

# ATP TAC

## Updates Newsletter



### Introduction

Hello ATP TAC members. It's been an interesting year filled with challenges that all of us collectively are overcoming each day. The staff of both CTC and Caltrans wanted to send a newsletter to our ATP TAC members to keep you informed and updated on various topics related to the ATP. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold an in-person TAC meeting, but since there are not a lot of items at this time that need discussion, we felt this updates newsletter would serve as a way to keep our TAC updated on recent information.

Please note: The November 5th ATP TAC meeting will be cancelled. We will look into scheduling a future (virtual) TAC in 2021.

### CTC Updates

#### ATP News

The ATP Quick-Build Project Pilot Program application closed on July 15, 2020. The Commission received 22 applications and released staff recommendations on September 15, 2020. The Commission will consider the staff recommendations and adopt a program of quick-build projects at the October 21-22, 2020 Commission meeting.

The 2021 Cycle 5 ATP application closed on September 15, 2020 and the log of received applications can be found on the Caltrans website. In total, 453 applications have been received and are under evaluation. Program Milestones with the amended schedule and staff recommendation dates can be found on the Caltrans website.

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# Staff Changes

## CTC

### ATP Assistant Deputy Director

Beverley Newman-Burckhard joined the CTC as an Assistant Deputy Director with the ATP in May 2020. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked in health care policy and financing at the Department of Health Care Services. Beverley is an avid bicyclist.

## Caltrans

### Acting Office Chief of State Programs and ATP TAC Co-Chair

April Perez-Hollins joins us as the Acting Office Chief of State Programs. She has been with Caltrans for 29 years. Recently, she served as the Executive Engineering Assistant for the Division of Engineering Services where she led operational and organizational improvements and strategic planning initiatives. Prior to that, April worked in the Office of Office Engineer, DES Project Management, and Central Design responsible for many areas including workload management, emergency projects, PS&E review, and roadway and structure design.

### Interim TAC Coordinator

Summer Lopez is the current interim coordinator for any ATP TAC issues. Please email her at [summer.anderson-lopez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:summer.anderson-lopez@dot.ca.gov) if you have questions, comments or anything regarding your ATP TAC seat.



## CORE OFFICE

Caltrans has announced the opening of a new office: Caltrans Office of Race & Equity (CORE). More information can be found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/sustainability/race-and-equity-program>



# Caltrans Updates

## *Project Reporting*

CalSMART opened on October 1st for the Fiscal Year 20/21 quarter 1 reporting period. Progress reports are due October 15th. FY 19/20 quarters 3 & 4 progress will be presented at the October Commission meeting (October 21-22). Subscribe to the ATP reporting list-serve:

<http://lists.dot.ca.gov/mailman/listinfo/caltrans-atp-reporting-announcements>

## *Timely Use of Funds*

The 2020 Interim Timely Use of Funds (ITUF) Policy adopted at the May CTC meeting will expire on December 31, 2020.

Project components that are programmed in Fiscal Year 19/20 must allocate or receive a time extension by the December 2020 meeting. All time extension amendment requests due to COVID-19 must be on the December 2020 CTC Meeting. Allocation, time extension and amendment requests must be submitted to Caltrans by October 5th, 2020 to be included in the December CTC Meeting.

Project components that are programmed in Fiscal Year 20/21 must adhere to the current ATP guidelines as the ITUF Policy will expire on December 31, 2020. Projects with construction allocation beginning January 2021 will return to the current guidelines and have 6 months to award.

Programmed vs. Allocation Report will be shared with the TAC in early 2021 to include the allocations for Fiscal Year 19/20 that will conclude in December 2020.



## CALTRANS INNOVATION EXPO 2020

Caltrans is hosting its first-ever Statewide Innovation Expo on November 16 – 20, 2020. The conference will be a virtual 5-day event and will consist of morning informational emails and afternoon sessions from 1pm to 4pm daily, including keynote speakers and live presentations / demonstrations - all focused on innovation and Caltrans 5 priorities. Sign up for the ATRC listserv for more information about tuning in.



# ATRC Updates

## ATRC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As we plan out the next few years of the ATRC, we'd like to hear from the ATP TAC on how the ATRC is performing and what other services should be offered. Please fill out [this five minute survey](#) by October 16th to provide your input!

### *UC Davis Benefit Cost Tool*

UC Davis is tasked to develop a benefit cost tool for the Active Transportation Program. Earlier this summer UC Davis released a draft white paper of available studies and data that has been reviewed by Caltrans staff and the B/C Project TAC. The B/C Project TAC has also had their first three technical workshops to help make critical decisions for the direction of the tool. Once an ATP TAC meeting is planned in 2021, UC Davis will come present findings and tool progress.



### *2021 ATP Cycle 5 DAC TA*

The ATRC has contracted with Local Government Commission (LGC) to perform the work of the DAC TA program. Through a detailed survey, LGC selected ten communities, including two tribes, to assist and provide technical assistance through the Cycle 5 application process. Continued assistance will be provided to the communities who were unable to apply this cycle so they can be best prepared for Cycle 6. We will share a final report and recommendations for a Cycle 6 DAC TA program at a future TAC meeting.

### *Crossing Guard Training and Resources*

The ATRC has kicked off an update to the Crossing Guard guidebook and online training. Additionally, the ATRC will hold live train-the-trainer sessions. Stay tuned for the launch in 2021.

### *COVID-19 Resources*

The ATRC now has a COVID-19 tab available to assist agencies with resources, state guidance, and other links related to active transportation: <http://caatpresources.org/1566>





# ATRC Continued

## Automated Counter Loan Program

Earlier this year, the ATRC officially launched our Counter Loan Program. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 faced by all, this program is still available for borrowing requests: <http://caatpresources.org/1516>

## Statewide Active Transportation Count Database

The ATRC is very close to having an executed contract with the Southern California Association of Governments to expand and improve upon their regional database to make it accessible for use by all in California. This innovative tool will be developed to facilitate the collection and storage of manual and automated bicycle, pedestrian, and other active user counts along with the creation of a final consistent statewide count methodology for active transportation projects.



Image: Example of EcoCounter Tubes

# INTRODUCTION TO:

# BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TRAINING 2020

The Bicycle Transportation Training course will soon be available as an at-your-own-pace online class. This course is appropriate for anyone in the transportation planning field that is interested in the guidance and laws around bicycle planning, engineering, and design. Please sign up for the ATRC listserv for official course launch date and make sure to check out our other classroom and online training!

The screenshot shows the ATRC website's training page. At the top, it says 'ATRC Active Transportation Resource Center' with a navigation menu: Home / ATP / Training / Resources / Technical Assistance / ATP Symposium / COVID-19. Below this is a green header with 'TRAINING' and 'CLASSROOM AND ONLINE TRAINING'. The main content is divided into two sections: 'Classroom training options' and 'Online Training Options'. Under 'Classroom training options', there are three cards: 'Bicycle Transportation: An Introduction to Planning and Design', 'FHWA-led Designing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Courses', and 'California LTAP Offered Training Courses'. Each card has a 'Learn More' button. Under 'Online Training Options', there is one card: 'California School Crossing Guard Training' with a 'Learn More' button.

