

SB1 TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



2022 SCAG REGION: CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill [SB] 1) established the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account to fund corridor-based freight projects nominated by local agencies and the state. Implementing legislation was enacted with the approval of SB 103, which directs the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to allocate the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account funds and the federal National Highway Freight Program funds to infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The CTC is responsible for programming and allocating these state and federal funds administered through the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

In August 2022, the CTC adopted [Final Guidelines](#) that describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Project applications for the 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program are **due to the CTC by November 18, 2022**. Project applicants are responsible for ensuring one electronic copy is delivered to the CTC by the deadline.

In addition, the guidelines specify that SCAG (in its role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization) is responsible for compiling project nominations from eligible agencies in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties and confirming consistency with the [2020 RTP/SCS \(Connect SoCal\)](#) and regional freight plan.

SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT IN THREE EASY STEPS:

1
COMPLETE
ATTACHED
TCEP
NOMINATION
FORM

2
UPLOAD TO
ASSIGNED
CLOUD-BASED
FOLDER

3
SUBMIT
DIRECTLY
TO THE CTC

SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

■ SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Project applicants submit TCEP Project Summary to SCAG (*template attached*), SCAG staff may also update information as provided from the Goods Movement Project List request by September 2, 2022

■ OCTOBER 7, 2022

SCAG creates project-specific cloud-based folders and shares links with project sponsors

■ OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

SCAG Transportation Committee

■ NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Project applicants upload near final application to project-specific cloud-based folder

■ NOVEMBER 18, 2022

Project applicant submit project applications **directly to the CTC** (one electronic file); project applicant to also furnish SCAG with copy by uploading final application to SCAG-created cloud-based folders (for our records); SCAG submits list of projects with consistency verification to the CTC before the November 18, 2022 submission deadline.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROJECT

To expedite SCAG's compilation and consistency verification, please fill out as completely as possible and return the attached **TCEP Nomination Form by September 30, 2022** to strelecki@scag.ca.gov. This information will help to validate basic project eligibility, and will support a status report update for the October/November SCAG Transportation Committee. SCAG will also use the information provided to create a cloud-based folder for uploading the electronic application (and any supporting materials).

To meet the application submittal deadline, SCAG is requesting that a near final electronic copy of all applications be uploaded to the SCAG-created project-specific cloud-based folder **by 5:00 PM November 4, 2022**. **Please note that all final applications should be submitted directly to the CTC (one electronic file) by 5:00 PM November 18, 2022**. Please also upload final electronic file applications to the SCAG-created project-specific cloud-based folder for our records. Failure to meet these deadlines may jeopardize an application's eligibility.

Questions can be directed to **Scott Strelecki** at strelecki@scag.ca.gov and **Stephen Yoon** at yoons@scag.ca.gov.

TCEP NOMINATION FORM

CONTACT PERSON'S INFORMATION

Name:

Email:

Phone:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title:

Brief Project Description:

Lead Agency Name:

If project is a joint nomination, list all partner agencies:

Project Priority (if agency is submitting multiple applications):

PROJECT COST

Previously Incurred Cost:

Future Eligible Cost:

Total Project Cost:

Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Request:

MATCHING FUNDS

Total Matching Funds:

What is the source of matching funds?

TCEP NOMINATION FORM (CONTINUED)

Note: the following set of questions should be addressed comprehensively as a part of the final application to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) per the adopted TCEP guidelines. For this nomination form, SCAG is requesting an initial assessment of how the proposed project meets the CTC's program purpose, screening criteria, and evaluation criteria.

Is project included in SCAG's adopted Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS)? Cite reference(s) including ID and page number(s).

Is project included in SCAG's 2019 FTIP? Cite reference(s) including ID and page number(s).

Does the project meet Section 11 guidelines on type of project? Please explain.

Does project significantly contribute to the freight system's economic activity or vitality; relieves congestion on the freight system; improves the safety, security, or resilience of the freight system; improves or preserves the freight system infrastructure including zero-emission freight infrastructure; implements technology or innovation to improve the freight system or reduce or avoid its negative impacts; or reduces or avoids adverse community and/or environmental impacts of the freight system?

Is the project located on the Primary Highway Freight System or a designated Critical Rural Freight Corridor or Critical Urban Freight Corridor?

TCEP NOMINATION FORM (CONTINUED)

Is project included in SCAG's adopted Connect SoCal (RTP/Project must not have the purpose or intent to increase the state's overall capacity to facilitate the transportation of coal in bulk, pursuant to Government Code Section 14525.3. Does the project meet this criteria?

Does the project provide freight infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on California's portion of the National Highway Freight Network, as identified in the California Freight Mobility Plan, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement as determined by the Commission, including Senate Bill 671 Corridors.

Does the project support the goals of the National Highway Freight Program, the California Freight Mobility Plan, and the guiding principles in the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan?

Does project contribute to corridor or air basin emission reduction of greenhouse gases, diesel particulates (PM 10 and PM 2.5), carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and other pollutants supporting public health?

Does project demonstrate that negative environmental/community impacts will be avoided or mitigated, including alignment with the Commission's Racial Equity Statement?

Will project stimulate economic activity, enhance trade value, and preserve/create jobs?