2018 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines

Planning Horizons: Corridor Planning in CA – Best Practices
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California Transportation Commission (CTC)

- 11 Voting Commissioners
  - 9 Appointed by the Governor
  - 1 Appointed by the Senate
  - 1 Appointed by the Assembly

- 2 Ex-Officio Commissioners
  - Appointed by the Senate & Assembly
  - Usually the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Transportation Policy Committees
Roles and Responsibilities

• Policy Advice & Assistance - Legislature & Administration

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• Transportation Funding Allocations

• Approve Toll Facilities & More
SB 1 - Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

• New funding and policy direction for state programs
• Created the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
• Projects must be in a “Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan” to be funded
• Corridor Planning Elevated!
Solutions for Congested Corridors

Program Overview

$250 million/year for projects that:

✓ Reduce Congestion in highly traveled, highly congested corridors through projects that balance performance improvements, community impacts, environmental benefits

Must be in a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan

Eligible Projects include:

✓ State Highway System*, Local Roads, Transit Facilities, Bike/Pedestrian, Restoration/Preservation to Protect Habitat and Open Space

✓ *Eligible Highway Projects – HOV, Managed Lanes, Non General Purpose Lanes for Safety i.e. Auxiliary Lanes, Truck Climbing Lanes, Dedicated Bike Lanes

Eligible Applicants include:

✓ Caltrans, Regional Transportation Agencies, County Transportation Commissions
Solutions for Congested Corridors: Funding Program Guidelines

Funding Program Guidelines
- Adopted December 2017
- Funding Program Administration
- Project Specific
- Application Procedures
- Project Evaluation
- Section 5 (Briefly) Addressed Corridor Plans
- Cycle 1 Program Adopted May 2018: 9 Projects - $1.06 billion programmed
Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines

• Started July 2018 - Adopted December 2018
• Address Plan Preparation and Content
• Define the Plan that Qualifies a Project for the Program
• Replace Section 5 of the Funding Program Guidelines
• Developed concurrent to/consistent with Caltrans Corridor Planning Guidebook
Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines
Development Process and Content
## 2018 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines

### Statutory Requirements *(See Section 9.1)*

| ✓ | Be written with a corridor-focused, multimodal planning intent |
| ✓ | Be designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors by providing more transportation choices for residents |
| ✓ | Reflect a comprehensive approach to addressing congestion and quality of life issues through investment in transportation and related environmental solutions |
| ✓ | Be developed in collaboration with partners |
| ✓ | Evaluate statutory criteria as applicable (safety, congestion, accessibility, economic development, air quality, efficient land use) |
| ✓ | Be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan |

### Development Process and Scope

| ✓ | Collaboration with stakeholders: State, Regional Agencies, Local Governments, Advocacy Groups |
| ✓ | Concurrent development and consistency with *Caltrans Corridor Planning Guidebook* |
| ✓ | Stakeholder consensus (when possible) |
| ✓ | Statewide applicability |
| ✓ | Planning Practice examples included as appropriate – Appendix A |
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Key Plan Considerations

Utilize the 8 Step Process:
(See Section 7 and Caltrans Guidebook for more detail)
1. Develop Scope and Outreach Plan
2. Gather Information
3. Conduct Performance Assessment
4. Identify Potential Projects and Strategies
5. Analyze Improvements
6. Select and Prioritize Solutions
7. Publish the Plan
8. Monitor and Evaluate Progress

Performance Measurement:
(Table 1 p. 11 Example Measures Provided in the following areas, more detail in Caltrans Guidebook)
• Safety
• Congestion
• Accessibility
• Economic Development
• Air Pollution and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
• Efficient Land Use

Stakeholder and Community Outreach
(See Section 8 and Caltrans Guidebook for more detail)
• Collaborative planning process with partners, community members, and system users.

Interim Plan Types for Cycle 2
(Detail provided in Section 9.4)
Existing Plan, Plan Update, Hybrid Plan, New Plan “Raising the Bar Over Time”
Corridor Planning Guidance: CTC Guidelines vs. Caltrans Guidebook

Provides an overarching policy framework for planning efforts based on the statutory intent of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program.

Intended to be used by applicants to comply with requirements of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program.

Both documents are intended to be used as a resource for the preparation of Corridor Plans, especially if Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funding may be sought in the future.

Provides more detailed technical information and planning process guidance.

Intended to be used by Caltrans in partnership with regional agencies for all corridor planning efforts regardless of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funding.

Promote consistency of planning efforts statewide.

Guidebook Final: Spring 2019
Applying for Program Funding

Provide a link to your plan in the project application and explain the following:

• How and where is the proposed project included in the plan?
• How is the proposed corridor plan consistent with Section 9.1 of the Plan Guidelines?
• How is the proposed project consistent with the objectives of the plan?

Utilize the Funding Program Guidelines to:

• Understand project evaluation criteria.
• Develop your project application.

Plan                   Project
Planning for Solutions for Congested Corridors Program - Cycle 2

- December 2018: CTC adopts Corridor Plan Guidelines
- Spring 2019: Workshops for Cycle 2 Funding Program Guidelines
- Fall 2019: CTC adopts Cycle 2 Funding Program Guidelines and Call for Projects
- Spring 2020: Cycle 2 Applications Due
- Fall 2020: CTC adopts Cycle 2 Program of Projects

1.5 years between planning guidelines adoption and application deadline (almost 2 years to program adoption)
Resources

General Information on the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program:
http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/sccp/

Streets and Highways Code Sections 2390 – 2397:

2018 Solutions for Congested Program Guidelines:
Questions?

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