



# 2023 Federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP)

Stakeholder Webinar - June 8, 2023



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# Agenda

## I. Co-Host Introductions

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## II. Opening Remarks

Nieves Castro,  
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## III. Program Overview

## IV. Letters of Support/Partnership Resources, Schedule

## V. Caltrans-led Nominations

## VI. Questions & Answers

## VII. Summary & Next Steps

# Opening Remarks

Nieves Castro

Division of Transportation Planning

Deputy Division Chief



# Poll Question #1

## 1. Who do you represent?

- Unit of Local Government
- MPO or Transit Agency
- Tribal Government
- Non-Profit Organization
- Caltrans
- Other

# Program Overview

## FEDERAL RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

### Background

- Authorized in 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- New, first-of-its-kind federally-funded program to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure

### Funding Availability

- \$1B of discretionary program; FY 2023 (Cycle 2) NOFO Anticipated June 2023

### Purpose

- To reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure through planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure to address legacy impacts.



## RCP FY 2022 (Cycle 1) CA Awards

Project Title	Recipient	Awarded	Total Cost	Summary
Shoreline Drive Gateway	City of Long Beach, CA	\$30 M	\$69.174 M	<b>Reconfigure West Shoreline Drive</b> , remove a roadway barrier, and improve access and connectivity, create a new bicycle path and pedestrian amenities, and divert highway traffic from residential streets to major roads.
Vision 980 Study Phase 2 - Feasibility Study	Caltrans Oakland, California	\$680K	\$850K	Funds will be used to <b>explore alternatives</b> for reconnecting communities along the I-980 corridor with an expanded focus on community integration and environmental justice.
SR-710 Northern Stub Re-envisioning Project	City of Pasadena, California	\$2M	\$4.405M	Support the <b>study of transportation and land use needs</b> related to the future redevelopment of Pasadena's recently relinquished highway 710 "stub."
Parkway Drive at State Route 99 Pedestrian Bridge	City of Fresno, California	\$600K	\$750K	Support <b>planning activities</b> for a pedestrian bridge that crosses California State Route 99
Monterey Road Highway to Grand Boulevard Design Study	City of San Jose, California	\$2M	\$2.5M	Assess the <b>feasibility and conceptual designs</b> for converting Monterey Road from a motor highway to a grand boulevard





# Program Overview

OVERVIEW OF THE SEPARATE STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

## State Funded: RC:H2B

- Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
- One-time competitive award to a "community" based on need.
- 100% State Funded funding source
- Legislative goal to "provide matching funds for potential federal grant funds"
- Awardees may also work with Caltrans to submit a proposal for RCP Cycle 3.

## Federal Funded: RCP

- Administered by USDOT
- Multi-cycle pilot program
- Competitive awards for Planning and Capital Construction Projects.
- Cycle 1, Caltrans issued a call for nominations, submitted 3 applications as a lead, partnered on 21, and provided 22 letters of support.
- Cycle 2, Caltrans opened Call for LOS/Partnerships on May 24.

# Letters of Support & Partnerships Request

## RESOURCES

### EMAIL BLAST

- ❖ Call for RCP LOS and Partnerships Requests  
(May 24, 2023)
- ❖ Links to RCP Intake Form & Smartsheet
- ❖ Submittal Deadline June 30, 2023



### INVESTMENT PLANNING WEBPAGE

- ❖ Links to RCP Intake Form & Smartsheet
- ❖ LOS and Partnership Letter Templates
- ❖ Webinar Recording/ presentation slides
- ❖ Link to AT/CS RCP Web page



### AT/CS WEBPAGE

- ❖ Background Information
  - ❖ Draft Reconnecting Communities Handbook
- Links to:
- ❖ USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant program
  - ❖ State Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevard Pilot Program



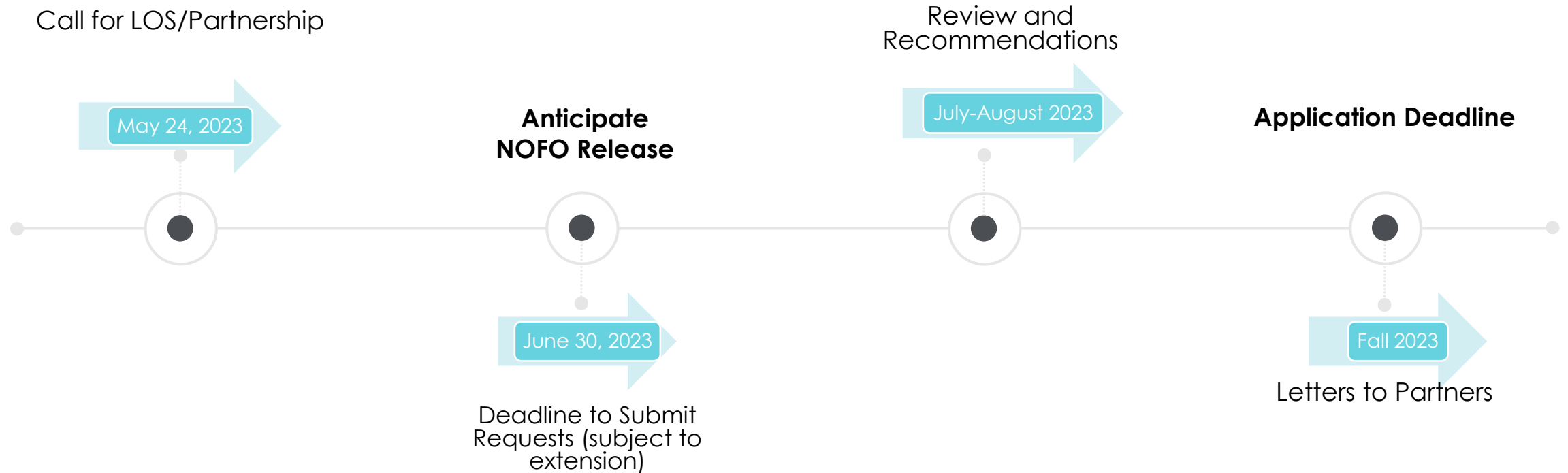
## Poll Question #2

1. Which of the following request is your organization likely to submit?

- Letter of Support
- Partnership (co-application)
- Unsure at this time

# Schedule

## NOTABLE MILESTONES



# Caltrans-led Nominations

FEDERAL RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT GRANT PROGRAM

1. D1-Arcata Freeway Cap (Planning)
2. D5-Reconnecting Salinas (Planning)
3. D8-Reconnecting Route 66 (Capital)

Alternate

- D7-Wilmington/Port of LA (Capital)

# QUESTIONS?



# Summary and Next Steps

- Call for LOS/Partnerships due June 30 (subject to extension)
- The meeting webinar recording, and presentation slides will be made available as soon as possible.
- Contact our office emails for additional questions.

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# District Map and County Chart



California's counties by name, abbreviation and district

County Name	County Abbreviation	District	County Name	County Abbreviation	District
Alameda	ALA	4	Orange	ORA	12
Alpine	ALP	10	Placer	PLA	3
Amador	AMA	10	Plumas	PLU	2
Butte	BUT	3	Riverside	RIV	8
Calaveras	CAL	10	Sacramento	SAC	3
Contra Costa	CC	4	Santa Barbara	SB	5
Colusa	COL	3	San Bernardino	SBD	8
Del Norte	DN	1	San Benito	SBT	5
El Dorado	ED	3	Santa Clara	SCL	4
Fresno	FRE	6	Santa Cruz	SCR	5
Glenn	GLE	3	San Diego	SD	11
Humboldt	HUM	1	San Francisco	SF	4
Imperial	IMP	11	Shasta	SHA	2
Inyo	INY	9	Sierra	SIE	3
Kern	KER	6	Siskiyou	SIS	2
Kings	KIN	6	San Joaquin	SJ	10
Los Angeles	LA	7	San Luis Obispo	SLO	5
Lake	LAK	1	San Mateo	SM	4
Lassen	LAS	2	Solano	SOL	4
Madera	MAD	6	Sonoma	SON	4
Mendocino	MEN	1	Stanislaus	STA	10
Merced	MER	10	Sutter	SUT	3
Mono	MNO	9	Tehama	TEH	2
Modoc	MOD	2	Trinity	TRI	2
Monterey	MON	5	Tulare	TUL	6
Mariposa	MPA	10	Tuolumne	TUO	10
Marin	MRN	4	Ventura	VEN	7
Napa	NAP	4	Yolo	YOL	3
Nevada	NEV	3	Yuba	YUB	3



# Thank you!

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