



DRAFT 2025

# Transportation Improvement Program

FACT SHEET

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The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a funding document that helps implement the policy and investment priorities expressed by the public and adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in Plan Bay Area 2050 ([mtc.ca.gov/PBA2050](https://mtc.ca.gov/PBA2050)), the region's long-range plan.

The TIP is a list of projects and programs developed by MTC that support a wide range of transportation modes, such as transit, highways, bridges, local streets and roads, bicycling, walking and freight movement.

Not all Bay Area projects are listed in the TIP, but the following project types *must* be included before project sponsors can receive federal funds or begin certain activities:

- **Projects that are federally funded** by a program created by Congress and administered through a federal agency, such as the United States Department of Transportation. Most projects included in the TIP are federally funded.
- **Projects that are regionally significant**, meaning those that change travel patterns over a relatively large geographic area and/or may have a significant impact on air quality (e.g., a carpool lane, new ferry terminal, etc.).
- **Projects that require action by a federal agency**, such as approval of an environmental analysis document or issuance of a permit from a federal resource agency like the Army Corps of Engineers or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To comply with federal and state regulations, MTC prepares and adopts a new TIP every two years and makes revisions on a regular basis to reflect the latest funding, scope and schedule information.

Many transportation projects in the Bay Area are funded with local or state dollars and/or are not deemed regionally significant for air quality purposes. These projects, such as roadway paving projects, ongoing transit operations and minor sidewalk or intersection improvements, are generally not included in the TIP.

# Helping the Bay Area Achieve its Goals

The TIP aims to demonstrate to state and federal regulators and the public that our region is investing in transportation projects that support national *and* regional goals.

The TIP includes multiple funding sources (often called funding “programs”) that support different types of transportation projects. These programs—and the projects they fund—all work together to help advance the vision of Plan Bay Area 2050.

## Why is the TIP important?

**Inclusion in the TIP is critical for major projects that use federal funds or otherwise require federal actions.**

A major transportation project cannot receive federal funds or approvals unless it is included in the TIP.

Large projects that affect regional air quality also must be in the TIP to ensure that the Bay Area complies with the federal Clean Air Act.

**SUPPORTING FEDERAL AND REGIONAL GOALS** The process for deciding which projects and programs get included in the TIP begins with the federal government and the regional long-range plan. On the federal side, Congress establishes performance goals for different aspects of the transportation system. On the regional side, MTC develops Plan Bay Area and identifies strategies that support both regional and federal goals. After Plan Bay Area is adopted, MTC distributes public funds through various funding programs that each support one or more of the regional strategies identified in the plan. The final allocation of funds through these funding programs is captured in the TIP document and shared back with the federal government and the public to show how MTC helps advance both regional and federal goals.

## FEDERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS



Safety



Infrastructure  
Condition



Congestion  
Reduction



Freight  
Movement &  
Economic  
Vitality



System  
Reliability



Environmental  
Sustainability

## PLAN BAY AREA 2050



Transportation

Advances public policies and investment strategies to create a well-maintained, safer and more connected transportation network.



Housing

Advances the preservation and protection of affordable housing and the production of housing for residents at all income levels to create inclusive communities.



Economy

Advances strategies to improve economic mobility and balance the location of jobs and housing.



Environment

Advances environmental resilience and access to parks and open space to address climate challenges.

## EXAMPLES OF FUNDING PROGRAMS IN THE TIP



One Bay Area  
Grant Program

Funds broad range of transportation projects



Regional  
Transportation  
Improvement  
Program

Funds broad range of transportation projects



Active  
Transportation  
Program

Funds bicycle and pedestrian projects

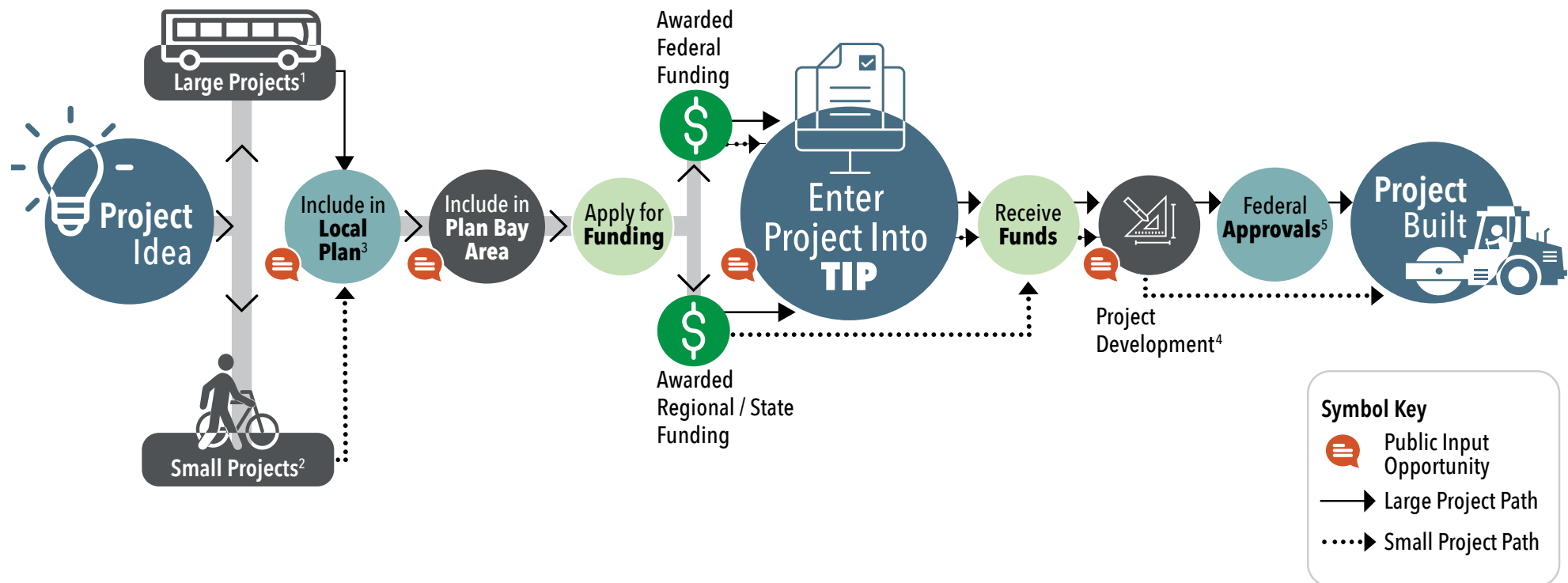


Transit Capital  
Priorities

Funds “state of good repair” transit capital projects

# From Idea to Implementation — the TIP in Context

The TIP is an essential step in the project delivery process. If a project that needs federal funds or is regionally significant is not included in the TIP, it cannot receive federal funding or receive a required federal action (like approval of an environmental document); therefore, it cannot move forward into further project development and into implementation phases.



**FROM IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION** The chart above illustrates how a project goes from idea to construction or implementation—and it highlights the importance of the TIP in making large projects a reality. It also highlights several opportunities for the public to get involved.

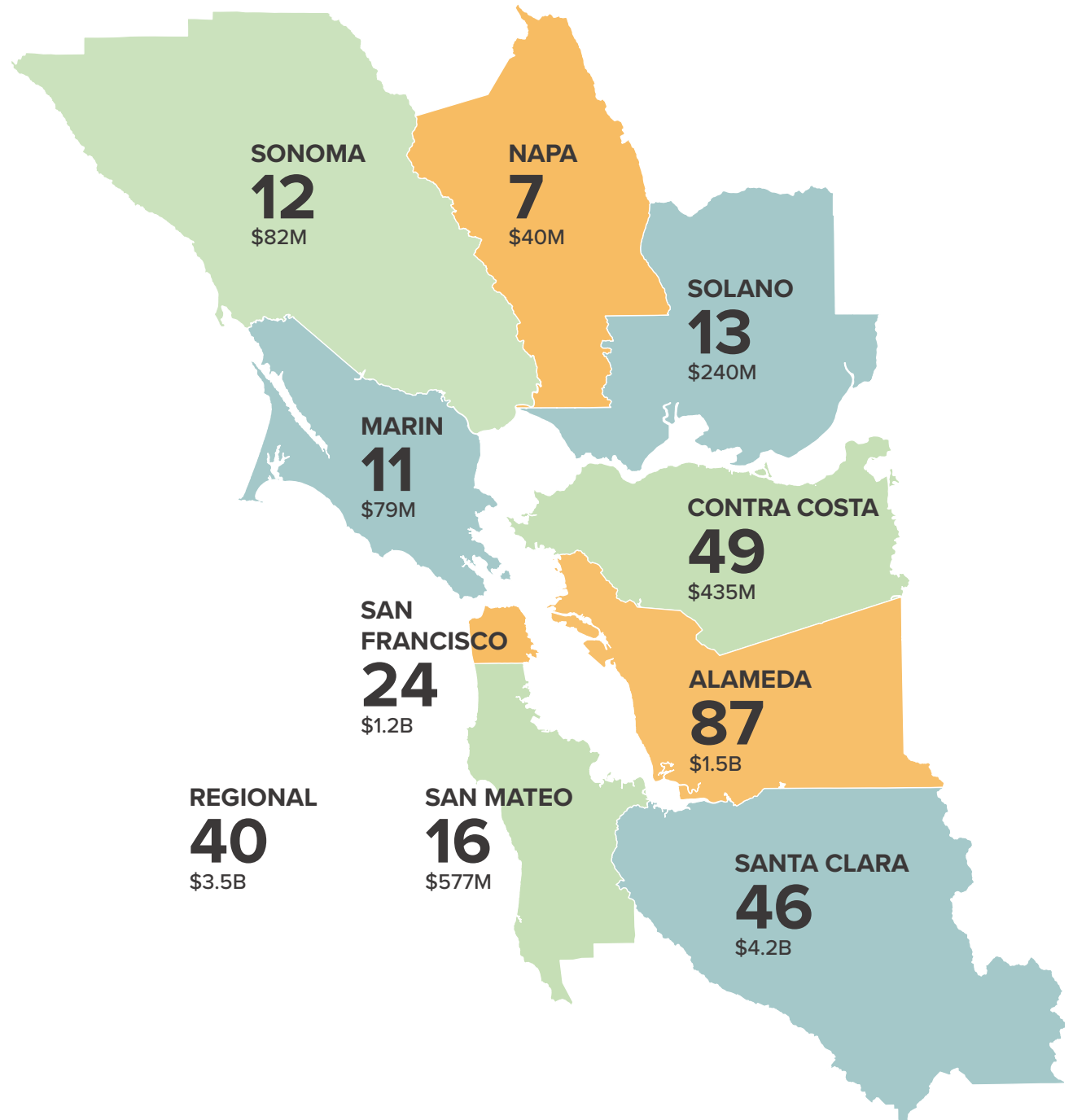
- 1 These projects are considered regionally significant and/or will need federal approvals before being built.
- 2 These projects are neighborhood-scale improvements that don't require federal approvals and can be built with local funds and/or with regional, state, or federal grants.
- 3 For example, a transportation or capital improvement plan.
- 4 Includes project phases such as environmental study, design, engineering and right-of-way. Agencies may apply for funding again between project phases if the original grant funding did not cover total project costs.
- 5 If necessary.

# What's in the Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program?

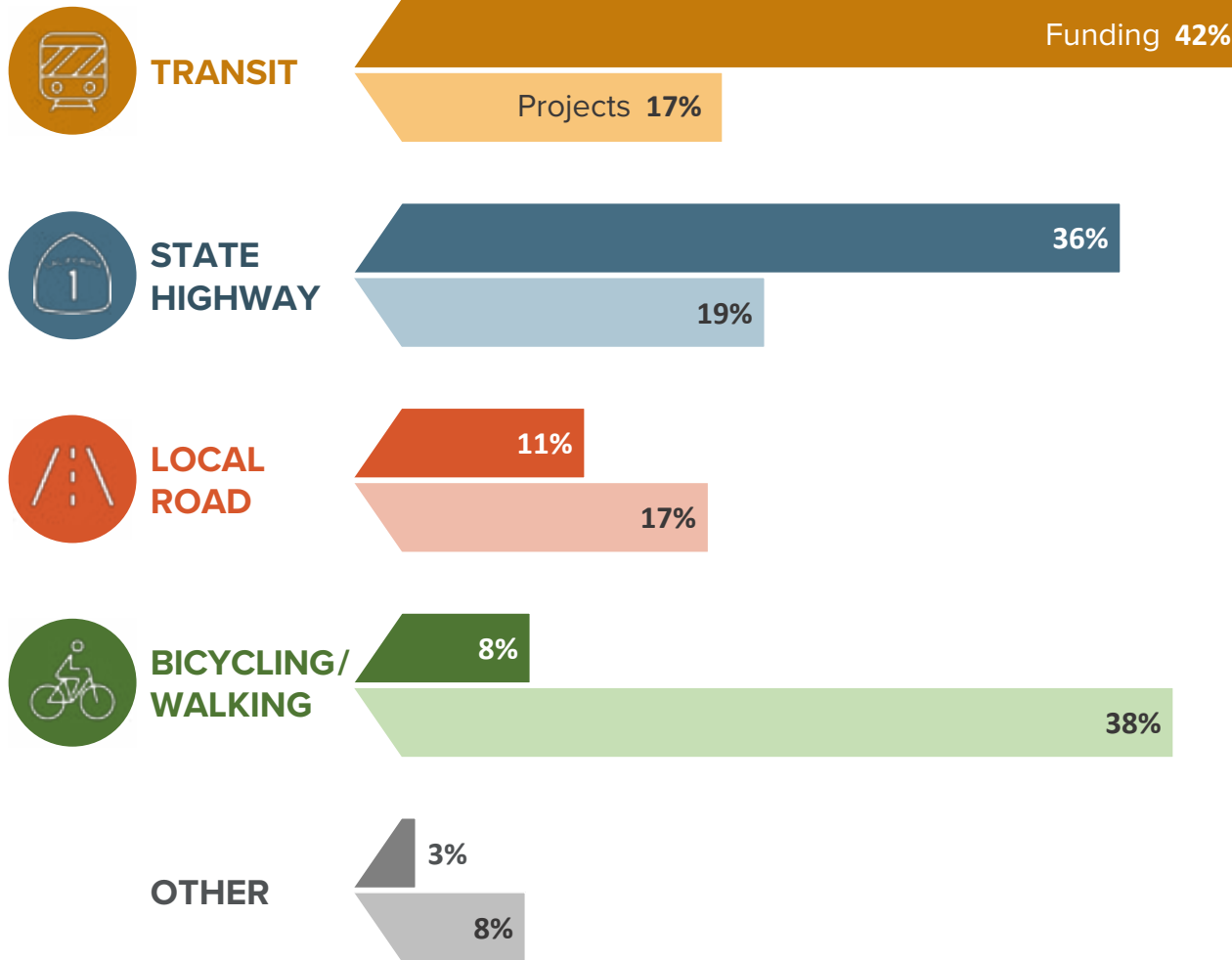
Over 300 projects across the region—totaling over \$11.8 billion—will receive funding to support environmental, design, engineering and construction activities over the next four years (2025-2028).

The funding primarily will be invested in four different areas: transit, state highways, local roads and biking/walking improvements. The remainder of the TIP investments are directed towards planning, port and freight rail, along with regionwide activities such as bridge maintenance, Clipper card improvements and bikeshare programs.

**NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND FUNDING IN THE DRAFT 2025 TIP BY BAY AREA COUNTY** The map on the right shows the total number of projects included in the Draft 2025 TIP by county and regionally, as well as the total funding invested by county and regionally over the next four years (note: funds are rounded). Regional projects include highway repaving and maintenance, carpool and vanpool programs, and new vehicles for multi-county transit agencies such as BART, SMART and Caltrain, among others.



## MTC'S DRAFT 2025 TIP BY MODE

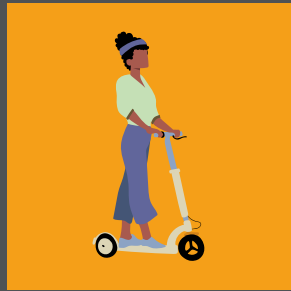


**SHARE OF FUNDING AND PROJECTS IN THE DRAFT 2025 TIP BY MODE** The chart above shows the percent share of funding and number of projects by mode included in the Draft 2025 TIP. Transit and bicycling/walking projects lead the investment priorities of the Draft 2025 TIP. Transit projects have the most funding, while the total number of projects supporting walking and bicycling is higher than any other mode. Other projects include freight, rail and planning.

## Looking Back: Progress Since the 2023 TIP

Since the previous TIP was adopted in September 2022, over \$7.4 billion were spent across the region, including \$6.5 billion in COVID-19 Emergency Transit Operations funds. Across the nine Bay Area counties, over 140 TIP projects were completed or began construction, including:

- **Alameda:** Freight Intelligent Transportation System (FITS)
- **Contra Costa:** El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvements
- **Marin:** Old Redwood Highway Multi-Use Path
- **Napa:** Devlin Road and Vine Trail Extension
- **San Francisco:** Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit
- **San Mateo:** South San Francisco Grand Boulevard Complete Streets, Phase 3
- **Santa Clara:** Los Gatos Creek Trail to Highway 9 Trailhead Connector
- **Solano:** SolTrans Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure
- **Sonoma:** Windsor River Road/Windsor Road Roundabout and Multi-Use Pathway Connector



## Centering Equity in the TIP

MTC evaluates each TIP to ensure it supports the needs of historically underserved groups. As demonstrated in the 2025 TIP Investment Analysis ([mtc.ca.gov/TIP-Investment](https://mtc.ca.gov/TIP-Investment)), the Draft 2025 TIP directs an equitable proportion of funding to projects that support transportation for residents with low incomes, people of color and seniors.

## Learn more about the 2025 TIP

- ▶ **Want to know which projects will be coming to your community?** Visit MTC's interactive 2025 TIP project map: [mtc.ca.gov/TIPmap](https://mtc.ca.gov/TIPmap).
- ▶ **Want a deep dive into project background, funding and more?** MTC's Fund Management System (FMS) is the project database for the TIP, where you can search for projects and review project details: [fms.bayareametro.gov](https://fms.bayareametro.gov)
- ▶ **Have questions about the TIP?** For TIP-specific questions: [TIPinfo@bayareametro.gov](mailto:TIPinfo@bayareametro.gov)



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