

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)



Background and Pre-award Process

TIRCP Overview

- ▶ The TIRCP Program was created by SB862 and modified by SB9 to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's rail and transit systems.
- ▶ TIRCP receives a portion of revenues established by SB1 and a continuous appropriation of 10 percent from the GGRF via quarterly Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds.
 - ▶ Funding may also include any annual budget allocations provided by enacted budget bills
- ▶ Call for Projects and application submittal typically occurs every two years

Statutory Requirements

- ▶ Competitive 5-year program, updated every two years, to fund a small number of transformative projects that improve the statewide network and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ▶ Primary evaluation criteria established by law include:
 - ▶ Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases
 - ▶ Expand and improve transit service to increase ridership
 - ▶ Integrate the rail service of the state's various rail operations, including with high-speed rail system
 - ▶ Improve transit safety
- ▶ Also includes various secondary criteria

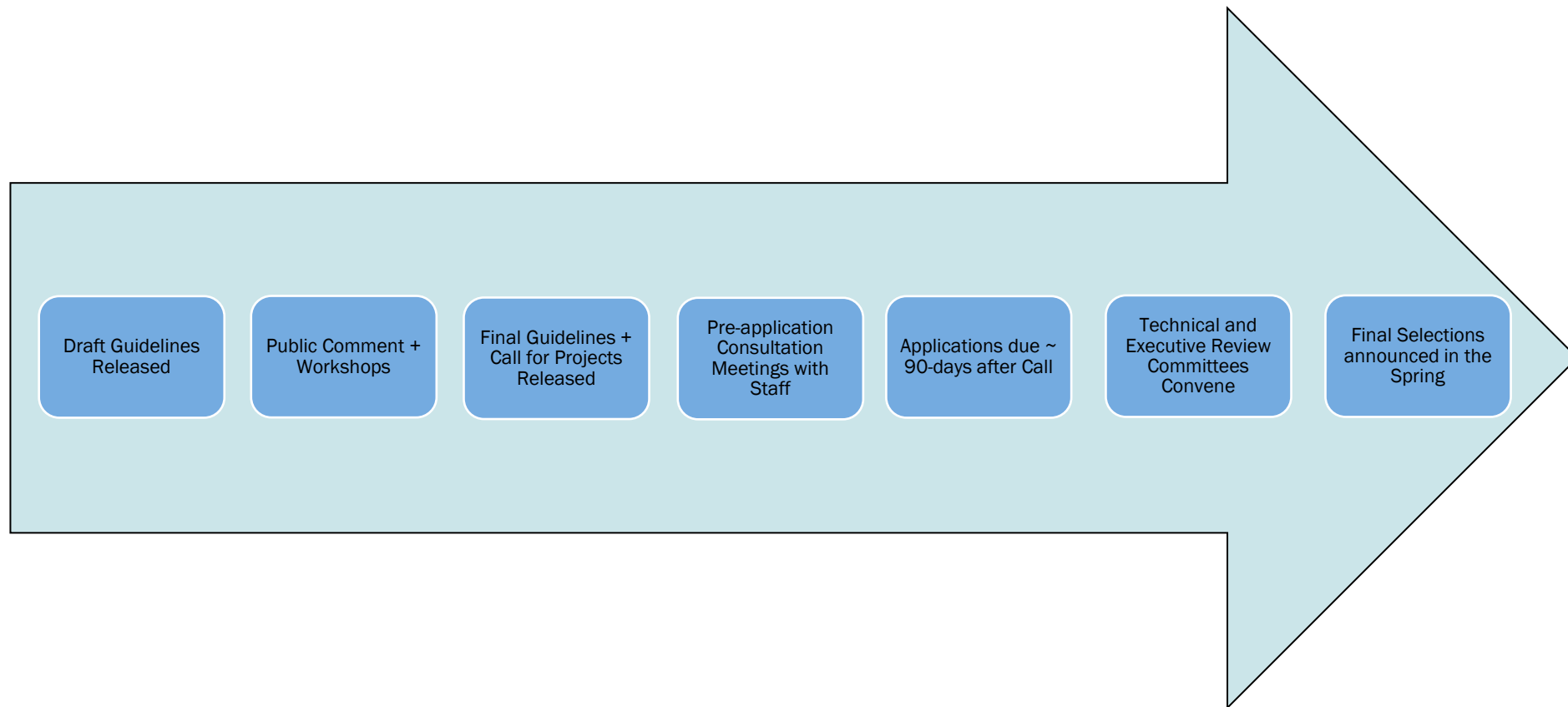
Background

- ▶ Since 2015, there has been 5 cycles of TIRCP
 - ▶ \$6.6 billion in funding has been awarded to nearly 100 projects throughout the state
- ▶ Program focus on priority populations
 - ▶ Project expected to contribute direct, meaningful and assured benefits to disadvantaged communities, low-income communities or low-income households
- ▶ Program focus on ensuring geographic equity

Program Objectives

- ▶ Competitive 5-year program funding transformative projects that improve the statewide network and reduce GHG emissions.
 - ▶ \$6.6 billion in funding has been awarded to nearly 100 projects throughout the state
- ▶ Eligible projects include:
 - ▶ Rail, bus, ferry, vanpool, and microtransit services that meet the program objectives and goals

Application Process Overview



Examples of Previously Funded Projects

- Transit & Rail Infrastructure:
 - City of Fresno BRT (Metropolitan Rapid Transit and Rail Connectivity Project)
 - San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA)/San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) (Valley Rail)
- Zero-emission and other bus projects:
 - Humboldt Transit Authority (Hydrogen Bus and Intermodal Transit and Housing Center)
 - Lake Transit Authority (Hydrogen Bus & Transit Center Project)
 - AVTA/Sunline/Kern (Zero Emission Bus in the Antelope Valley, Kern County and the Coachella Valley)
- Fleet to support service expansion:
 - Transit Joint Powers Authority of Merced County (ZE Electric Bus)

Post-Award Process

2022 Cycle 5 - 23 Projects, Nearly \$800 Million

- 23 Projects Awarded
- \$7.65 billion in TIRCP funding
- Directly benefit disadvantaged communities
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 4.3 million metric tons
- Projects in all regions of California

Post-Award Process Overview

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Award Briefings
by Region with
Project
Managers

02

Welcome
Webinars with
all Awardees

03

Kickoff
Meetings with
Each Awardee

04

Present Program
Allocation Plan at
California
Transportation
Commission
(CTC) Meeting

05

Project
Implementation

Project Briefings

- Deliverables
- Milestones
- Key Points
- Special conditions or unique deliverables



Welcome Webinars

- TIRCP Background
- Life of a TIRCP Project
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Importance of Scope
- Allocation Request Overview
- Contacts & Next Steps

Kickoff Meetings

- Review specific project
- Discuss project specific needs/expectations
- Review CTC allocation process and meeting dates
- Build Program Allocation Plan draft
- Reporting



Next Steps and Upcoming Funding Opportunities

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- California's 2022-23 State Budget delivers a historic investment in clean transportation
 - Includes an additional \$7.65 billion in TIRCP funding from the General Fund over the next three years

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

2022 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM

DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL FUND AUGMENTATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



6 Schedule

2022 Cycle 6 Draft Guidelines Schedule

Release Draft 2022 Cycle 6 Guidelines	September 30, 2022
Guidelines Workshops (Virtual)	
Workshop 1 (focused on large applicants)	Nov 3, 2022
Workshop 2 (focused on rural and small applicants)	Nov 4, 2022
Closing Date for Comments on Draft Guidelines *	Nov 7, 2022
CalSTA Publishes 2022 Cycle 6 Guidelines	November 15, 2022
Call for Projects	November 15, 2022
Existing Projects Preliminary Information Submittal	December 6, 2022
Optional, time-limited, focused virtual meetings for applicants to discuss project concepts and quantifications (will be scheduled by request; does not apply to existing project applicants)	December 12-16, 2021
Transmission of Follow-Up Questions to Existing Projects Applicants	December 20, 2022
Answers to Follow-Up Questions Due from Existing Project Applicants	January 13, 2023
Anticipated Announcement of Existing Project Awards	January 31, 2023
Project Applications Due	February 10, 2023

CalSTA Anticipated Award Announcement

April 24, 2023

*Comments can be submitted to: tircpcomments@dot.ca.gov

Resources and Public Comment Period

- ▶ Draft Guidelines released in September
 - ▶ calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/transit-intercity-rail-capital-prog
- ▶ Comments due by 11/7/2022
- ▶ Final Guidelines and Call for Projects announced by 11/15/2022
- ▶ Please direct all comments and questions to TIRCPComments@dot.ca.gov

Available Funding

- ▶ Following funding ranges should be assumed by applicants, as defined in AB180 :

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego)			
CATEGORY	FUND AMOUNT	APPLICATIONS DUE	AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
“Existing TIRCP projects leveraging federal and local funds reserve”	\$900 million to \$1.35 billion	12/6/2022	01/31/2023
“New Projects”	\$331.5 million to \$931.5 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“Major Projects Development Reserve”	Up to \$150 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“High Priority Grade Crossing Improvement and Separation Projects”	\$140 million to \$280 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023

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REST OF STATE			
CATEGORY	FUND AMOUNT	APPLICATIONS DUE	AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
“Existing TIRCP projects leveraging federal and local funds reserve”	\$900 million to \$1.20 billion	12/6/2022	01/31/2023
“New Projects”	\$148.5 million to \$598.5 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“Major Projects Development Reserve”	Up to \$150 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“High Priority Grade Crossing Improvement and Separation Projects”	\$70 million to \$210 million	02/10/2023	04/24/2023

Summary of Key Dates

- ▶ 11/4/2022 – Public workshop for Rural and small applicants
 - ▶ (Webex Link: 10AM – 11:30AM)
 - ▶ 11/7/2022 - Comments on Guidelines due
 - ▶ 11/15/2022 - Final guidelines and Call for Projects announced
 - ▶ 12/12 to 12/16 – Optional consultation meetings for new projects
 - ▶ 2/10/2023 – Applications for new projects due
 - ▶ 4/24/2023 – Anticipated award announcement
- ▶ All dates are subject to change pending release of final guidelines

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Questions?
