluation	Effectiveness of final project
Innovation	Potential to serve as model for the region
Demand Analysis	Population, employment, and intersection densities
Efficient Use of Program Funds	Ratio of grant request to project score
Matching Funds	Additional funds or in-kind services to be used in addition to grant award
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