

PRIORITY SETTING CRITERIA

Regional Transit Projects – (1) High priority project ready to go into construction; (2) those having state/local funds as a match for significant federal funding already approved/earmarked; (3) projects essential to the bus and rail system, particularly to comply with the Consent Decree.

TCRP Projects (Local & Non-Freeway) – Fund projects that have previous MTA Board commitment

CALL FOR PROJECTS:

Allocation Requests – Concur with all FY 04 or prior year State RIP or federal TEA funding allocation and/or extension requests to maximize funding for Los Angeles County. Place a higher priority on those whose allocations are due in current fiscal year.

Balance - Maintain relative balance among Freeway and Call for Projects categories

Local Transportation Funds– Maintain funding commitment to projects using this fund source, as they are not eligible for other types of funding.

TEA Funds – Maintain MTA funding commitment to Bikeway and Pedestrian projects funded by TEA and other TEA modal category projects as these funds can't be used for other purposes.

Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) – Encourage Caltrans to maintain or add ITIP funding to projects in MTA's Regional Improvement Program.

Freeways – (1) Previously fully funded projects prioritized by mobility (2/3 weight) and readiness (1/3 weight); for deferred projects leave sufficient funding for design and/or right-of-way; (2) projects not previously fully funded.

Soundwalls – Retain 70% of the previous MTA Board committed funding to the Soundwall program.

Call Categories--Freeway, RSTI, Signal, Transit Capital, Bikeway, Pedestrian, TDM

- (1) projects in final audit, under construction or under contract or bids received as of March 31, 2003;
- (2) final design completed, right-of-way started/completed, ready to list or due to the CTC for construction allocation in FY 03 and any CTC approved extensions that must be allocated by June 30, 2003;
- (3) those having state/local funds as a match for significant federal funding already approved/earmarked, in PE or final design as of March 31, 2003 or due to the CTC in FY 03 for final design;
- (3a) TEA funded in modes other than the TEA category;
- (3b) due to CTC for design allocation in FY 04 or construction allocation in FY 04, if not previously ranked higher;
- (4) have executed LOA/MOU and are in environmental clearance or have no activity or have not had RSTP/CMAQ funds obligated as of March 31, 2003;
- (5) MOU/LOA in final review or signature process for FY 03 or prior year funding by March 31, 2003;
- (6) no MOU/LOA.

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