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STIP State Transportation Improvement Program - 2026 funding -

This covers funding allocations for 2025-2031 fiscal period.

1.983 million for Homestead Safe Routes to School Design project

1.5 miles of bike and ped infrastructure improvements - this is a redirect of design funding from the central bikeway project. (Not removing the environmental clearance portion of the project which is already funded).

34.990 million for Bascom Complete Streets

Redirect (fund exchange from BART upgrade funding due to lapse from a federal grant deadline) to close a funding gap of 35 million - in order to avoid loss of other grant funding. Part of this funding is coming from new grants plus the reallocation from the central bikeway design project. 3 miles of major construction and upgrades.

- New signals
- Closing sliplanes
- New ped crossings
- New Class 4 bikeway

30.70 Million for Dirdiron Station project design.

OF NOTE - Central bikeway project is not being dropped, the environmental review will continue, and in the future other funding will come for the design phase, but the county wanted to reallocate existing funds to complete existing projects further along.

Vote to approve funding reallocations was passed unanimously by VTA-BPAC

From the MTC's complete streets checklist for Homestead

Homestead's Safe Routes to School Design Project will do the following:

Adhere to NACTO "all ages and abilities" principles 2nd ed.

- Upgrade existing bike lanes to combination Class IV separated bikeway and a one-way Class IV separated bikeway
- Widen a path to meet Class I bikeway standards
- Widen sidewalk to accommodate high pedestrian and child cyclist volumes
- Reduce turning radii
- Reconstruct driveways to meet ADA standards
- Construct new sidewalk where there is none
- Improve intersections to increase motorists yielding to pedestrians and cyclists

From Bascom Ave Complete Streets checklist (initiated in 2024)

Will also adhere to NACTO AAAA standards (2nd ed)

- Install class IV separated bikeways on Bascom Ave
- New signalized pedestrian crossings of Bascom Ave
- Upgrades of sidewalks to be ADA compliant
- Construction of ADA compliant boarding islands for transit

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- Reduce corner radii
- *Remove uncontrolled slip lanes*
- Construction of curb extensions to improve bike and ped safety and comfort at all intersections

(Some questions from BPAC as to whether these projects can be re-reviewed to meet NACTO 3rd ed guidelines at this point.)

Review of recommended changes to the existing 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Studies Competitive Grant program criteria.

The updated program criteria will be used for the next call-for-projects in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Studies FY2026 to FY2027 cycle.

Updated total available funds for the FY2026 to FY2027 cycle to \$2,240,000, which includes the allocation from the FY2024 to FY2025 period.

Criterion #1 - Community Engagement (Max 25 points):

- Updated the points distribution so applications are scored fully based on the rubric.
- An addition was made to provide the Scoring Committee with the IAP2's "Spectrum of Public Participation" as an evaluation guide, consistent with other 2016 Measure B competitive grant criteria.

Criterion #2 - Gap Closure (Max 20 points):

Updated the points distribution to:

- (a) 3 points if the project plans to build a new bicycle or pedestrian connection across a major barrier (waterway, railway, freeway, expressway),
- (b) 2 points if the project is identified in VTA's latest Countywide Bicycle Plan and/or VTA's latest Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan, and
- (c) up to 15 points for qualitative and quantitative narrative for the project's demonstration to close a gap in the bicycle and/or pedestrian network.

Criterion #3 - Connections to Schools, Transit, Employment Centers, or Key Community Destinations (Max. 20 points)

- Updated the points distribution to allow more qualitative narrative and for scoring to fully be based on the rubric.

Criterion #4 - Safety and Convenience (Max 25 points):

- Renamed the criterion to include "and convenience."
- Added requirement for applicants to provide a map that establishes an "Area of Influence," or the area in proximity to a project that will be impacted.

Criterion #5 - Considerations for Community Investment (Max 15 points):

- Renamed the criterion, which was formerly known as "Equity Considerations."
- Minor formatting changes to the points distribution have been made. There are no changes to the method of distribution.

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Criterion #6 - Non-2016 Measure B Contribution (Max 5 points):

- No proposed changes.

Tiebreaker - Geographic Distribution:

- An additional clarification for the process in determining geographic area has been provided. There are no changes to the tiebreaker.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

Revisions to the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Studies Competitive Grant program criteria do not have a direct impact on the climate.