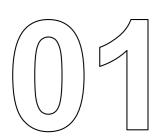


# Cal-B/C Training Module 6c

**Understanding Project Benefits and Costs for Cal-B/C Active Transportation** 



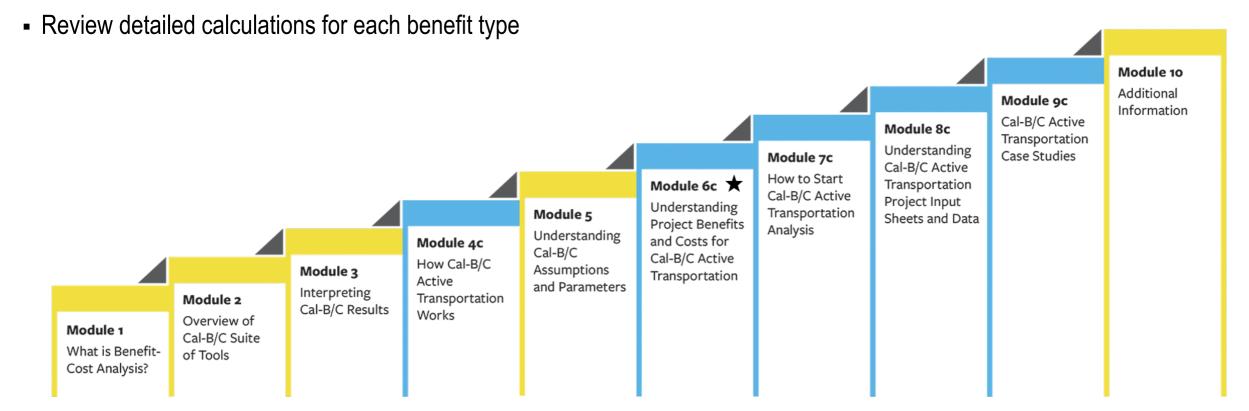




# **About This Module**

#### This module will...

- Build on Modules 1 through 5 to provide a detailed understanding of project costs and benefits
- Describes benefit types and calculation methods

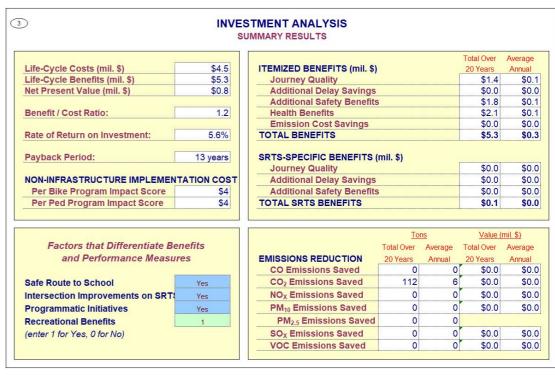


#### **Previous Modules...**

- Module 1 provided a basic introduction on benefit-cost analysis (BCA) and a general overview of how to conduct a BCA
- Module 2 described the Cal-B/C suite of tools, discussed the types of projects that can be evaluated, and provided guidance on which tools to use for various project types
- Module 3 presented the Cal-B/C results page, detailed what each output measure means, and explained how they are calculated
- Modules 4c presented an overview of how Cal-B/C Active Transportation works, including a review of all worksheets and inputs
- Module 5 highlighted the information in the Parameters worksheet and discussed key assumptions used by Cal-B/C

# **Overview of Benefit Categories**

Benefit Category	Cal-B/C AT
Travel time savings (as Additional Delay Savings)	<b>√</b>
Vehicle operating cost savings	
Accident cost savings (as Additional Safety Benefits)	<b>√</b>
Emission cost savings	✓
Residual value	
Journey quality benefits	✓
Health benefits	<b>√</b>
Shipper cost savings	

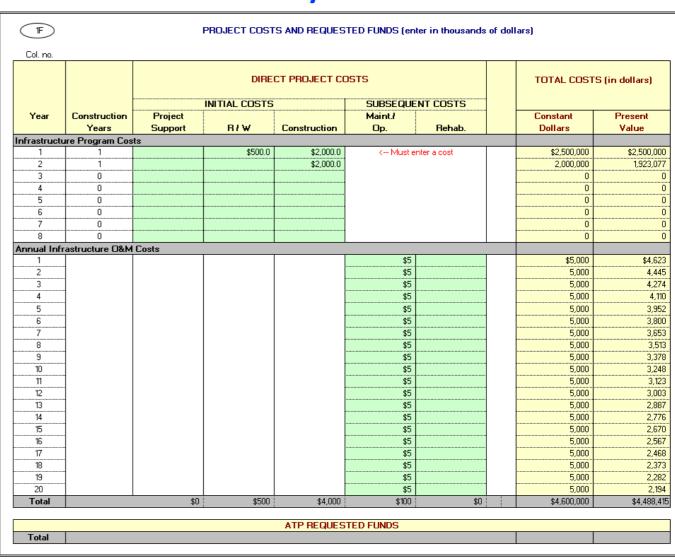


This Module focuses on the <u>monetized benefits and costs</u> in the Cal-B/C AT tool, it will not review methods in the multi-criteria analysis used for Non-Infrastructure Program Improvements.

# Overview of Project Cost Types in Cal-B/C AT

- Cal-B/C Active Transportation can accommodate the following cost types:
  - Project support
  - Right-of-way
  - Construction
  - Maintenance and rehabilitation

#### **Project Costs**

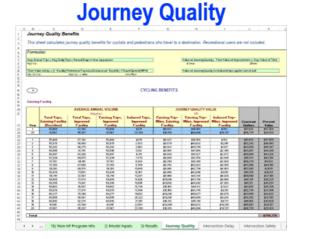




# Overview of Benefit Calculations in Cal-B/C AT

#### **Overview of Benefit Calculations**

- Benefit calculation worksheets produce detailed calculations for each benefit category
- They are provided for model transparency, not a "Black Box"
- Benefit estimates are functions of your inputs and assumptions contained in the Parameters worksheet



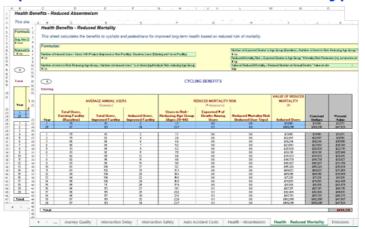
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# Intersection Safety (Additional Safety Benefits)



# Health Benefits (Reduced Absenteeism & Mortality)



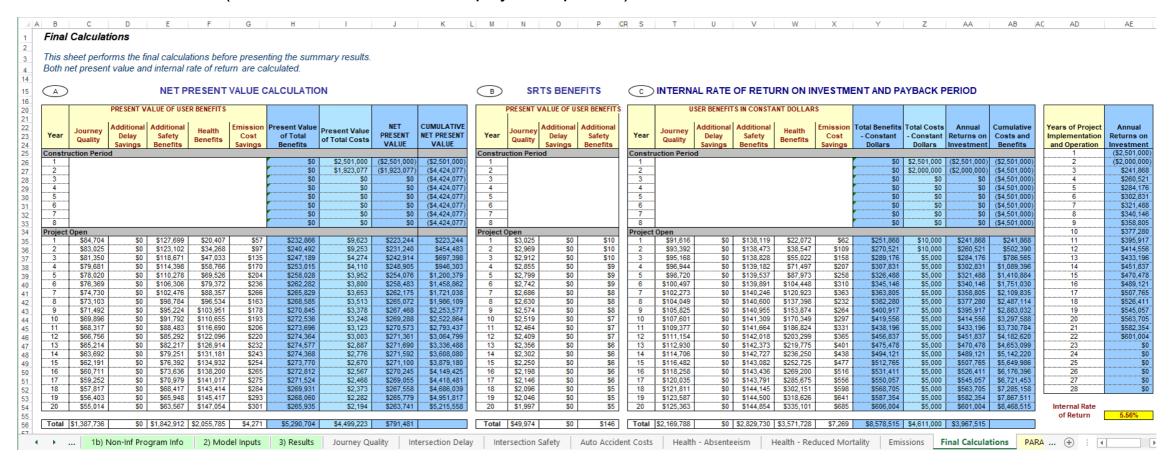
#### **Emission Cost Savings**



#### **Overview of Benefit Calculations**

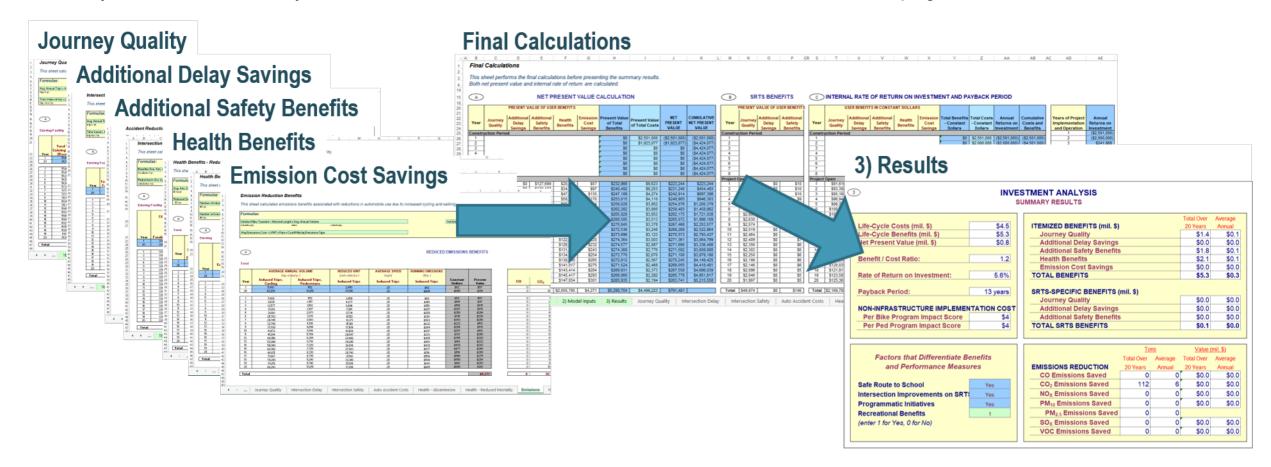
#### The Final Calculations worksheet:

- Tabulates all the benefits and costs by year, in present value and constant dollars, from the benefit estimation worksheets
- Calculates BCA metrics (B/C ratio, IRR, NPV, and payback period)



#### **Overview of Monetized Benefit Calculations**

- Analysis worksheets estimate monetized benefits from data in 1a) Project Info and 2) Model Inputs
- Benefit estimates are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet
- Life-Cycle Benefits, Life-Cycle Costs, and all other BCA metrics are linked to the Results page.





# **Benefits in Cal-B/C AT, Infrastructure Projects**

# **Active Transportation Benefit Categories**

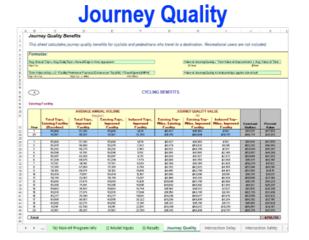
- Journey Quality: Value of enhanced trip conditions
- Travel Time Savings (at Intersections): Estimated by reduced wait times at intersections
- Safety Benefits (at Intersections, Sidewalks): Estimated by crash reduction factors for safety countermeasures
- Auto Accident Cost Savings: Modal shift from passenger vehicles to active transportation reduces number of accidents
- Emissions Cost Savings: Modal shift from passenger vehicles to active transportation reduces pollution
- Health Benefits: Reduced absenteeism (short-term health risk), and avoided pre-mature deaths (long-term health risk)

# Applicability of Benefits to a Project Depend on Type of Project (Existing & New), Type of Trip (Existing & Induced)

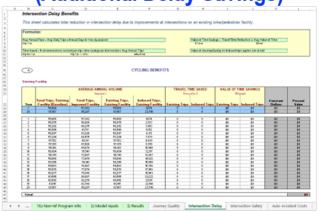
		ng Facility ovement	New Construction			
Benefit Categories by Facility Type	Existing Trips	Induced Trips	Existing Trips	Induced Trips		
Journey Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Time Savings (at Intersections)	Yes	Yes				
Safety (at Intersections)	Yes	Yes				
Auto Accident Costs and Auto Emissions		Yes		Yes		
Health Benefits (Reduced Absenteeism)		Yes (Commuters)		Yes (Commuters)		
Health Benefits (Reduced Mortality)		Yes (Age dependent)		Yes (Age dependent)		

### **Benefit Calculations in Cal-B/C AT**

- In Cal-B/C AT estimation worksheets, calculations are provided by:
  - Year
  - Mode (e.g., cyclists and pedestrians)
  - Facility (e.g., existing and new) depending on the benefit category



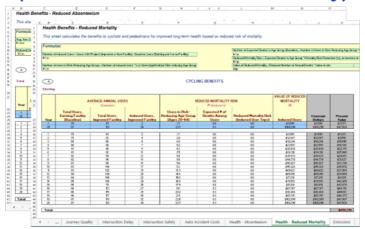
Intersection Delay (Additional Delay Savings)



# Intersection Safety (Additional Safety Benefits)



# Health Benefits (Reduced Absenteeism & Mortality)



#### **Emission Cost Savings**

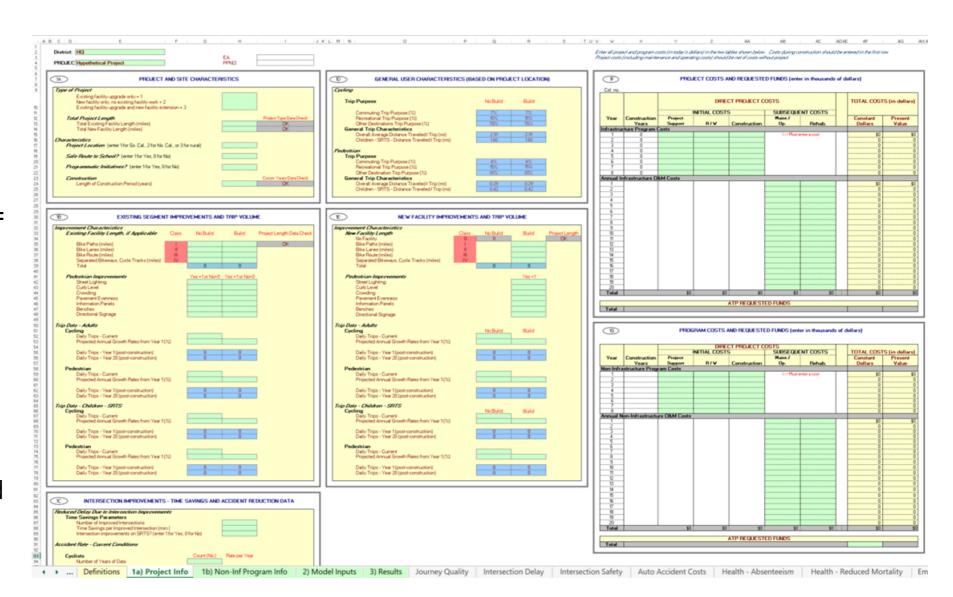


#### **Calculations**

Intermediate calculations for several benefit categories based on the data in:

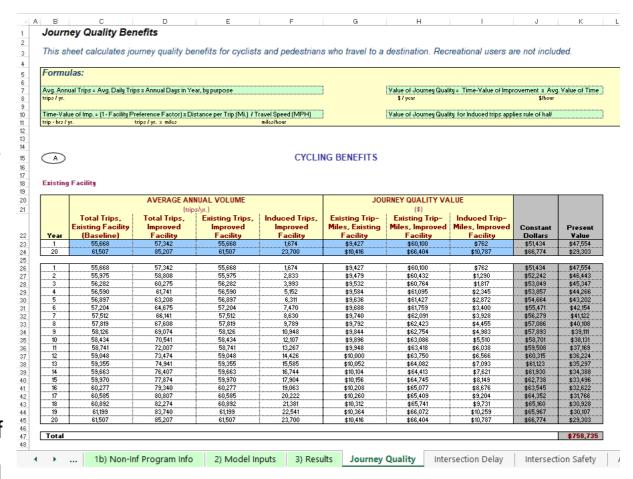
- 1) Project Information:
- Avg. Annual (Ann.) Trips =
   Avg. Daily Trips x Number of
   Days per Year, by purpose
- Avg. Distance per Trip
   Set to the project length or an average distance per trip parameter (whichever is less)

Calculated for Base and Forecast years, for the Existing and New Facility, and in No Build and Build scenarios



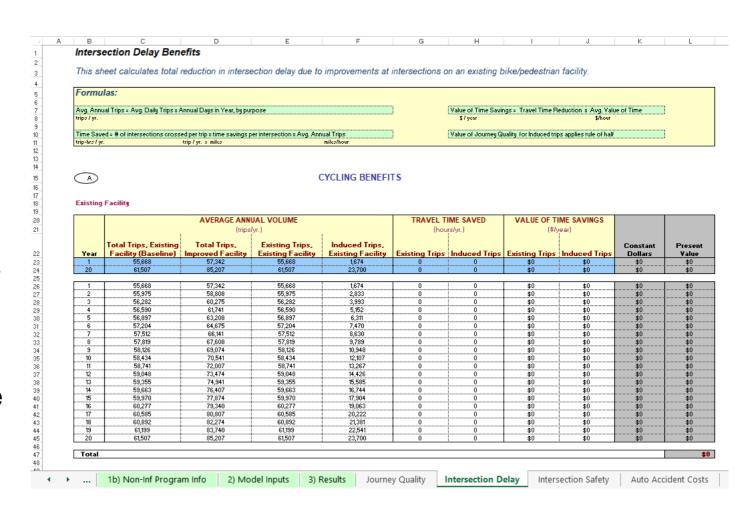
#### **Journey Quality Benefits**

- Function (trips, distance per trip, value of time, journey quality parameters) by mode
  - Value of Improvement for Cycling (\$ per mile) = (1- Facility Preference Factor) / Cycle Speed (mph) x Value of Time
  - Value of Improvement for Walking (\$ per mile) = Journey Quality Values per Mile (from Parameters sheet, for each improvement)
  - Value of Journey Quality (Existing Users, \$ per year) =
     Annual Trips x Avg. Distance (mi) per Trip x Value of
     Improvement, by mode
  - Value of Journey Quality (Induced trips) applies rule of half
- Journey Quality Benefits by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet



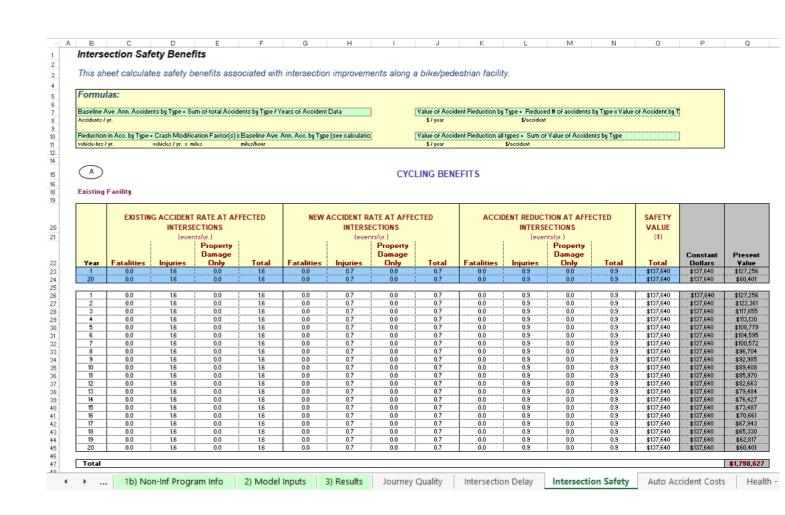
#### **Intersection Delay (Additional Time Savings)**

- Function (trips, intersection time savings, value of time) by mode
  - Travel Time (TT) Reduction = Avg. Ann. Trips x Avg. Intersections Crossed per Trip x Time Savings per Improved Intersection
  - TT Savings (Existing Users) = TT Reduction x Value of Time
  - o TT Savings (Induced) applies the rule of half
- Intersection Delay Savings by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet



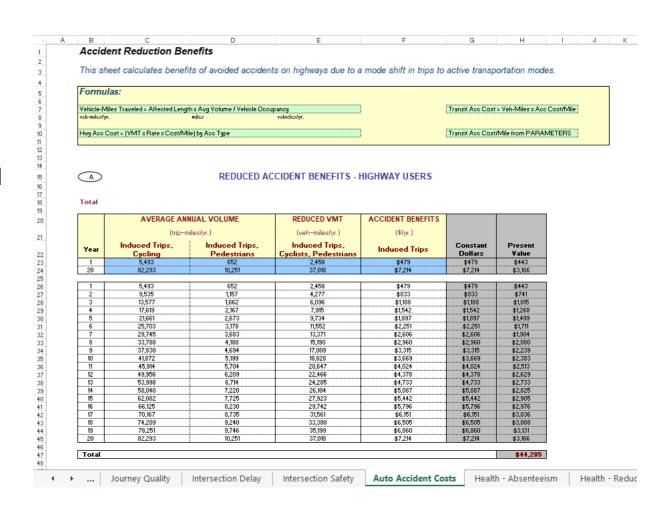
#### **Intersection Safety**

- Function (accident rate, expected accident reduction, cost per accident) by accident type, by mode
  - Avg. Ann. Accidents (No Build) = Total Accidents (by type) / Years of Accident Data
  - Reduction in Accidents = Avg. Ann. Accidents (No Build, by type) x Combined Crash Modification Factor (CMF)
  - Accident Cost Savings = Reduction in Accidents
     (by type) x Value of Avoided Accident (by type)
  - CMFs and Cost/Accident from Parameters sheet
- Intersection Safety Benefits by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet in "Additional Safety Benefits"



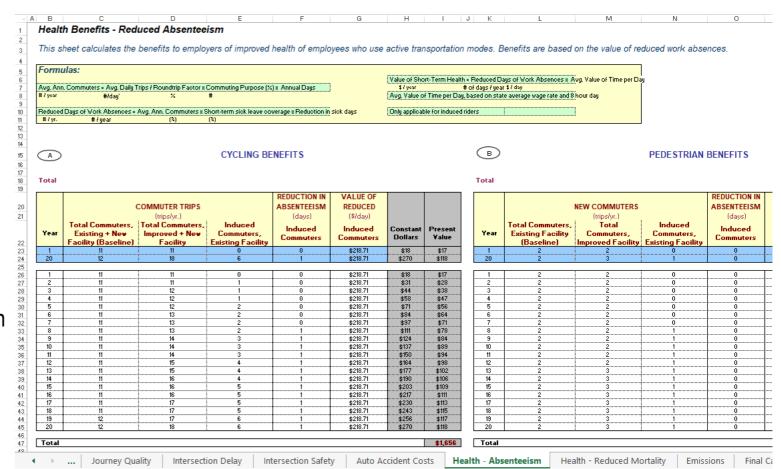
#### **Auto Accident Costs**

- Function (trips, distance per trip, accident rate, cost per accident)
  - Induced Ann. Trip-Miles = Change in Ann. Trips (No Build to Build) x Avg. Distance (mi) per Trip, by mode
  - Reduced Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) = Induced Ann.
     Trip-Miles (by mode) x Diversion from Personal Vehicles (%, by mode) / Vehicle Occupancy
  - Accident Cost Savings = Reduced VMT x Non-Freeway
     Accident Rate per MVM x Avg. Cost per Accident
  - Accident Rate and Avg. Accident Cost from Parameters sheet
- Accident Reduction Benefits by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet in "Additional Safety Benefits"



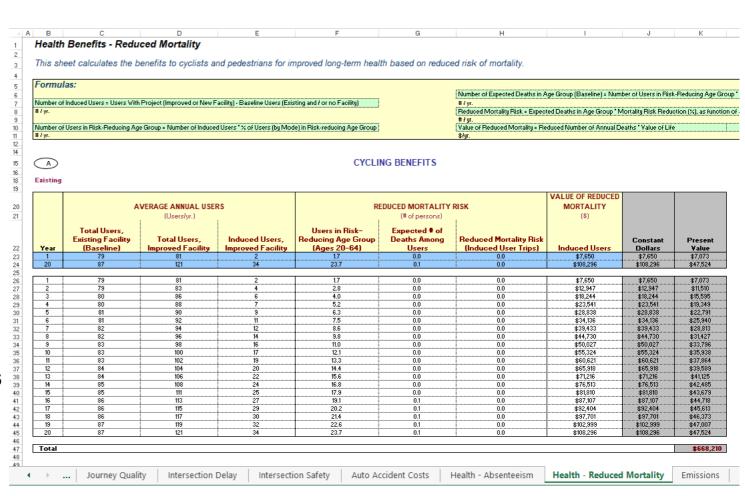
#### **Health Benefits – Reduced Absenteeism**

- Function (trips, value of time, absenteeism parameters) by mode
  - Ann. AT Commuters = Avg. Daily Trips x
     Commuting Trips (%) x Days per Year / Roundtrip Factor (trips per user)
  - Induced Ann. AT Commuters = Change in Ann. AT Commuters (No Build to Build)
  - Reduced Work Absences (days) = Induced Ann.
     Commuters x Ann. Sick Days x Short-term Sick
     Leave Coverage (%) x Reduction in Sick Days with
     Increased Daily Activity (%)
  - Value of Reduced Absenteeism = Reduced Work Absences x Avg. Value of Time per Day
  - Avg. Value of Time per Day based on state average wage rate and 8-hour day
- Health Benefits from Reduced Absenteeism by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet in "Health Benefits"



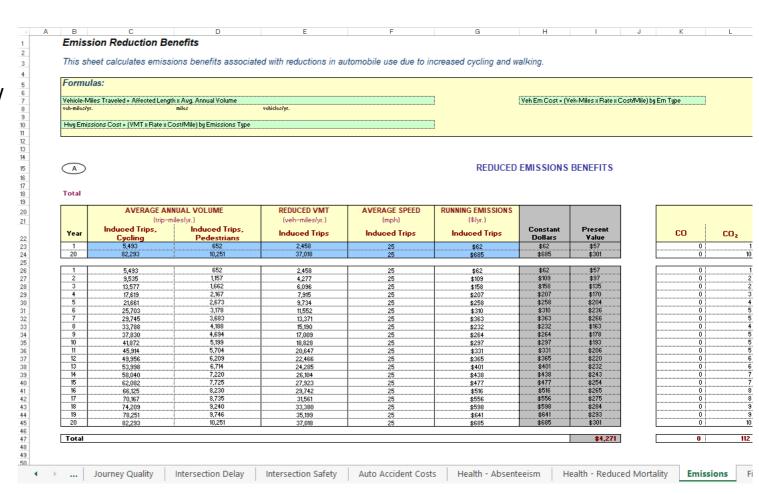
#### **Health Benefits – Reduced Mortality**

- Function (trips, value of life, mortality parameters)
  - Ann. AT Users = Avg. Daily Trips (by purpose) x Days per Year / Roundtrip Factor (trips per user)
  - Induced AT Users = Change in Users (No Build to Build)
  - Users in Risk-Reducing Age Group = Induced AT Users x
     Users in Risk-Reducing Age Group (%)
  - Expected Deaths in Age Group = Users in Risk-Reducing Age Group x Mortality Rate
  - Reduced Mortality Risk (Ann. Deaths) = Expected Deaths in Age Group x Reduction in Mortality Risk (%)
  - Value of Reduced Mortality Risk = Reduced Ann. Deaths
     x Value of Statistical Life
- Health Benefits from Reduced Mortality by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet in "Health Benefits"



#### **Emission Cost Savings**

- Function (trips, distance per trip, emission rate) by emissions type
  - Induced Ann. AT Trip-Miles = Change in Trips (No Build to Build) x Avg. Distance (mi) per Trip, by mode
  - Reduced Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) = Induced Trip-Miles (by mode) x Diversion from Personal Vehicles (%, by mode) / Vehicle Occupancy
  - Emissions Cost Savings = Reduced VMT x Emission Rate x Cost/Mile (by emissions type)
- Emissions Cost Savings by year are linked to the Final Calculations worksheet

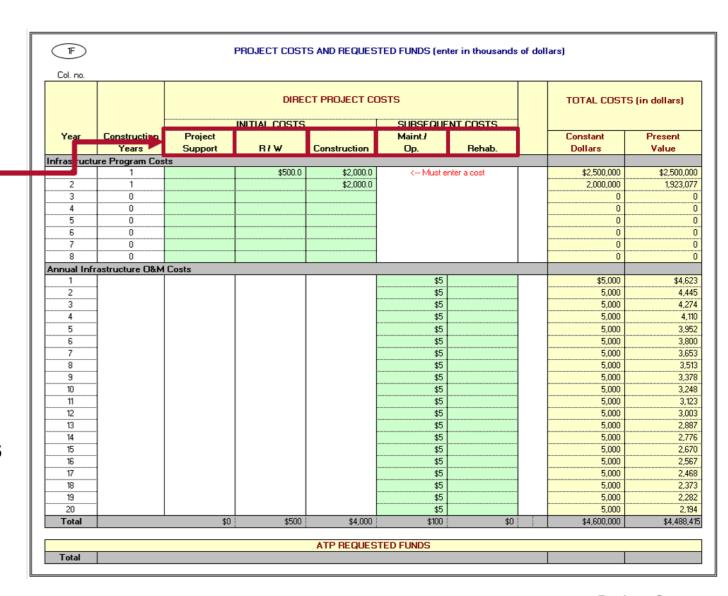




# **Project Costs in Cal-B/C AT**

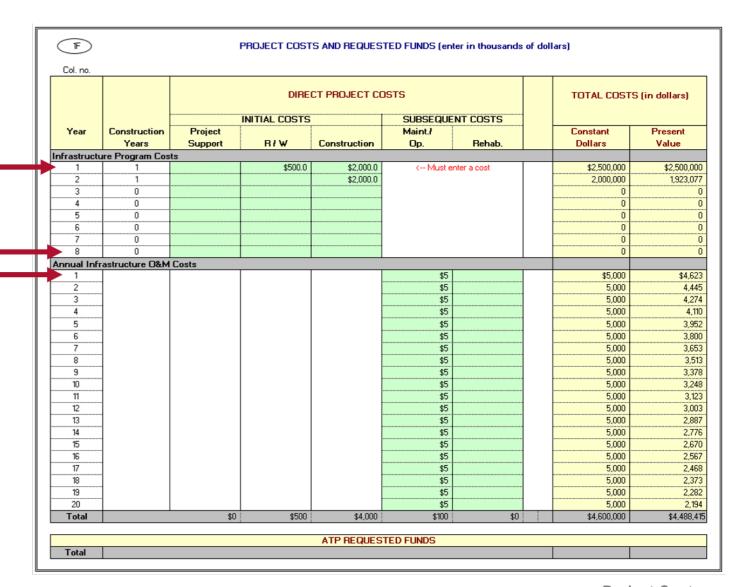
# **Project Cost Inputs**

- All project costs are entered in Section 1F in the Project Information worksheet, in five cost columns
- Project costs should be entered as incremental costs
  - Incremental costs are difference between No Build and Build scenarios
- Project costs must be entered in constant dollars, in same year as economic parameters used for benefit calculations (current year in Cal-B/C is 2016)
- Project costs must be entered in thousands of dollars (\$1,000)



# **Project Cost Inputs**

- Year 1 (current year) is represented by the "1" under the "Construction Period" header \_\_\_\_\_
- Cal-B/C allows up to eight (8) years of initial project costs
- Costs must be entered for each year to be consistent with "Length of Construction Period"
  - Example: If the Length of Construction Period (entered in Project Information, Section 1A) is 5 years, then years 1 through 5 in Section 1E must have a direct project cost entered
- Following construction, project opens and O&M & rehabilitation costs may be input for the duration of the project operating period
- Year 1 (Base Year) is represented by the "1" under the "Project Open" header



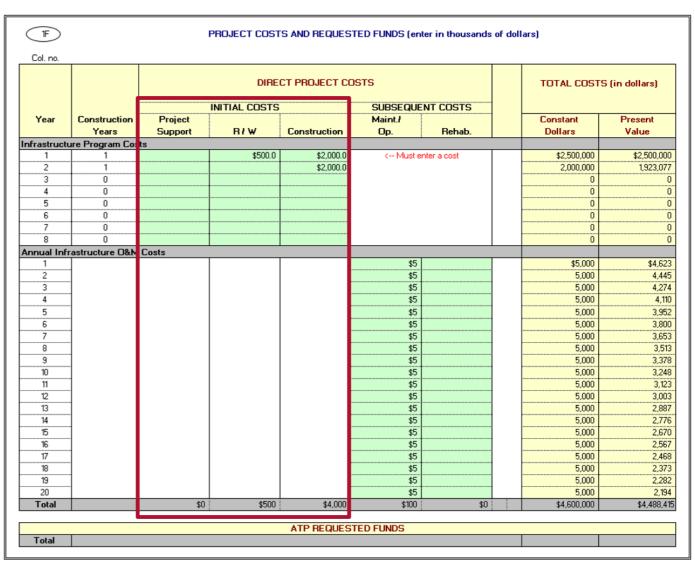
# **Project Costs – Direct Project Costs**

#### **Initial Costs**

- Project support (e.g., preliminary engineering, design, management costs)
- Right-of-way acquisition costs
- Construction costs

No initial project costs should be incurred after the project opens

Cal-B/C assumes all construction funding is expended by opening day

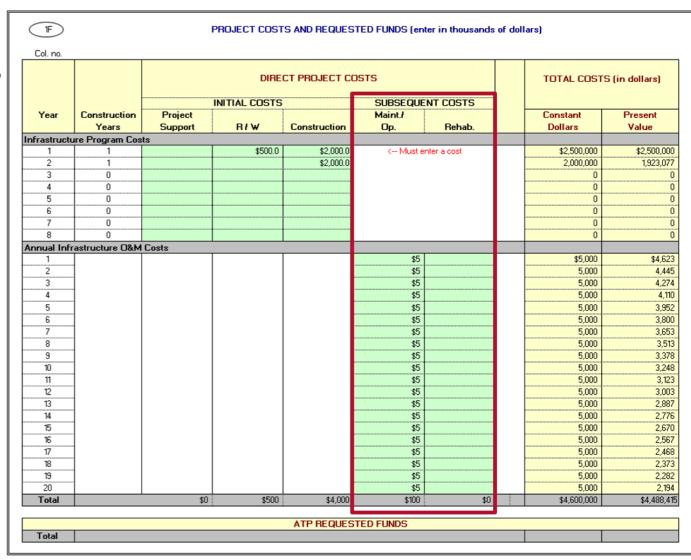


# **Project Costs – Direct Project Costs**

#### **Subsequent Costs**

- Maintenance and operating costs
- Rehabilitation costs (e.g., pavement overlay, vehicle, track, or station refurbishment)

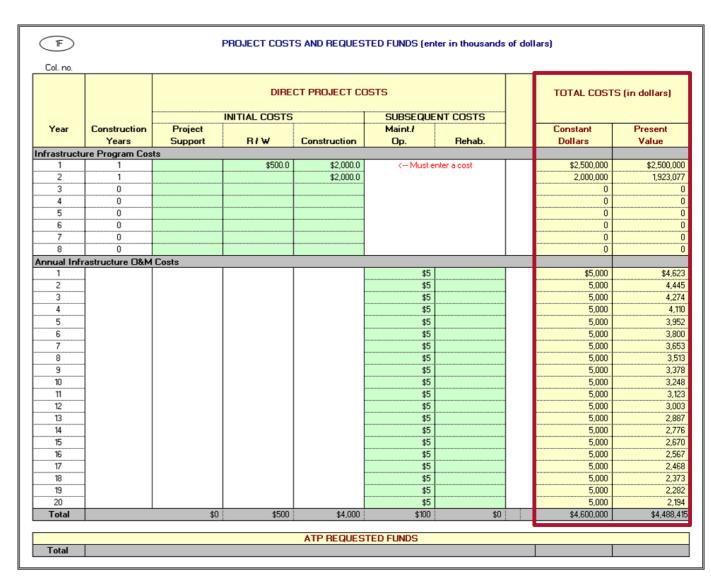
These costs are incurred after the project is constructed and open for service



## **Project Costs – Total Costs**

#### **Total Costs**

- Calculated automatically based on entry in previous seven columns of cost data
  - Constant Dollars column sums all costs spent in each year
  - Present Value column discounts costs spent in each year using the Real Discount Rate (Parameters sheet)
- Values are in total dollars (not in thousands of dollars)



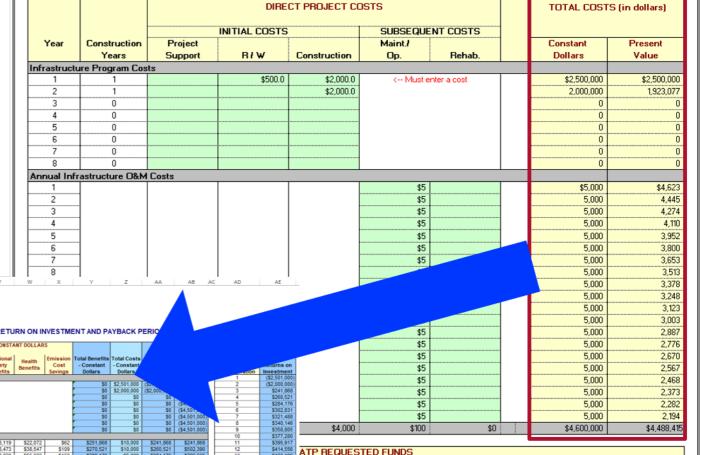
This sheet performs the final calculations before presenting the summary results

Both net present value and internal rate of return are calculated.

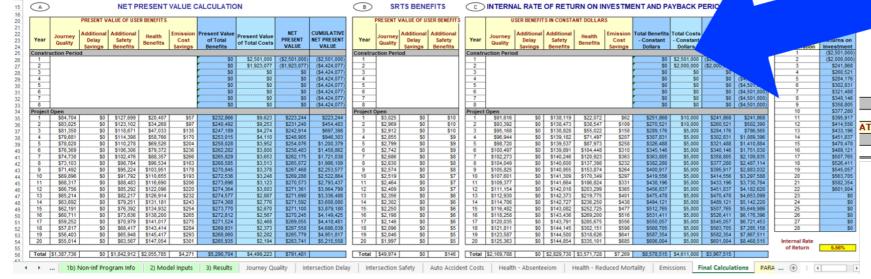
# **Project Costs – Total Costs**

#### **Total Costs**

- Calculated automatically based on entry in previous seven columns of cost data
- Values are in total dollars (not in thousands)
- Project costs (in constant dollars and present value)
   for each year are linked to the Final Calculations
   worksheet



PROJECT COSTS AND REQUESTED FUNDS (enter in thousands of dollars)



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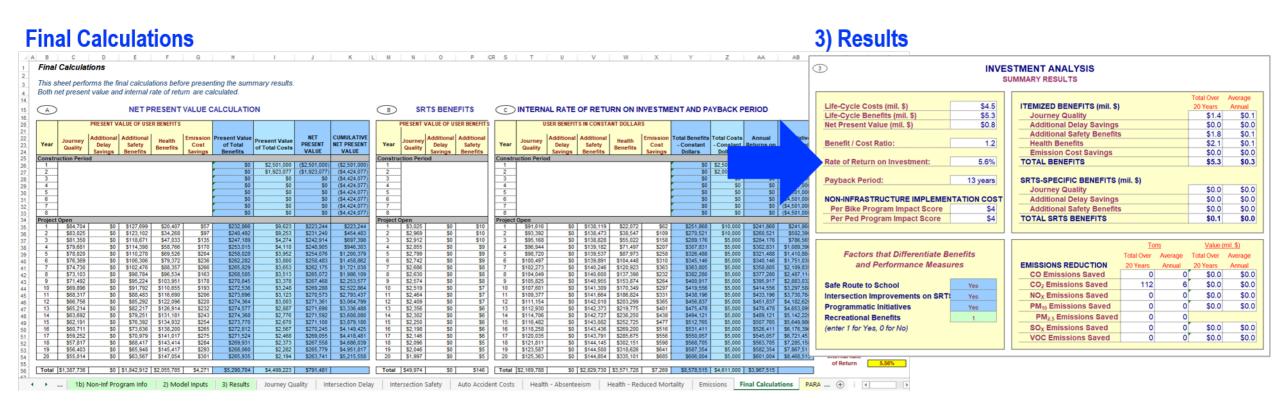
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## **Project Costs in Final Calculations**

- Project Costs are combined with Project Benefits estimates (in constant dollars and present value) in the Final Calculations worksheet to calculate all BCA metrics
- BCA metrics are linked to the Results page



# Conclusion

**Module 6c: Conclusion** 

# In this module, you learned...

- What project costs are included in Cal-B/C AT
- What benefit categories are automatically estimated in the Cal-B/C AT
- How each benefit category is estimated and monetized based on the data input
- How benefit estimates connect from the analysis sheets, through the Final Calculation sheet, to the Results sheet

**Module 6c: Conclusion** 

#### What's Next?

- Start an analysis!
  - Module 7c: How to Start a Cal-B/C Analysis
- There are other versions of this module for the other Cal-B/C tools:
  - Module 6a: Understanding Project Benefits and Costs in Cal-B/C Sketch, Corridor, and Park and Ride (PnR)
  - Module 6e: Understanding Project Benefits and Costs in Cal-B/C Intermodal Freight