



## **OneBayArea (OBAG) Grant**



*Solano Transportation Authority*

### **Public Input Meeting**

**3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

**Solano County Events Center**

**601 Texas Street, Fairfield**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Jack Batchelor, Jr., STA Chair
- II. ONEBAYAREA GRANT (OBAG) OVERVIEW** Robert Macaulay, STA  
(3:00 – 3:10 p.m.)
- III. PRESENTATIONS FROM STA ADVISORY COMMITTEES**  
(3:10 – 3:50 p.m.)
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
  - Lifeline Committee
  - Paratransit Coordinating Committee
  - Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - Safe Routes to Schools Committee
  - Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee
  - Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium
  - Technical Advisory Committee
- IV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
(3:50 – 4:20 p.m.)
- V. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE STA BOARD**  
(4:20 – 4:30 p.m.)
- VI. SCHEDULE FOR OBAG IMPLEMENTATION** Robert Macaulay, STA  
(4:30 – 4:00 p.m.)
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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DATE: September 10, 2012  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning  
RE: OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Funding Public Input

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**Background:**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range transportation plan for the 9-county Bay Area. It is prepared every 4 years by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The RTP sets out a 25-year vision for the region's transportation system, establishes goals and milestones for achieving that vision, and lists projects that are designed to help meet those goals.

Senate Bill (SB) 375 was legislation enacted with the intent to help implement the state's goals for reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from cars and light trucks, and coordinate regional land use and transportation planning. SB 375 requires the development of Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) that act as the land use element of the RTP. The SCS and RTP must result in projected reductions of GHG emissions to levels set by the state, and accommodate all of the projected growth in housing for the time period of the RTP/SCS. The Bay Area SCS is being developed by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and MTC, with input from other regional agencies.

In late December 2011, MTC released guidelines for the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program. OBAG is a new program developed by MTC and ABAG for the allocation of the region's federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Historically, these have been titled federal cycle funds. The OBAG proposal will combine funds for local streets and roads maintenance, Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC), regional bicycle network and Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Planning activities. Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) is eligible for OBAG funding, but will also be receiving funds that are specifically allocated to SR2S. For STA, available OBAG funding for the next four years totals \$18.8 million.

At its meeting of April 11, 2012, the STA Board approved an initial allocation plan for anticipated OBAG funds. The plan allocated \$5.2 million to the Dixon West B Street Undercrossing and to funding STA Planning and SNCI staff. The existing commitments total \$6.2 million of the \$18.8 available.

On July 12, the STA Board issued a Call for Projects for CMAQ-eligible projects and programs. A total of \$7.6 million in CMAQ funds is currently projected to be available. The Call for Projects is provided as Attachment A.

STA staff has met with all of the STA citizen and staff based advisory committees, with the exception of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (scheduled for September 13) and the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium (scheduled for September 26). The recommendations for OBAG CMAQ from the Committees are included in Attachment A. The projects submitted by the STA member agencies are summarized in Attachment B.

STA staff also met with members of the Yocha Dehe Tribe on September 5, and will receive input on Tribal issues and priorities in early October.

**Discussion:**

The public input meeting is designed to allow each of the advisory committees to make a presentation to the STA Board regarding their priorities. In addition, members of the general public who have not been able to attend any of the advisory committee meetings are also invited to attend and speak on their priorities.

The public input meeting is not designed for the Board to discuss the merits of any specific project or set of policies that will direct funding decisions. Rather, it is intended to act as an opportunity for project and program advocates and members of the public to present their views to the Board. The Board will then discuss the criteria for selection of projects and programs at its regular meeting on the evening of September 12, and the selection of projects and programs at subsequent meetings in October of 2012 and January 2013. A final decision on the allocation of STA's OBAG CMAQ funds is scheduled to occur at the Board's regular meeting of January 9, 2013.

**Recommendation:**

Receive advisory committee and public input on projects and priorities for OBAG CMAQ funding.

Attachments:

- A. STA CMAQ Call for Projects
- B. STA Advisory Committee Recommendations for OBAG Funding Priorities
- C. STA member jurisdiction Recommendations for OBAG Funding Priorities
- D. STA Public Outreach Schedule

**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**Member Agencies:  
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Email: staplan@sta-snci.com ♦ Website: sta.ca.gov

August 2, 2012

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: OneBayArea Grant Call for Projects

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has issued a Call for Projects for OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) funds. These are federal transportation funds distributed through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to local Congestion Management Agencies such as the STA. Interested parties are invited to submit OBAG funding applications to the STA no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Attached are the documents needed to submit an application. They are:

1. STA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) OBAG Call for Projects with attachments:
  - A. Minimum Standards for Proposed CMAQ Project and Program Eligibility
  - B. Allowable Uses of Available Federal Funds
  - C. STA Project and Program Public Outreach Schedule
2. STA OBAG Application Instructions
3. STA OBAG Project Submittal Checklist

For those agencies that are submitting projects originally submitted to the STA in April 2012, an STA Project Delivery Sheet does not need to be prepared. If a project was not originally submitted in April 2012, a new STA Project Delivery Sheet should be submitted at this time.

If you have any questions, please call me at (707) 424-6006.

**STA STP OBAG Submittal**

**Attachment 1**

**STA CMAQ OBAG Call for Projects with attachments**

Re: Solano Transportation Authority  
CMAQ Call for Projects

To Interested Applicants:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is currently seeking input on how to allocate an estimated \$7,633,000 (seven million six-hundred thirty-three thousand dollars) in federal fund for transportation projects. The funding is available for the following Fiscal Years (FY): 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. These funds are available through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program.

Attached you will find a copy of the STA's guidelines for project and program selection, guidelines on allowable uses of the available federal funds, and the STA's public outreach schedule. This information is also available electronically online at the STA's website: [www.solanolinks.com](http://www.solanolinks.com). Please note that all projects or programs submitted for funding must be submitted or sponsored by a public agency.

STA OBAG funding applications are due **no later than 3 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2012** to:

Solano Transportation Authority  
Attention: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning  
One Harbor Center, Suite 130  
Suisun, CA 94585

Please contact Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning, at 707 424-6075 or [rmacaulay@sta-snci.com](mailto:rmacaulay@sta-snci.com) for more information.

Sincerely,

Daryl K. Halls  
Executive Director

Exhibits:

- A. Minimum Standards for Proposed Project and Program Eligibility
- B. Allowable Uses of Available Federal Funds
- C. STA Project and Program Public Outreach Schedule

Solano Transportation Authority  
Minimum Standards for Proposed Project and Program Eligibility

1. Project is located in a jurisdiction that meets the OBAG eligibility requirements regarding Complete Streets and a certified Housing Element
2. Qualifies as a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality eligible project or program
3. Commitment by a public agency to deliver the project or program
4. Deliverable within the OBAG funding cycle (2012 through 2016)

Allowable Uses of Available Federal Funds

FUND SOURCE: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

CMAQ funding applies to new or expanded transportation projects, programs, and operations that help reduce emissions. Generally may fund following OBAG project categories that result in air quality improvement: Safe Routes to School, Transportation for Livable Communities, Bicycle and Pedestrian categories (excluding Planning Studies). This includes Transportation activities in approved State Implementation Plan (SIP), Transportation Control Measures (TCMs), alternative fuels, traffic flow improvements, transit expansion projects, travel demand management, outreach and rideshare activities, telecommuting programs, intermodal freight, planning and project development activities directly related to the delivery of a project, inspection and maintenance programs, and experimental pilot projects. For more detailed guidance see the CMAQ Program Guidance (FHWA, November 2008).



September	Board Workshop on OBAG Project Selection Criteria
September 12	STA Board Public Hearing on approval of Local Streets and Roads projects; Submittal of STA OBAG Local Streets and Roads Project List and Supporting Documentation to MTC
September 26	TAC and Consortium Review Draft OBAG Call for Project Submittal List
October 10	STA Board Public Hearing Draft OBAG Call for Project Submittal
November 28	TAC and Consortium Review of Final OBAG Call for Project List
December 12	Board Approval of Final OBAG Call for Project List
January 2013	Submittal of STA OBAG Project List and Supporting Documentation to MTC

**STA CMAQ OBAG Submittal**  
**Attachment 2**  
**STA CMAQ OBAG Submittal Instructions**

**Agency Contact Information.** This is the name of the primary point of contact for the agency regarding project submittal and processing. Each agency should have ONE primary point of contact for all STP OBAG projects.

1. **Housing Element.** Indicate whether or not the agency has a Housing Element certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. If so, please provide a copy of the certification letter. Note: an HCD-approved Housing Element is required before OBAG funds can be received.
2. **Complete Streets.** Indicate whether or not the agency is implementing MTC's Complete Streets policy. If the answer is yes, provide the pertinent language from the General Plan or other land use regulation document, such as the Zoning Ordinance or the public works standard specifications, that shows compliance. If the answer is no, please provide a schedule for when compliance is anticipated. Note: compliance with the MTC's complete streets policy no later than January 31, 2013, is required before OBAG funds can be received.
3. **Project Information.** Provide a description of each project or program proposed for funding with CMAQ funds. Projects that extend over multiple years or apply to multiple adjoining sites can be covered with a single application.
4. **Map or graphic.** Please show each project on a map, overhead photo or other graphic. If the agency is submitting multiple projects, all projects can be shown on a single page, or on multiple pages, as the agency's discretion. Proper identification of project boundaries is very important in this map or graphic. If the application is for a program that specifies a specific area, please submit a map or graphic that indicates the area covered by the program.
5. **Complete Streets Checklist.** Provide a copy of the completed Complete Streets checklist for each project. Even if an agency is not in compliance with the MTC's Complete Streets policy or the Complete Streets Act of 2008, a Complete Streets Checklist must be furnished for each project. Note: this requirement does not apply to applications for program funding.
6. **Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Features.** Describe any features (for example, Class I, II or III bike facilities, pedestrian paths or sidewalks, curb cut-outs and/or transit vehicle stops or pull-outs) that either exist or that will be installed or modified as a part of a project. Note: this requirement does not apply to applications for program funding.

7. **Project Delivery Sheet.** STA requires a separate Project Delivery Sheet be completed for each project. If a Project Delivery Sheet has already been completed for this project in response to STA's March 2012 project identification memo, a new sheet is not required. If a Project Delivery Sheet has not been completed, or if the agency wishes to submit an updated project delivery sheet, it (they) must be attached to this application.
8. **Public Outreach.** MTC has required local proof of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for all OBAG funded projects. This requires not only that agencies perform public outreach, but that the outreach activities are documented.
9. **Inclusion in STA Plans or Documents.** Please indicate how the proposed project or program is included in an adopted or draft STA plan or similar document.
10. **Agency Sponsorship.** For those projects or programs not being submitted by a public agency, please provide evidence that a public agency has committed to deliver the project or program. This should consist of a resolution or other formal action taken by the agency's governing body.

**Submittal Authorization.** The form should be signed by a person such as the City Manager or a Department Director.

**STA CMAQ OBAG Submittal  
Attachment 3  
Application**

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. This agency **does / does not** have a Housing Element certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. If yes, attach copy of certification letter.
  
2. This agency **does / does not** comply with the MTC Complete Streets policy and the Complete Streets Act of 2008.
  - If yes, please attach General Plan and/or ordinance language showing Complete Streets compliance.
  - If no, please indicate planned schedule and method for achieving Complete Streets compliance.
  
3. Provide a description of the project or program for which funding is sought. If the application is for a program, please provide program details such as other fund sources, staffing, and program outputs
  
4. Attach a map or other graphic that shows the location of the project.
  
5. Attach a Complete Streets checklist for each project (not required for programs).
  
6. Describe the bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit elements of the street as it currently exists, and any improvements that will be made as a part of this project (not required for programs).

7. Projects or programs:

- a. If the STA does not have a current Project Delivery Sheet on file for the project, please include a completed or updated Project Delivery Sheet; **or**
  
- b. If the program is not an on-going program funded at least in part by the STA, provide a description of the program, including a detailed funding and expenditure plan, a staffing plan, and a description of program outputs.

8. Attach a description of any public outreach performed by the agency regarding the selection of projects for STP OBAG funding.

9. Please identify the adopted or draft STA plan or similar document in which the project or proposal is listed.

10. If the project or program is not submitted by a public agency, provide proof that a public agency has committed to delivering the project or program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit the above-listed projects and project information for the \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration for funding from Surface Transportation Program funds administered by the Solano Transportation Authority as part of the OneBayArea Grant program, and confirm that I am authorized to make such a submittal on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.

Attachment B  
STA Advisory Committee Requests for OBAG Funding

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>OBAG Funds</b>	<b>PDA/PCA</b>
Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee	SR2S Engineering Projects – reserve funds for engineering projects in each of the 7 school districts; a minimum of \$100,000 per district, with \$500,000 for larger projects. Individual projects to be determined later.	\$1,200,000	Not identified
Bicycle Advisory Committee	Vaca Dixon Bike Path Phase 5B – construct Class 2 bike path along Hawkins Road to complete the Vaca-Dixon Bike Path.	\$1,805,000	None
Pedestrian Advisory Committee	No individual projects prioritized; next meeting set for September 13.		
Paratransit Coordinating Council	No individual projects prioritized; interest in seeing projects prioritized by other Committees and member jurisdictions.		
Lifeline Committee	Expand point-to-point shuttle services from only serving seniors to include low income and others with limited mobility access		None
Lifeline Committee	Transit Ambassador Program – assist individuals in learning how to effectively use transit by providing training, a short-term transit partner and a transit pass		None
Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory Sidewalk and Street focused around major transit centers and key destinations such as downtowns, employment centers and medical facilities</li> <li>• Implementation of the Travel Training (aka Transit Ambassador) Program</li> <li>• Additional funding for Intercity Service for Non-Ambulatory Riders and Mobility Programs through the 4 years of the OBAG cycle</li> </ul>		None

Attachment B  
STA Member Jurisdiction Requests for OBAG Funding

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>OBAG Funds</b>	<b>PDA/PCA</b>
City of Benicia	Benicia Industrial Park Transit Hub – construct 1 acre bus hub, including 50 parking spaces bus shelters and pull-out, bicycle parking, restrooms and support facilities. Located at Park Road/Industrial Way/ I-680 WB	\$500,000	Benicia Industrial Park PDA
City of Fairfield	West Texas Gateway Access Improvements – Improve sidewalks and crosswalks along West Texas Street that provide access to the Fairfield Transportation Center	\$2,000,000	West Texas PDA
City of Rio Vista	Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade Phase 2 – construct 850 feet of improvements along the Sacramento River water front south of the Rio Vista bridge.	\$370,000	Rio Vista Rural Investment Area
City of Suisun City	Lotz Way Improvements – improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities by installing a Class I facility, and improve the travel lane on the north side of Lotz Way, from Marina Boulevard to Main Street.	\$1,200,000	Downtown Suisun/Waterfront
City of Suisun City	Railroad Avenue Extension – extend Railroad Avenue from its current end just west of Marina Blvd. for 1,500 feet to a new controlled intersection at the Main Street/SR 12 Westbound intersection. The project includes a Class I bicycle facility.	\$1,522,500	Downtown Suisun/Waterfront
City of Suisun City	Suisun City Train Station Improvements – improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the train station, improve on-site ADA accessibility, expand bicycle storage facilities, and install additional signage and pedestrian access control to improve safety.	\$550,000	Downtown Suisun/Waterfront
City of Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path – McClellan to Comstock. Construct a Class I bike path from McClellan Street in downtown Vacaville to Comstock Way near I-80.	\$2,212,000	Downtown Vacaville PDA (connection)
City of Vacaville	Mason Street at Depot Street Road Diet – Construct bike and ped improvements including ped refuge and turn channelization on 3 corners of intersection.	\$309,000	Downtown Vacaville PDA
City of Vacaville	Allison PDA Bike and Ped improvements – improvements to both sides of Allison Drive, and improve ped signal at Burton Drive and Helen Power Drive.	\$586,000	Allison PDA; Burton/Power not in PDA.
City of Vacaville	Vacaville Intermodal Station Phase 2 – Construct 400-space parking garage.	\$10,235,000	Allison PDA
City of Vallejo	Downtown Streetscaping project on Maine Street including traffic calming, restriping, diagonal on-street parking, improved signs, decorative lighting, brick pavers, street furniture, and art ; Maine Street from Santa Clara Street to Sacramento Street	\$1,640,000	Vallejo downtown/ waterfront

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>OBAG Funds</b>	<b>PDA/PCA</b>
Solano County	Lake Herman Road Bike Path – construct a 3-mile long Class 2 bike path from Vallejo to Benicia	\$2,070,000	None
Solano County	Vaca Dixon Bike Path Phase 5B - construct Class 2 bike path along Hawkins Road to complete the Vaca-Dixon Bike Path.	\$1,805,000	None



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