



Spare the Air Youth Program Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday December 6, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
WEBINAR: TAC Meeting Registration:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYld-mvrDkvH9wLP_5r4SUVyGCsCiYa-lPi#/registration

NOTES

1. Introductions and Agenda (5 minutes)

- Introductions and Icebreaker: Hannah Day-Kapell, Alta Planning + Design

2. MTC Announcements (10 minutes)

- STAY Program Update: Leslie Lara-Enríquez, MTC
 - Entering into third cycle of program funding in 2024
- Active Transportation Technical Assistance Program: Kara Oberg, MTC
 - Up to \$5 million available to AT TA Program
 - Help advancing AT project to delivery
 - Design assistance
 - Grant writing
 - Project evaluation
 - Documentation to community/stakeholders
 - Procurement of quick build materials
 - Scored by regional competitiveness and if in EPC/PDA/TPA areas
 - 34/61 submittals funded, including all nine counties and four projects that overlap Bay Trail
 - Four focused workshops to be held in 2024-25
 - First half of 2024 will be the second call for TA proposals
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Update and RM3 Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail (SR2TBT) Program: Karl Anderson, MTC
 - The CTC has begun the development process for the ATP Cycle 7. The guideline development process will take place throughout the fall and winter. The CTC will adopt the Cycle 7 guidelines and release the call for projects on March 21, 2024, with applications due on June 17, 2024. MTC staff anticipates \$278 million will be available in the statewide competitive component and approximately \$47 million in MTC's regional component. If you want to participate in the ATP Cycle



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7 Guideline Workshops, please refer to the CTC's ATP webpage for the registration link and program information: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

- In addition to the ATP Cycle 7, we are excited to implement the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail (SR2T/BT) Program. This program offers \$150 million in funding opportunities and aligns with the goals and timeline of ATP Cycle 7. The guideline development process for SR2T/BT is underway with various MTC working groups and stakeholders. The core program goals include reducing GHG emissions, increasing active transportation, reducing congestion, and improving safety. Furthermore, the program aims to provide access improvements on and in the vicinity of toll bridges connecting to transit stations and Bay Trail segments near bridge corridors. The call for projects for SR2T/BT will align with the State's Active Transportation Program, making it easier for interested parties to apply. If you are interested in participating in the guideline development process or want to provide feedback on the guidelines for SR2T/BT, please contact Karl Anderson at kanderson@bayareametro.gov

3. Breakout Chats (10 minutes)

- What does safety mean to you, in your life, and in your SRTS work? Has your definition of safety changed over time working in transportation for youth?

4. Presentations and Discussion (90 minutes)

- Bike Buses: Sam Balto, Portland Unified School District
 - Families stuck in cycle of driving because it is unsafe to walk because there are too many cars
 - Began with a walking school bus in Boston, then a bike bus just for Earth Day in Portland, and now a weekly bike bus
 - Lots of joy, music, and room for some chaos
 - Bike bus movement growing worldwide, including a summit last year in Barcelona
 - Lead to state bill that allowed school districts to use transportation funding to include bike buses, and not just school buses
 - Created BikeBusWorld.org as website to grow movement
 - Critical mass and music help with safety – the bus runs along bike greenway roads, which have traffic calming and cars are more likely to pull over to give students space
 - Parents also enjoy bike buses and can help with corking at major crossings
 - Provides scaffolding for students to bike on their own home, or on non-bike bus days—Sam helps connect concerned parents' students with others if needed
 - There's a lot of trial and error, but it is worthwhile – it's such a great opportunity and doesn't need any additional incentives to sell it to kids
 - Should be celebratory and take up space
 - Need five elements:
 - Safe infrastructure/routes
 - Teach kids how to ride
 - Give kids bikes
 - Have safe storage for bikes at home
 - Pay adults to lead buses



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- Reimagining Safety: Matt Dove, San Francisco YMCA
 - Problem of leading with safety – boring, can reinforce status quo (driving), not changes the system to move towards the vision
 - Received safety award for work where he intentionally wasn't leading with safety—biking with young people outside an enclosed space is inherently pretty unsafe, and trying to sterilize it too much removes that thrill and fun
 - Find ways for kids to safely be unsafe – encourage potentially unsafe behavior (inc. skateboarding, e-bikes) and give kids the tools they need to be safe
 - Encountered program leaders who had behavior issues, but were also implementing lots of “don'ts” without giving students leeway
 - If kids have “skin in the game” and face some level of danger, their buy-in increases
 - Students may technically break some rules, and crossing busy intersections comes with risks, but students are achieving the vision of loving bike independence
 - A codified way of learning and doing can sometimes go against the exploration of and camaraderie in riding that is natural to kids
- Joy and Safe Routes for Youth: Hannah Day-Kapell, Alta Planning + Design
 - How can we frame our programs around this end vision of joy
 - Bike Buses
 1. [Annoyed Lemon talks about bike buses](#) (PG-13)
 2. [These Kids are Flying to School on a Bike Bus](#)
 3. [The Bike Bus: A Weekly Parade With Huge Benefits for Students](#)
 - Awe Walks
 4. [An Awe Walk Might Do Wonders For Your Wellbeing](#)
 5. [This Kind of Walk is Much More Than a Workout](#)

5. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings (10 minutes)

- High School Working Group Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023
- Cupertino hiring for SRTS Coordinator position



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