



## 2025 Four-County State Funding Program Progress Report

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**Attachments:** Yes

**Referring Committee:** Transportation

### **Issue:**

The 2025 Four-County State Funding Program is currently underway. Staff is providing a progress report on the program, covering key milestones and outlining the next steps.

### **Request:**

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### **Recommendation for Board:**

None; this item is for information only.

### **Recommendation for Committee:**

None; this item is for information only.

### **Background:**

The SACOG 2025 Four-County State Funding Program offers funding through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to local governments and their partners for transportation projects that align with SACOG's performance goals, policies, and selection criteria. This funding round is the first STIP-only program administered by SACOG. The program is open to public agencies (e.g., cities, counties, air districts, joint powers agencies, and transit agencies) in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties with a master agreement with Caltrans or the Federal Transit Administration.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) prepares a STIP five-year estimate of available funding, and SACOG will award two years of funding based on that estimate. Based on previous funding rounds, the STIP cycle will allocate funds for FYs 2027-2028 and 2028-2029. The current estimate for total funding available to the SACOG four-county region is \$42,584,700.

The STIP program includes an intra-county program for each of the four counties, as well as a regional funding competitive set aside to support regionally significant projects. In February 2025, the SACOG Board adopted the draft budget that includes a 10/90 funding split for the 2025 STIP Funding Round. This action allocates 10% of available funds to support and advance a regionally significant project (or projects) for the set aside competitive program; projects considered for this portion must be included in the board-adopted 2025

Regional Project Prioritization list (Attachment A), which will be updated in the near future, or be a significant project submitted from Yuba or Sutter Counties. The remaining 90% will be allocated to the intra-county program, focusing on fix-it-first projects.

The table below shows the available funding for the regional set aside as well as the competitive “county shares”:

	10% SET ASIDE	90% INTRACOUNTY
SET ASIDE	\$4,258,470	-
INTRACOUNTY		
SACRAMENTO	-	\$28,406,140
YUBA	-	\$2,521,210
YOLO	-	\$5,368,543
SUTTER	-	\$2,030,337
TOTAL FUNDING	\$4,258,470	\$38,326,230

#### **Discussion/Analysis:**

The Four-County STIP Funding Program Call for Projects opened on March 17, 2025, and was followed by a one-hour Pre-Application Webinar on March 19, that included a program overview and useful insights for application preparation (See Attachment B – Pre-application Webinar slides).

A unique aspect of this program is its iterative application process, designed to ensure greater levels of certainty for applicants. Applicants begin by submitting a pre-application, followed by a draft application, and lastly, a final application. This phased approach allows for ample feedback and refinement at each stage, helping applicants align their project proposals with the program’s goals and meet eligibility criteria more effectively.

The pre-application and consultation period was conducted from April 7, to May 1, and saw significant engagement. SACOG received a total of 34 pre-applications from 17 jurisdictions, covering a range of project types. Each jurisdiction participated in a 45-minute pre-application consultation with SACOG staff to confirm project eligibility, discuss project performance assessment outputs, and refine their proposals. In addition to technical assistance, these consultations provided a platform to answer common questions and address any confusion, thereby ensuring a clearer and more effective application process. Attachment C is an FAQ developed in response to common questions, themes, and issues highlighted throughout the pre-application process.

Following the submission of pre-applications, SACOG received 18 draft applications in early May, reflecting a refined project list based on local priorities and program alignment.

#### **Next Steps and Important Dates**

The upcoming milestones in the program are listed below. Following evaluation and review of the draft applications SACOG staff will review preliminary scores with applicants. This will then be followed by the final submission of applications on June 6. Staff plan to present the recommended projects and final program funding amount to the Transportation Committee and board in August 2025 for approval.

- March 17, 2025 – Call for Projects Officially Released
- March 19, 2025 – Pre-submittal Workshop (Virtual)
- March 28, 2025 – Pre-application Due to SACOG by 4:00 PM
- April 7 – May 1, 2025 – Pre-application Consultations with SACOG Staff
- May 2, 2025 – Draft Applications Packages Due to SACOG by 4:00 PM
- May 21 – June 3, 2025 – Draft Application Consultations with SACOG Staff
- June 6, 2025 – Final Applications Packages Due to SACOG by 4:00 PM
- July 2025 – Staff Release Project Award Recommendations
- August 2025 – Transportation Committee Recommends Project Awards to the SACOG Board for Final Approval
- August 2025 – SACOG Board Takes Final Action on Recommended Projects and Determines Final Program Funding Amount
- March 2026 – Initiate Programming

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

**List of Attachments:**

Attachment A – 2025 Regional Project Prioritization

Attachment B – STIP Pre-application Webinar Slides

Attachment C - Four-County State Funding Program Frequently Asked Questions