



# Safe Routes to BART Grant Program

Application webinar for Cycle 3

October 23, 2023

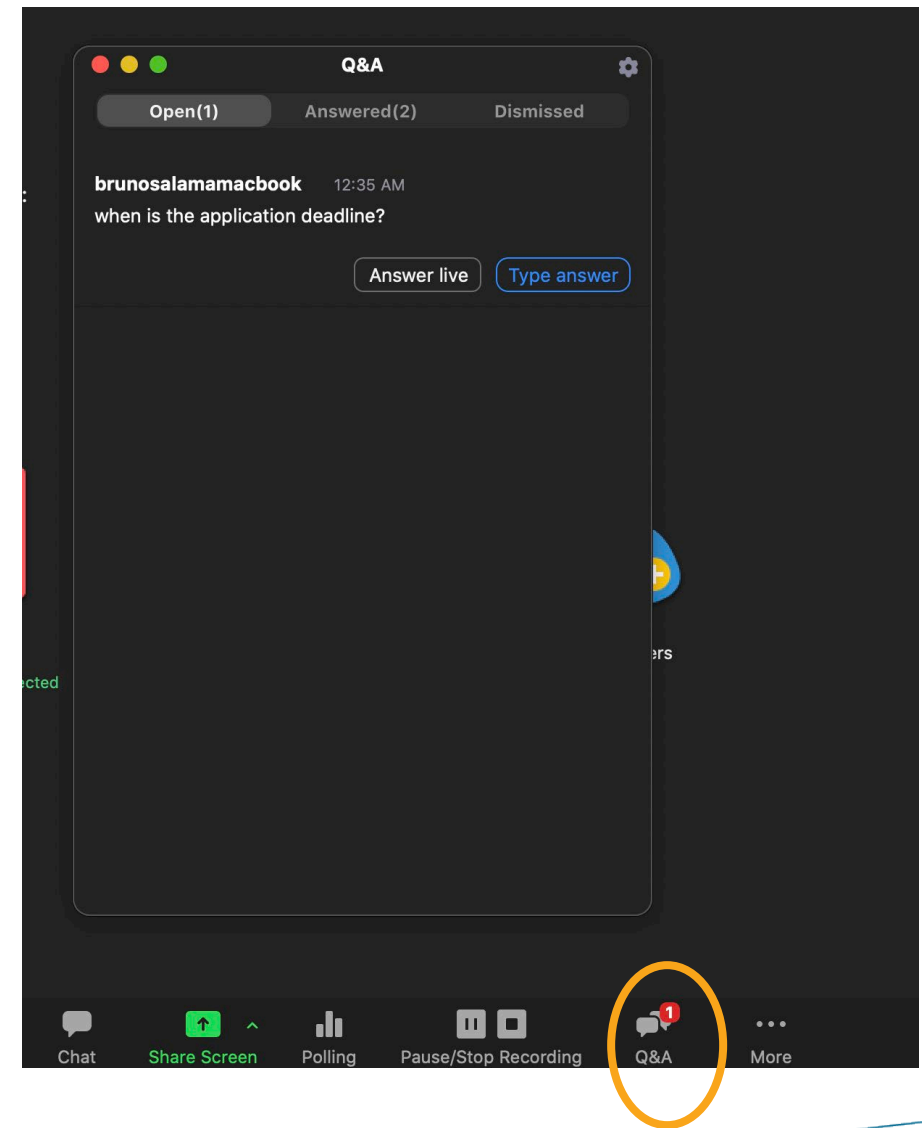


# Safe Routes to BART (SR2B) Cycle 3 Agenda

Webinar Housekeeping	10:00-10:05
SR2B Program Overview + Q&A	10:05-10:15
Eligibility + Q&A	10:15-10:30
Criteria and Selection Process + Q&A	10:30-10:45
Application process + Q&A	10:45-11:00

# Webinar Housekeeping

- Meeting will be recorded
- A PDF of the presentation and a link to the recording will be posted on [www.bart.gov/SR2B](http://www.bart.gov/SR2B) within a week
- Participants will be muted until called on during Q+A
- Use "Raise Hand" feature
- We will pause after each section for Q+A
- Email [sr2b@bart.gov](mailto:sr2b@bart.gov) for any questions through November 6.
  - Responses will be posted as an addendum on the "Call for Projects" page of [www.bart.gov/SR2B](http://www.bart.gov/SR2B) no later than November 20



# BART Station Access Policy Goals



## A. Safer, Healthier, Greener

*Advance the region's safety, public health, and greenhouse gas (GHG) and pollution-reduction goals.*



## B. More Riders

*Invest in station access to connect more riders cost effectively, especially where and when BART has available capacity.*



## C. More Productive and Efficient

*Manage access investments, programs, and current assets to achieve goals at the least cost.*



## D. Better Experience

*Be a better neighbor, and strive for an excellent customer experience, including on the first and last mile of the trip to and from BART stations.*



## E. Equitable Services

*Invest in access choices for all riders, particularly those with the fewest choices.*



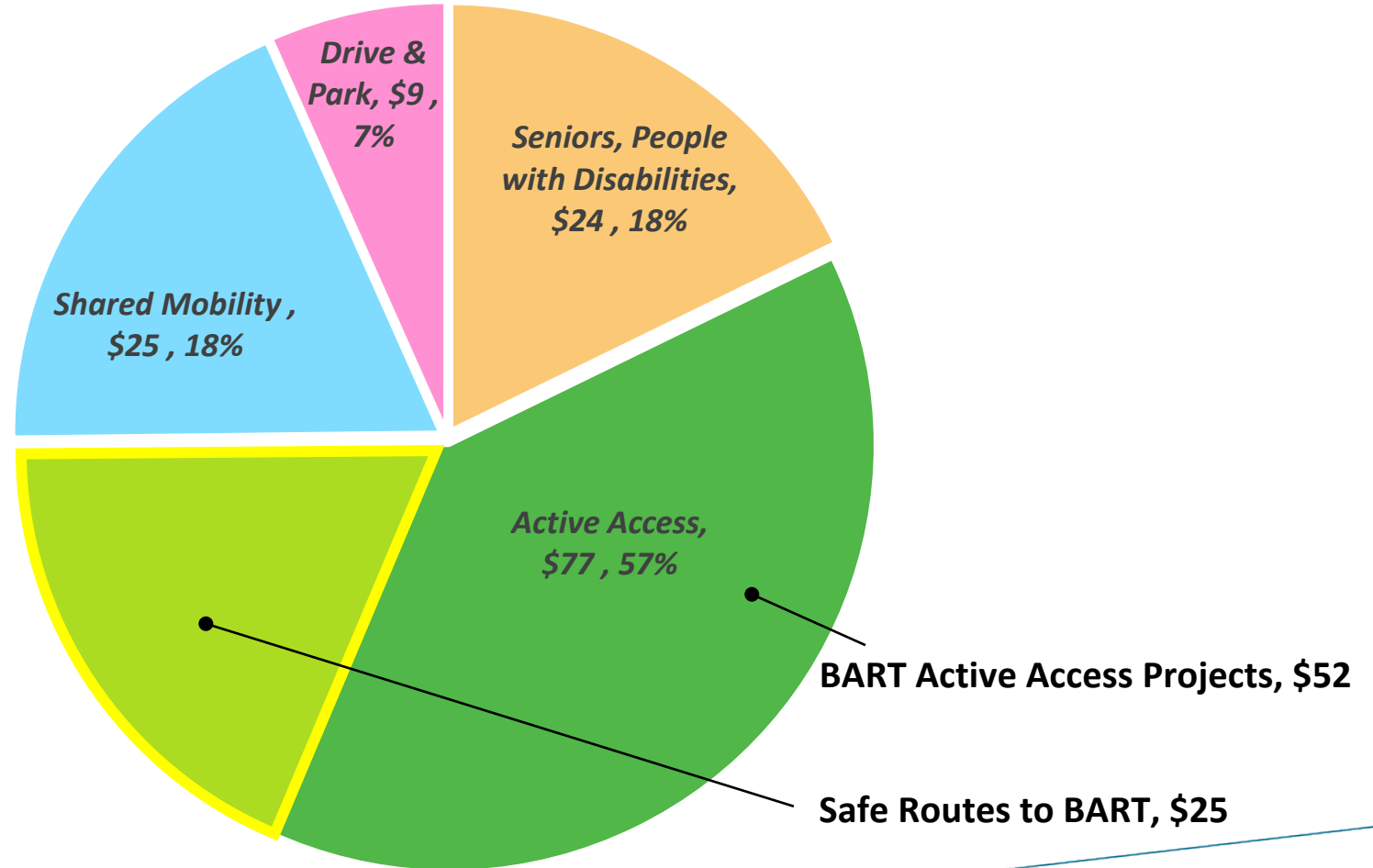
## F. Innovation and Partnerships

*Be an innovation leader, and establish durable partnerships with municipalities, access providers, and technology companies.*

BART Board adopted June 9, 2016

# Intended Allocation by Mode (\$135 M)

- Access program is 4% of \$3.5 B Measure RR funds
- Invest to meet:
  - Station Access Policy Goals
  - Mode share targets





# Safe Routes to BART Program

- Overview

- Help partner agencies implement active transportation capital projects off BART property to support BART's Access Policy, expand station access choices and make it safer and easier for all riders to use the system.

- Program Goals

- A. Project Readiness
- B. Leveraged Funding
- C. Connectivity and Mode Shift
- D. Customer Experience, Safety, and Security
- E. Equitable Access
- F. Complete communities
- G. Partnerships

# SR2B Schedule for 2023

Activity	Date
Launch	October 11
Webinar	October 23
Final addendums posted (including Q&A)	November 20
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>December 14 @ 5 PM</b>
Project selection	January **
Notice of award	Winter 2024 **
Execute funding agreements	Winter 2024**

\*\* Dates are subject to change

# SR2B Basics

- Funding
  - Total grant program: \$25 M
  - Number & frequency of cycles: 3
  - Cycle 3: ~ \$16 M
  - Funding awards between \$0.5 M and \$3 M each
  - Funds must be used for **construction or construction management**
- Proposed Project
  - 1 submission/applicant/station or set of stations
  - Co-sponsoring with one or more agencies allowed
  - Project types
    - Walking and/or biking improvements at one BART station
    - One intervention that covers two or more stations (lighting is an example)
- Successful applicant's responsibilities
  - Permitting, environmental, construction, operations and maintenance



# SR2B Basics (continued)

- Grant awards and agreement
  - Agreement template packet is posted at [www.bart.gov/SR2B](http://www.bart.gov/SR2B)
  - Small business participation
- Reporting and monitoring
  - Initial Project Report (IPR)
  - Quarterly Progress Reports
- Project evaluation
  - BART may evaluate mode shift

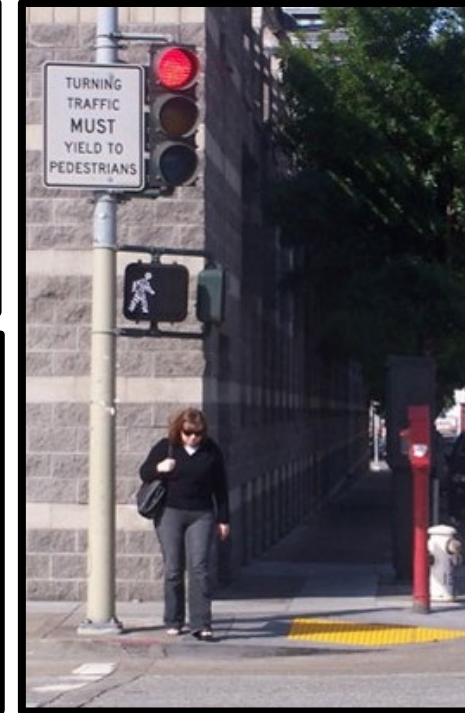
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# Eligibility

- Applicants must:
  - Represent public agencies in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties
  - Demonstrate support from:
    - Agency's executive authority
    - Citizen committee or advocacy organization
  - Have funding plan for Proposed Project with 30% minimum match (excluding staff time)
  - Have proof of authority over elements of Proposed Project requesting SR2B funds
- The Proposed Project must:
  - Be located fully within Alameda, Contra Costa and/or San Francisco counties
  - Help meet BART's adopted goals
  - Have drawings that are:
    - 35% or more design review construction documents (if going out to bid)
    - Detailed enough to assure project feasibility and enable engineering cost estimates (in-house work)
  - Have a delivery schedule of major milestones
    - Up to 3.5 years of fully executed agreement
    - Up to 1.5 years from construction NTP

# Eligible Improvements and Examples



# Eligible Costs

- Eligible costs
  - Construction only
    - May include construction management
  - Directly related material, equipment rental
  - Fixtures (permanently affixed)
  - Labor charges directly related to construction
  - Permit fees
- Ineligible costs
  - Work conducted prior to funding agreement
  - Feasibility and planning studies
  - Design
  - Operations & maintenance
  - Costs not directly related to construction
  - Equipment that can be moved (computers, chairs)
  - Grant administration



Q&A





# Application Evaluation

- Selection committee
  - BART staff
  - External members
- GM approves final grant awards
- Board update

Selection Criteria	Station Access Policy Goals	Weight
A. Project Readiness	C. More Productive & Efficient	20%
B. Leveraged Funding	C. More Productive & Efficient	10%
C. Connectivity and Mode Shift	A. Safer, Healthier, Greener B. More riders D. Better Experience	20%
D. Customer Experience, Safety and Security	D. Better Experience	15%
E. Equitable Access	E. Equitable Services	15%
F. Complete Communities	D. Better Experience B. More riders	10%
G. Partnerships	F. Innovation & Partnerships	10%

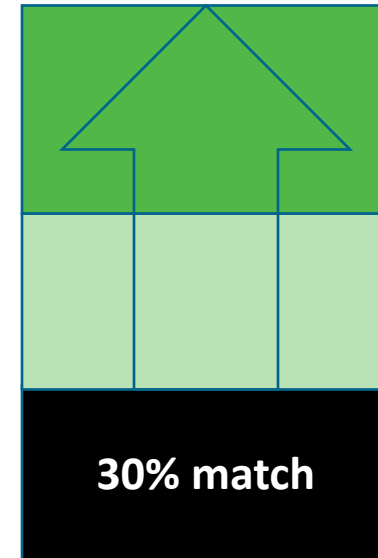
# A. Project Readiness (20%)

- What we are looking for
  - Active access improvements with clear nexus to BART station(s)
  - “Shovel ready” projects with a construction funding gap
  - Permanent improvements
  - Near-term implementation
- To score well
  - Proposed Project complete by 1.5 years from executed agreement
  - Environmental review complete and mitigation strategies in place
- Required documents for Proposed Project
  - PDFs of most current drawings
  - Approved environmental documentation, if applicable
  - Proof of right-of-way control



# B. Leveraged Funding (10%)

- What we are looking for
  - All other funding secured to deliver the Proposed Project
  - OR
  - Realistic plan to secure funding
- To score well
  - High percent of funding match for Proposed Project
- Required documents for Proposed Project
  - Appendix B: Cost Estimate, Funding Plan, Budget Narrative & Schedule
  - Letter of verification of all programmed and proposed funding



# C. Connectivity and Mode Shift (20%)

- What we are looking for
  - Increase the number of riders who walk or bike to BART by enhancing their experience through improved connectivity
- To score well
  - Demonstrate potential to shift BART riders to active access and for a high level of use
  - Address a significant gap or barrier
  - Significantly extend existing high-quality walk-bike network
- Helpful hints
  - Applicants encouraged to use quantitative analysis, mapping and/or other data sets to respond
  - Refer to station and access design best practices

## Resources

- Street and access design best practices
- Access plans
- Mode shift and demand analysis
- GIS mapping
- Other data sets



# D. Customer Experience, Safety and Security (15%)

- What we are looking for
  - Enhance personal safety and security, improve user comfort and sense of place
- To score well
  - Demonstrate how project addresses known or community-identified safety or security issues
  - Strive to eliminate fatal and severe injury collisions
  - Make connections for BART riders simpler, more intuitive, and/or direct
- Helpful hints
  - Applicants encouraged to use mapping and/or other data sets to respond

## Resources

- Street and access design best practices
- Collision data
- GIS mapping
- Other data sets





# E. Equitable Access (15%)

- What we are looking for
  - Provide access to Equity Priority Communities (EPC)
- To score well
  - Proposed Project located entirely in EPC
  - OR
  - Proposed Project connects EPC to BART station(s)
- Helpful hints
  - Describe how Proposed Project could serve disadvantaged communities if it is not entirely located in an EPC

## Resources

- MTC Equity Priority Communities map





# F. Complete Communities (10%)

- What we are looking for
  - Promote transit-oriented development (TOD) and complete communities
- To score well
  - Land-use context within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of BART station(s) meets or exceeds key targets in BART's 2017 TOD Guidelines
  - OR
  - Explain efforts under way to support future development of TOD on BART owned land and/or in  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of station(s)
    - Specific plan, station area plan, zoning updates, etc.
- Helpful hints
  - Refer to BART's 2017 TOD Guidelines
  - Consult with your agency's planning or housing staff

## Resources

- Figure 1 and Table 1 of BART's 2017 TOD Guidelines
- Locally adopted plans or GIS maps



# G. Partnerships (10%)

- What we are looking for
  - Agency and community support for the Proposed Project
- To score well
  - Proposed Project is a high priority, as evidenced by:
    - Identification in planning documents
    - Significant and diverse stakeholder engagement
    - Letters of support and/or resolution
- Required documents for the Proposed Project
  - Letter of Agency Commitment or Resolution
  - Support letter from citizen committee or advocacy organization
  - If implementation of Proposed Project is required (i.e., mitigation strategy), include text from plan in which it is identified
    - Selection Committee will not research details



Q&A



# Application: Online Submission

- Application packages **must** be submitted to BART electronically through Submittable no later than **5 PM on December 14, 2023**
  - Create a free Submittable account
  - Be sure the email address you use is one that you check regularly
- Need Help?
  - Technical assistance from Submittable via phone, email and chat, listed on the first page of the SR2B submission page.
  - Send your email to [sr2b@bart.gov](mailto:sr2b@bart.gov) for application content questions



## Welcome

BART uses this platform for a variety of opportunities that enhance the activation of the BART system. Please see below for currently open opportunities.

*[Please scroll down to view current Calls for Submissions](#)*

### Important:

- Please pay particular attention to location requirements for applicants, as well as other specific information that qualifies the appropriate candidates. This will be clearly stated in all descriptions. If you are unclear of your qualifications, please contact us so we can help you make the determination prior to completing an application.
- You can save a draft of your work at any time if you would like to complete an application later.
- Be sure the email address you use to sign up for your Submittable account is one that you check regularly. This is how you will be contacted for follow-up.
- Submittable's Customer Support team is available to answer any technical questions at [support@submittable.com](mailto:support@submittable.com).

## Safe Routes to BART (SR2B) - Grant Cycle 3

Local jurisdictions in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties are invited to submit projects that will improve walking and biking access to BART for SR2B funding consideration. Total funding available for Cycle 3 is \$16 million with individual awards from \$0.5 million to \$3 million. **The call for projects is now open. Applications are due in Submittable no later than 5:00 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, December 14, 2023.** Click on the "Safe Routes to BART (SR2B) Cycle 3 Application" link below to start your application on Submittable. Visit [www.bart.gov/sr2b](http://www.bart.gov/sr2b) for more information.

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# Application: Hot Tips

- Review all SR2B relevant materials
  - Website at [www.bart.gov/SR2B](http://www.bart.gov/SR2B)
  - Grant Program Guidelines for Cycle 3
    - Appendix A: Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria (PDF)
    - Appendix B: Cost Estimate, Funding Plan, Budget Narrative and Schedule (Excel)
  - Funding Agreement Package Template (PDF)
  - Cycle 3 addenda (last one no later than November 20)
- Plan ahead for required resources, talent and information
  - Public Works, Transportation, Land Use, Planning, etc.
  - Full reproduction of Submittable form included in Grant Program Guidelines, Appendix A, Section 4
  - Documentation (letters, environmental, construction design, proof of right-of-way control, etc.)
- Submittable tips
  - You can save a draft of your work and complete later
  - Questions marked with a red asterisk (\*) are required
    - You will be prevented from final submission if missed or skipped



# Application Content

1. Eligibility Self Review
2. Applicant Info
3. Project Info
  - A. Project Readiness
  - B. Leveraged funding
  - C. Connectivity and Mode Shift
  - D. Customer Experience, Safety and Security
  - E. Equitable Access
  - F. Complete Communities
  - G. Partnerships
4. Supplemental Documents (optional)
5. Certification of application by Authorized Representative of Applicant Agency

# Application Content: Documentation

Documentation	Required	Details
Map(s) of project area	X	PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, 5 file limit
Proposed Project drawing set	X	PDF, 10 file limit
Example Project drawing set	X (if applicable)	PDF, 10 file limit
Other relevant project graphics and photographs		PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, 5 file limit
Appendix B: Cost estimate, funding plan, budget narrative, schedule	X	Excel, 1 file
Letter of commitment or resolution	X	PDF, 1 file limit
Citizen committee or advocacy organization support letter	X	PDF, 1 file limit
Letter of funding verification	X	PDF, 1 file limit
Proof of right-of-way control	X	PDF, 1 file limit
Environmental approvals	X (if applicable)	PDF, 1 file limit
Adopted plans	X (if applicable)	PDF, 1 file limit
Additional letters of support		PDF, 10 file limit
Any additional Information		PDF, 10 file limit

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