

**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**  
**FY 2026-2029 MSP Active Transportation and First/Last Mile & Complete Streets Funding**  
**Distribution Guidelines**

**Section 1: Overview**

Under Metro’s Measure M Guidelines, **active transportation** is defined as non-motorized transportation via walking, bicycling, or rolling modes. Projects under this category should include capital improvements that:

- Improve access to transit;
- Support the establishment of active transportation as integral elements of the County’s transportation system;
- Enhance safety, remove barriers to access or correct unsafe conditions in areas of heavy traffic, high transit use, and dense bicycle and pedestrian activities;
- Promote multiple clean transportation options to reduce criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Improve public health through traffic safety, reduced exposure to pollutants, and design infrastructure that encourage residents to utilize active transportation as a way to integrate physical activities in their daily lives.

The Metro Measure M Guidelines also define **first/last mile & complete streets improvements** as infrastructure, systems, and modes of travel used by transit riders to start or end their transit trips. This includes, but not limited, to infrastructure for walking, rolling, and biking (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking, sidewalks, and crosswalks), shared-use services (e.g. bike share and car share), facilities for making modal connections (e.g. kiss and ride and bus/rail interface), signage and wayfinding, and information and technology that eases travel (e.g. information kiosks and mobile apps). Eligible projects include:

- ADA-compliant curb ramps;
- Crosswalk upgrades;
- Traffic signals;
- Bus stops;
- Carshare and bikeshare;
- Bike parking;
- Context-sensitive bike infrastructure;
- Signage/wayfinding;
- Crossing enhancements and connections;
- Safety and comfort;
- Allocation of street space; and
- Plug-in components

The SGVCOG can program up to the following amounts for eligible active transportation and first/last mile & complete streets projects:

**Active Transportation Available Funding:**

<b>Unallocated/ FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$1,134,098	\$2,850,555	\$8,744,007	\$9,000,000*	<b>\$21,728,660</b>

**First/Last Mile & Complete Streets Available Funding:**

<b>Unallocated/ FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0	\$2,443,332	\$7,520,577	\$7,700,000*	<b>\$17,663,909</b>

\*Estimated.

The funds will be awarded as follows:

***Category 1: Previous Awarded Project Gap Funding***

Up to \$10 million will be awarded to eligible projects that were previously awarded funding through the SGVCOG's MSP program.

***Category 2: New Project Funding***

Up to \$25 million will be awarded to "new" projects that have not previously been awarded through the SGVCOG's MSP program. Previously-awarded agencies who are seeking funding for a different project may apply under this category.

Should any category be undersubscribed, the scoring panel will be instructed to redistribute surplus funds to other categories based on the highest scoring projects yet unfunded in the other categories.

Eligible applicants include the Measure M-defined San Gabriel Valley Subregional Planning Area cities, the County of Los Angeles, and other joint powers authorities within the SGVCOG’s MSP jurisdiction. The SGVCOG’s MSP jurisdiction includes the following cities:

Alhambra	El Monte	Rosemead
Arcadia	Glendora	San Dimas
Azusa	Industry	San Gabriel
Baldwin Park	Irwindale	San Marino
Bradbury	La Puente	Sierra Madre
Claremont	La Verne	South El Monte
Covina	Monrovia	Temple City
Diamond Bar	Monterey Park	Walnut
Duarte	Pomona	West Covina

## **Section 2: Screening Criteria**

The FY 2026-2029 MSP funds will be focused on providing active transportation and first/last mile & complete streets improvements projects, with an advantage for projects along regional corridors in the San Gabriel Valley. Specifically, projects that are listed within the Metro Mobility Matrix, the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan, the Metro Strategic Project List, the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal Plan), San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan, or within an adopted regional plan. Additionally, projects proposed on active transportation corridors that are listed in Metro’s Active Transportation Strategic Plan are also given priority. Additional considerations that will improve a proposed project’s score will be its demonstrated ability to be completed on time and use the requested funds within their allocation year(s); a proposed project’s benefit to a Metro-defined Equity Focus Community; and a proposed project’s nexus to enhanced accessibility of a 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games venue.

Each proposed project can include various active transportation and first/last mile & complete streets improvements, as long as the proposed improvements fit within the Measure M eligibility criteria stated above. Proposed projects must be multi-jurisdictional and demonstrate regional benefits. Proposers must also provide evidence of a community-based public participation process and community support, such as letters of support and documents of community/public meetings.

Pursuant to Metro’s policies, awarded MSP funds must be expended within 3 years of the allocation year. Unless the awarded funds are reprogrammed for the respective project’s uses at a later date at the approval of the SGVCOG Governing Board and the Metro Board of Directors, funds that are not expended after 3 years will be redirected to the pool of MSP funds that will be awarded to other projects in a subsequent cycle. Awarded applicants must agree to abide by the [SGVCOG Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Policy for Awarded Projects](#).

## **Section 3: Application Requirements and Scoring**

- **Basic Information:**
  - Contact Individual

- Sponsoring Agency and Partnering Agencies
- **Scoring Criteria: 100 Points**
  - **Project Feasibility (35 Points):**
    - Project Schedule (5 Points): Proposal describes an overall schedule along with a realistic description of how funds could be expended within the funding deadlines.
    - Funding Strategy and Budget (5 Points): Proposal provides project funding strategy, budget, and cost estimates (as applicable) by project phases.
    - Local Match (10 Points): The requested funding will fill a match requirement set by other funding sources.
    - Capital Improvement Plan (5 Points): The proposed project should be identifiable in at least one participating agency's five-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).
    - Project Readiness (10 Points): The proposed project is supported by adequate planning documents, design and engineering, and has been environmentally cleared. The proposed project intends to use this MSP award as the final piece of gap funding necessary to commence construction.
  - **Regional Impact (45 Points):**
    - Mobility and Accessibility (10 Points): Project improves traffic flow, relieves congestion, and enables residents, workers, and visitors to travel freely and quickly throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The project also improves access to destinations such as jobs, recreation, medical facilities, schools, and others.
    - Safety (10 Points): Project improves access to transit facilities, enhances safety, and corrects unsafe conditions in areas of heavy traffic, high transit use, and dense pedestrian activity where it is not a result of lack of normal maintenance.
    - Demonstrated Need (10 Points): Project demonstrates specific active transportation and/or first/last mile & complete streets needs by providing a clear narrative that highlights the lack of connectivity, and benefits to disadvantaged communities. Specifically, the project benefits transit-dependent populations and those who have been historically barred or discouraged from using transit and active transportation facilities due to accessibility barriers (including, but not limited to a lack of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities).
    - Equity Focus Communities (10 Points): Project is located within, or partially within, a Metro-defined Equity Focus Community (EFC) or clearly demonstrates that it serves an EFC. A project that is not geographically near an EFC may also demonstrate a credible and supported expectation that a target population will use and benefit from the proposed improvements.
    - 2028 Olympic Games (5 Points): Project demonstrates a clear nexus to supporting public access to a 2028 Olympic Games venue and can be completed on schedule prior to the start of the Games.
  - **Demonstrated Support (20 Points):**

- Community Outreach (10 Points): Proposal provides evidence of community outreach efforts and support from key local decision makers and stakeholders. The proposal must also provide evidence of a community-based public participation process.
- Committed Partnerships (10 Points): Proposal includes committed and innovative partnerships with thoughtful description of intended partner roles and responsibilities with other jurisdictions. The proposal also includes letters of commitment/support from each partnering jurisdiction.
- Regional Plan Adoption (+5 Bonus Points): Proposal for a project that was listed in the Metro Mobility Matrix, the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan, the Metro Strategic Project List, the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal Plan), San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan, or other adopted regional plans OR the proposal includes projects in San Gabriel Valley active transportation corridors listed in the Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan. Fulfilling either of the requirements would allow the proposal to receive 5 bonus points.

**Section 4: Project Solicitation and Award Timeline**

Open Call-for-Projects	Friday, September 20, 2024
Pre-Application Form Due	Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Application Workshop	Thursday, October 3, 2024
Application Deadline	Thursday, October 31, 2024
Scoring Committee Review	Monday, November 4, 2024 to Monday, November 18, 2024
Recommendation Available for Public Comment	Monday, December 16, 2024 to Thursday, January 16, 2025
Recommendation Review by City Managers’ Steering Committee	Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Recommendation Approval by Transportation Committee	Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Recommendation Approval by Governing Board	Thursday, January 16, 2025
Final Recommendation Approval by Metro Board of Directors	Spring 2025

