



Active Transportation Resource Center

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The Active Transportation Resource Center's (ATRC) mission is to assist California's communities, tribal areas, and schools with resources, technical assistance, and training to help implement active transportation projects.

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ATP Updates

Senate Bill 1 and the Active Transportation Program

Senate Bill (SB) 1 increased several taxes and fees to raise the equivalent of roughly \$54 billion over ten years in new transportation revenues. As a result of SB1, approximately \$100 million new dollars will be added to Active Transportation Program (ATP) annually. These funds will go to local agencies to build more bikeways, sidewalks, and other active transportation projects. These monies will also fund innovative and complementary non-infrastructure efforts that build public understanding by engaging, educating, and encouraging more Californians to safely walk and bicycle for their transportation needs. California has ambitious goals to double walking and triple bicycling trips by 2020, and reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities by ten percent each year. The addition of SB1 funds to the ATP will help Caltrans and its partners at the state, regional, and local levels reach these goals. Learn more details of SB1 by visiting the newly launched [SB1 website](#). Check out the specific SB1 Active Transportation resources:

[SB1 Active Transportation Page](#)

[SB1 Active Transportation One Page Fact Sheet](#)



2017 ATP Augmentation Awards

As an early result of the passage of SB1, over the summer, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released a 2017 ATP Augmentation call for projects, which gave ATP awarded applicants from Cycle 3 an opportunity to advance their active transportation projects sooner than originally planned, while also giving a second chance to Cycle 3 unselected applicants to resubmit for funding.

The CTC released its recommendations for Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Augmentation Awards in late August. View the list of selected Augmentation projects here:

Connect to the list of selected projects [Statewide Component](#)

Connect to the list of selected projects [Small Urban and Rural](#)

The special 2017 Augmentation call has resulted in 17 projects recommended for advancement and 53 new projects for funding in the Statewide component, and 5 projects for advancement and 9 new projects funded in the Small Urban/Rural component! Roughly \$98 million and \$18 million, respectively, will be invested in previously un-awarded ATP projects in the Statewide and Small Urban/Rural components.

The ATRC has a New Project Manager!

Emily Abrahams is excited to take on the role as the new Project Manager at Caltrans for the Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC)! She has worked at Caltrans for 7 years and has experience in transportation planning grant programs as well as complete streets and smart mobility implementation. Not only is she passionate about active transportation through her professional work, she also walks and bikes for many of her everyday trips, including biking to work. She is also an involved member in the Sacramento Chapters of the American Planning Association and the Women in Transportation Seminar.

There is a lot of fantastic work currently going on at the ATRC. The ATRC utilizes a combination of subject experts from Caltrans, California Department of Public Health, California State University Sacramento, and UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center to provide active transportation resources and training to stakeholders.

Who's Ready for ATP Cycle 4?

The CTC anticipates the announcement of the 2019 (Cycle 4) Call for Projects to come in March 2018. The Cycle 4 Call for Projects is expected to include about \$440M in ATP funding made up of Federal funds and State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funds. The funding/programming years are expected to include 19/20, 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23 funding years. Potential applicants are encouraged to check the [Caltrans website](#) and [CTC ATP website](#) for future updates.

The CTC has recently announced its 2019 ATP (Cycle 4) Workshops. These workshops are open to all individuals for providing public feedback and input into the guidelines and applications for the next round of ATP funding.

The first draft of the 2019 Active Transportation Program Guidelines and a 2019 Active Transportation Program Proposed Workshop Schedule is posted on the [CTC webpage](#).

Questions about the Active Transportation Program may be directed to Laurie Waters, Associate Deputy Director at (916) 651-6145 or laurie.waters@catc.ca.gov.



ATRC activities underway include:

- Coordinating with FHWA to deliver pedestrian and bicycle safety training to focus cities and others throughout California.
- Updating and delivering a Bicycle Transportation Planning and Design training course throughout the state.
- Developing a collision heat map tool to visually depict where pedestrian and bicycle crashes occur utilizing SWITRS data.
- Holding Non-Infrastructure Regional Workshops to interested agencies through the state.

We are also updating the [ATRC website](#) to ensure it has up-to-date resources, recorded webinars, and training opportunities available for stakeholders. In addition, stay tuned for a needs assessment survey that will be released at the beginning of 2018. Your response to this survey will give us input so the ATRC can best meet your active transportation needs.

Upcoming ATRC Trainings

Early Active Transportation Program (ATP) Achievements

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

1:30 – 3:00pm PST

Please join us for the ATRC webinar, *Early ATP Achievements*, where we will reflect on ATP project outcomes and achievements given the wide range of project types, cost, geographies, and ATP priorities that were set by initial ATP-related legislation. Presentations will feature a variety of projects delivered under ATP Cycle 1. Join us to get some ideas and start thinking ahead of ways to enhance the potential projects you are planning to submit under ATP Cycle 4! A robust question and answer period with our experienced panelists will follow all presentations.

[Register for this webinar.](#)

Active Transportation Resources

Pedestrian Injuries in California 2007-2013

In this report by California Department of Public Health—Safe and Active Communities Branch, 2007 to 2013 pedestrian injury data are presented to identify the frequency and severity of motor vehicle/pedestrian crashes in California using Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) data. This report presents comprehensive pedestrian injury characteristics data in California with County level metrics and serves as a foundational technical reference document using available data.

[Traffic Safety Reports: Pedestrian Injuries in California 2007-2013](#)



Recordings of Past ATRC Presentations

Did you miss one of the recent ATRC webinars or teleconferences? Recordings are now available on our ATRC YouTube Channel.

- [WEBINAR: Safe Routes to School Evaluation Resources and Best Practices](#)
- [TELECONFERENCE: How Metropolitan Planning Organizations \(MPOs\) Are Supporting Active Transportation in CA \(PART 1, urban communities\)](#)
- [WEBINAR: Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement for Active Transportation Non-Infrastructure Programs](#)
- [TELECONFERENCE: How Metropolitan Planning Organizations \(MPOs\) Are Supporting Active Transportation in CA \(PART 2, primarily rural communities\)](#)

New Toolkit for Building Safe Routes Momentum

Developed in a partnership between ATP Cycle 1 awardee, Santa Clara Public Health Department, and the Safe Routes to School National Partnership (Partnership), [Building Momentum for Safe Routes to School: A Toolkit for School Districts and City Leaders](#) is a new resource posted on the Partnership's website. This toolkit contains information on building and sustaining a Safe Routes to School task force, structuring and sustaining a paid Safe Routes to School coordinator position, adopting Safe Routes to School policies, and more.

New Teen Pedestrian Safety Toolkit

Data from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration shows that teen pedestrians are more likely than younger children to be injured or killed by a vehicle, but many teens don't realize that they ARE at risk—about five teens a week are killed and hundreds more are injured. What is your community doing to address the issue? Prevent Child Injury has created a new [teen pedestrian safety toolkit](#) to start the conversation in your community.

Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School: Partners in Safety

Vision Zero provides an opportunity for Safe Routes to School advocates to tap into a broader initiative that is politically connected and often very visible and high-profile. Concerns about safety are often a major deterrent to parents considering whether to allow their children to walk or bike. For principals considering implementing a Safe Routes to School program, safety challenges can either be a deterrent or the impetus to take action. Learn more in this new report from the Safe Routes to School National Partnership.

Connect to the report: [Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School: Partners in Safety](#)

Active Transportation, Climate Change and Health Equity

In case you missed it, the California Air Resources Board - Climate Action Team Public Health Workgroup's July 2017 meeting focused on Active Transportation, Climate Change, and Health Equity. Connect to a [recording of the presentations](#).