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Item 20: Active Transportation Program Transition

Due to changes brought about by the passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) there is a potential shortfall of approximately \$90 million in the Metro Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects from FY 2014-2019. Closing this financial gap is critical to honoring the awards made in previous Metro Call for Projects.

In order to close the shortfall, Metro has identified \$90 million of previously awarded bicycle and pedestrian projects that could potentially compete well in the new State Active Transportation Program (ATP) call for projects. The strategy is to maximize the availability of State ATP funds to complement Metro programmed funds for the purpose of maintaining commitments made through the Metro Call for years 2014-2019.

However, the policy that has been drafted to execute this strategy has consequences and does not clearly provide definitive outcomes. There are new evaluation criteria and a number of projects may not be as competitive in the new state program.

Most notably, Metro does not need to secure the full \$90 million in this first year as the goal is to honor funding commitments from FY 2014-2019. A multi-year approach would not only provide Metro a competitive advantage in refining and submitting the most competitive projects but also encourage local cities to apply for new bicycle and pedestrian projects.

These projects are critical to our pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and it is important that we do all we can to assist applicants in being competitive in the upcoming and future round of funding. The strategy to close the \$90 million funding gap is appropriate but the policy could benefit both Metro and local jurisdictions with several refinements:

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the MTA CEO direct staff to:

1. Report back at the April Board meeting with list of projects which are deemed most competitive for the FY 14 ATP call based on:
 - a. Project readiness
 - b. Alignment with existing local active transportation plans
 - c. Meeting the disadvantaged community criteria;
2. Work with local project sponsors to develop a multi-year funding plan for projects that are not deemed competitive this ATP cycle, taking into consideration future ATP calls and all other local funding sources;
3. Clarify whether Metro will provide the same level of technical support provided in the current cycle if project sponsors are asked to reapply in a future ATP call;
4. Conduct stakeholder outreach meetings in partnership with the sub-regional Councils of Government to ensure broad awareness of the ATP funding availability, the requirements for reapplication, and the need for new project development.