

PROJECT PROGRAMMING REQUEST

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General Instructions

Amendment (Existing Project) No					Date:	6/17/24
District	EA	Project ID		PPNO	MPO ID	
09						
County	Route/Corridor	PM Bk	PM Ahd	Nominating Agency		
INY	Old Spanish Trail Hwy			Inyo County		
INY	Tecopa Hot Springs Rd			MPO	Element	
				Non-MPO	Local Assistance	
Project Manager/Contact		Phone		E-mail Address		
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Project Title						
Connecting Tecopa: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Corridor						
Location (Project Limits), Description (Scope of Work)						
Location: Tecopa. Old Spanish Trail Hwy from 200 ft west of "Triangle" to Downey Rd and Tecopa Hot Springs Rd from intersection with Old Spanish Trail Hwy to 600 feet north of Elias Way. Description: The Connecting Tecopa: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Corridor project creates a complete and safe 2.9 mile active transportation corridor between and through the rural, disadvantaged communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs. The Project will construct a Class I multi-use path, Class II bike lanes, sidewalks, new crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming measures, and gateway monuments. It will also enhance existing crosswalks and realignment a segment of roadway.						
Component	Implementing Agency					
PA&ED	Inyo County					
PS&E	Inyo County					
Right of Way	Inyo County					
Construction	Inyo County					
Legislative Districts						
Assembly:	8	Senate:	4	Congressional:	8	
Project Benefits						
This Project addresses existing deficiencies in active transportation facilities in Tecopa in five ways: it develops a continuous separated Class I shared-use path, eliminating non-motorized user conflict with motor vehicles; it redesigns the beloved, yet unsafe "Triangle" intersection in Tecopa to improve overall safety; it builds ADA-compliant sidewalks in community centers, providing pedestrian access to businesses and community destinations;						
Purpose and Need						
The communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs are geographically distinct, yet connected by a single paved roadway and share an integrated economy, social services (such as post office and library), community center, church, and recreation. The Tecopa area is severely disadvantaged by income, being located within a block group with a median household income of \$55,417. Tecopa is also located within a census tract with a Healthy Place Index score significantly below Inyo County as a whole.						
Category		Outputs			Unit	Total
Active Transportation		Pedestrian/Bicycle facilities miles constructed			LF	15,100
Active Transportation		Sidewalk miles			LF	6,000
ADA Improvements		New curb ramp installed			EA	10
ADA Improvements		New crosswalk			EA	7
NHS Improvements	No	Roadway Class			Reversible Lane analysis	Y/N
Inc. Sustainable Communities Strategy Goals		Yes		Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Yes
Project Milestone					Existing	Proposed
Project Study Report Approved						
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase						09/01/25
Circulate Draft Environmental Document			Document Type			
Draft Project Report						
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)						01/05/27
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase						03/05/27
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)						07/10/28
Begin Right of Way Phase						01/05/27
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)						07/10/28
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)						09/11/28
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)						01/14/30
Begin Closeout Phase						
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)						

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Additional Information

Project Benefit continued: it provides high-visibility raised crosswalks with refuge islands at key crossing points, greatly improving safety and raising awareness of non-motorized users to drivers; and it integrates traffic-calming measures to reduce vehicle speed and support community ownership of place. This project enables residents and visitors alike to safely access shared community destinations, including a community center, post office, library, place of worship, businesses, restaurants, parks, trailheads, campgrounds and RV parks. The shared-use path greatly improves safe access to the sole water kiosk in the community, located in the Tecopa Heights neighborhood. Overall, the project represents a significant investment in active transportation safety, equity, and access for the Tecopa community that has the support of the local community.

Purpose and Need continued: Additionally, both communities do not have access to safe drinking water due to unsafe levels of arsenic and fluoride and many are forced to rely on bottled water for drinking. County-maintained Old Spanish Trail Hwy (OST) and Tecopa Hot Springs Rd (THS) serve as the main streets (and only paved roads) of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs, respectively. Active transportation facilities are limited to inadequate bike lanes along Tecopa Hot Springs Rd where the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour and crosswalks in Tecopa Hot Springs. Residents walk, bike, and roll along the dirt shoulder of roadways and cross at unmarked crossings in the community cores. Non-motorized users are regularly forced to come in close contact with vehicles traveling at or above the posted speed limit. Speeding is a top concern among residents: on both OST and THS, speed limits drop from 55 to 25 MPH within each community center, however there is little signaling the presence of non-motorized users and encouraging drivers to reduce speed. Vehicles routinely run the stop sign in Tecopa Hot Springs with two crosswalks. Large numbers of tourists visit and travel through Tecopa on their way to Death Valley National Park and other recreational destinations. Tecopa's extremely rural nature, combined with a lack of traffic-calming features and active transportation facilities, leads to a lack of awareness of the residents that live, bike, walk, and roll there. Furthermore, significant numbers of large RVs and trailers use this corridor, exacerbating safety concerns for non-motorized users and increasing the potential for high consequence collisions. The current transportation system in Tecopa is not conducive to safe active transportation, particularly those with limited mobility, small children, or anyone without high confidence in their ability to move with high-speed vehicular traffic. These deficiencies result in serious safety concerns among residents, severely limit disadvantaged community members' ability to utilize alternative forms of transportation, and force single passenger vehicle use for those who have access.

CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON						1,975			1,975
TOTAL						1,975			1,975

Fund No. 3:	LTF								Program Code	
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)										
Component	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30+	Total	Funding Agency	
E&P (PA&ED)									Inyo County	
PS&E										
R/W SUP (CT)										
CON SUP (CT)										
R/W										
CON										
TOTAL										
Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)										
E&P (PA&ED)									Notes	
PS&E										
R/W SUP (CT)										
CON SUP (CT)										
R/W										
CON						100		100		
TOTAL						100		100		

Fund No. 4:									Program Code	
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)										
Component	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30+	Total	Funding Agency	
E&P (PA&ED)										
PS&E										
R/W SUP (CT)										
CON SUP (CT)										
R/W										
CON										
TOTAL										
Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)										
E&P (PA&ED)									Notes	
PS&E										
R/W SUP (CT)										
CON SUP (CT)										
R/W										
CON										
TOTAL										

Fund No. 5:									Program Code	
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)										
Component	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30+	Total	Funding Agency	
E&P (PA&ED)										
PS&E										
R/W SUP (CT)										
CON SUP (CT)										
R/W										
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TOTAL										
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09	INY INY	Old Spanish Trail			

SECTION 1 - All Projects

Project Background

Programming Change Requested

Reason for Proposed Change

If proposed change will delay one or more components, clearly explain 1) reason the delay, 2) cost increase related to the delay, and 3) how cost increase will be funded

Other Significant Information

SECTION 2 - For SB1 Projects Only

Project Amendment Request (Please follow the individual SB1 program guidelines for specific criteria)

SECTION 3 - All Projects

Approvals

I hereby certify that the above information is complete and accurate and all approvals have been obtained for the processing of this amendment request.*

Name (Print or Type)	Signature	Title	Date

Attachments

- 1) Concurrence from Metropolitan Planning Organization and/or Regional Transportation Planning Agency
- 2) Project Location Map