

Santa Clara County Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects for the VERBS program include infrastructure projects that facilitate reduction in vehicular travel to and from schools. It is important to note that this program is funded exclusively by the federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Given the intent of the CMAQ program to reduce vehicular emissions, the OBAG 2 VERBS program is targeted towards air quality improvement rather than the health or safety of school-aged children. The funding is distributed directly to the CMAs as a competitive program.

Eligible infrastructure (capital) projects must pertain to a physical setting where deficiencies or barriers exist to children walking or bicycling to school.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Use

- New construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities (paths, bike racks, support facilities, etc.) that reduce vehicle trips (facilities must be open for use 24/7).
- Secure bicycle storage facilities and other facilities, including bicycle lanes, for the convenience and protection of bicyclists, in both public and private areas.
- New construction and major reconstructions of paths, tracks, or areas solely for the use by pedestrian or other non-motorized means of transportation.

Traffic Calming and Control Devices

- Traffic calming and speed reduction measures such as roundabouts, bulb-outs, speed humps, raised intersections, median refuges.
- Traffic control devices such as new/upgraded traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle sensitive signal actuation devices, pedestrian activated signal upgrades.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The following projects and activities are ineligible for VERBS funding:

- Projects that do not directly benefit or serve the targeted population of a particular school
- Projects that cause any emissions increases
- Light-duty vehicle scrappage programs
- Projects that add new capacity for automobiles
- Routine maintenance and rehabilitation projects
- Stand-alone projects to purchase fuel
- Transit Fare Subsidies
- Projects that do not meet the eligibility requirements of title 23 and 49 U.S.C.
- General planning activities outside a specific project development
- Crossing guards
- Vehicle speed feedback devices such as mobile radar trailers
- Walking audits
- Traffic control oriented to vehicular traffic rather than bicyclists and pedestrians
- Material incentives without an educational message or exceeds nominal cost