
200.00 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

200.20 PLANNING/PROGRAMMING

Pre-planning

Through pre-planning activities, the CA Agency evaluates potential issues and opportunities to identify projects that should move forward. Pre-planning considers:

- Type of work
- Project location
- Environmental issues
- ROW needs
- Utility issues
- Constructability issues
- Project schedule
- Cost analysis
- Funding source
- Other issues

As part of the MPO project application process, the CA Agency provides project information to the MPO to confirm funding-source eligibility.

Eligibility

Several federal-aid funding programs, such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Safe Routes to School (SRTS), require projects to obtain eligibility of federal-aid funding before programming. The CA Agency can contact ADOT for information on specific eligibility requirements. When applicable, the CA Agency must submit an eligibility request to the ADOT LPA Section. ADOT and FHWA will complete the eligibility determination. ADOT will provide the CA Agency with an eligibility determination letter.

Programming

The CA Agency must coordinate with the MPO to program the project in the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The CA Agency must provide project information to the MPO, so the project can proceed through the MPO's competitive prioritization process for programming in the MPO TIP. The MPO TIP needs to show a separate line item for federal aid for each project task (i.e., design, ROW, utilities, and construction).

The MPO will submit the MPO TIP to ADOT for review and inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that FHWA reviews and approves. FHWA authorizes federal-aid funding for a CA-administered FAHP project only if the project is programmed in the MPO TIP and STIP.