

Appendix X



California Department of Transportation
Office of Community Planning
Environmental Justice and
Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Programs

Grantee Project Close-Out Survey

To ensure quality and continuity of the Environmental Justice (EJ) and Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) Grant Programs, please complete the following survey. This survey should be completed by the grantee and submitted at the same time the final product is submitted to the district office. The comments will be used to make improvements to the Programs and better serve communities across the State of California.

Grantee Name: San Francisco Planning Department

Project Title: Chinatown Streetscape Improvement Design Plan FY: 11-13

1) The application process is evaluated by our grant team every grant cycle. Please provide any recommendations to improve the application submission process.

No recommendations.

2) Each grant program has particular objectives. Do you believe the project successfully fulfilled the program's objectives? Please explain.

Yes, the project met the program objectives of promoting community involvement in planning. The City worked with a Chinatown based community organization from project inception through completion. The success of this project was made possible with this partnership.

3) Projects are selected on, among many other things, well thought-out goals. Did the project successfully complete its goals? Were any tasks difficult to complete? Please explain.

The project successfully accomplished its goals of creating a community oriented plan and building a partnership with the community in the process. Based on previous community planning efforts, we were able to anticipate challenges and allocate time and resources to address. The project was successful in completing its goal of involving a community of primarily low-income, monolingual residents in the planning for a new street that will improve overall pedestrian safety and comfort.

4) Project management is essential to successful contract execution. Reporting and invoicing are important to both programs. How would you improve the reporting and invoicing process to Caltrans staff?

No recommendations.

5) Building strong relationships with grantees and local communities is important to the EJ/CBTP grant programs. Please provide any recommendations you have to improve Caltrans' District customer service and participation in local grant projects.

We would welcome participation of Caltrans staff in the execution of grant programs, including feedback on the project deliverables and participation in public meetings.

6) Have any other funding sources been identified for developing and implementing the suggested improvements recommended in the final product for this project? Please explain.

Implementing the Chinatown Streetscape Improvement Design Plan is a city priority for the OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG). If OBAG funding is approved in fall 2013, we anticipate that construction will begin in FY14-15. In addition Safe Routes to School funds from the State have been awarded for Jean Parker Elementary School. These improvements could be included in part of the overall implementation..

7) What are the next steps for project implementation?

The Planning Department in coordination with other city agencies and community partners is seeking capital funds for implementation. The City intends to use Local Prop AA funding to complete the design and engineering so that the project will be ready for implementation when OBAG funds are obligated.

8) What were the project strengths? Please explain.

The project was delivered on time and on budget because we had an experienced team of planners and a good partnership with a CBO. The CBO has strong ties to residents, merchants and local organizations, which strengthen community participation and involvement. In addition, the conceptual design builds on a community vision identified through a previous visioning process, and carries forward the intent of streetscape efforts.

9) Provide a summary of the project challenges. Please explain.

One challenge of the project was working with a primarily monolingual population. The project team worked hard to make all materials accessible and easy to understand. This included translation of all presentation materials and creative ways to explain how the street could function depending on the configuration.

10) Additional Comments:

None