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AGENDA ITEM 6c
TAC Meeting
March 6, 2025

DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Debbie Egger, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)**

STAFF REPORT

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TAC's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"The TAC recommends...."

Staff Summary:

At your February meeting the TAC received an update on remaining funds available through the FSTIP Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The CRP was created by the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA). The purpose of the CRP is to provide federal funding to projects that decrease transportation emissions, which are defined as the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions that result from on-road, highway sources.

IIJA requires Caltrans to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy to outline how California will spend its CRP dollars on reducing transportation carbon emissions. draft Carbon Reduction Strategy focuses on "Three Pillars": zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) and infrastructure, active transportation, and rail and transit. All CRP funds must be spent in support of the Three Pillars. A full list of allowable projects is attached.

In 2024 with TAC and HCAOG Board approval staff applied for CRP funds to conduct a Regional Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Fleet Transition and Infrastructure Plan. To date those funds have been requested and awaiting approval to begin the project. While the TAC’s previous recommendation to HCAOG staff was to reserve the remaining CRP funds for regional entities to pursue aligned projects that come out of the ZEV Plan, Caltrans has advised it would be more advantageous to program funds now, even before the ZEV plan's completion. On February 12th staff sent an email out showing the fund balance remaining and requesting projects be submitted for TAC consideration and Board approval.

Local Fund Apportionment Per Cycle

	FFY 2022	FFY 2023	FFY 2024	FFY 2025	FFY 2026	Total 5-year projection
	247,068	252,009	244,556	244,556	244,556	\$1,232,745
Allocated:	247,068	20,000				
Balance remaining:	0	232,009	244,556	244,556	244,556	\$965,677

The CRP funds are available three FFYs after the FFY of the CRP programming cycle. Any amounts not unobligated at the end of this period shall lapse.

Project Deadlines – Per Project Appropriation Year

Federal Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Obligation (E76) Deadline	09/30/2025	9/30/2026	TBD	TBD	TBD
Expenditure Deadline	9/30/2030	9/30/2031	TBD	TBD	TBD

There is a match requirement. For most projects it will be a 11.47% local match but could be up to 20% depending on the project. This match must be cash, it cannot be in kind contributions.

Project Submittals:

As noted above HCAOG staff sent out a request for funding proposals to TAC members on February 12th, requesting responses for project activities by February 25th. The Humboldt Transit Authority was the only TAC member agency to make a request, both of which are shown below:

- Hydrogen Service Bay Upgrades \$200,000
- Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure: \$765,677

Some TAC member agencies have expressed that they were unprepared to make a thoughtful request during the February solicitation period. With that, the TAC could consider recommending that the period to request funding be extended.

Staff is seeking TAC direction/recommendation on next steps. Next steps could include pursuing approving or funding requests made by HTA, recommending an extension to the funds request deadline, or any other direction that the TAC would like to recommend.