

System Preservation Program Webinar

2026 SACOG Federal Funding Cycle

March 25, 2026



Today's Webinar

1. How the Program Works

- Funding Cycle Overview
- Program Eligibility and Timeline

2. How to Apply

- Pre-Application Steps
- The PPA Tool
- Completing the Full Application
- How Reviewers Score Projects

3. Competitive Projects

- Performance Outcomes Deep Dive
- What competitive projects look like
- Q&A on Competitiveness



2026 Federal Funding Cycle – At a Glance

Funding Period and Assumptions

- Covers FFYs 2028 through 2030
- Assumes federal reauthorization; updates provided if funding changes

Estimated Funding Available

- ~ **\$203 million.**
- CMAQ: ~**\$92M**
- STBG: ~**\$111M**
 - 65% System Performance
 - 35% System Preservation

Investment Strategy

Three core programs structure funding to achieve balanced regional goals and implement 2025 Blueprint

Next Generation Solutions & Clean Air

\$91.9M CMAQ | June 2026 Call

Goal: Lower emissions, advance clean mobility

Outcome: Cleaner air • More travel options

Funds projects like:

- Transit improvements, traffic flow, smart signals
- Zero-emission vehicles & charging
- Bikeways, trails & Complete Streets



System Performance

\$72M - 65% STBG | June 2026 Call

Goal: Improve transportation system function

Outcome: Safer, more reliable travel

Funds projects like:

- Safety & roadway upgrades, ITS
- Transit vehicles & facilities, mobility hubs
- EV charging, Bike/ped connections



System Preservation

\$38.8M - 35% STBG | March 2026 Call

Goal: Maintain and extend life of key roadways

Outcome: Well-maintained, reliable roads

Funds: Pavement maintenance on major arterials and collectors that support:

- Transit routes, freight/goods movement
- Key destinations & commercial corridors
- Equity areas, Emergency/evac. routes,



System Preservation Program: What it's for

Eligible Work

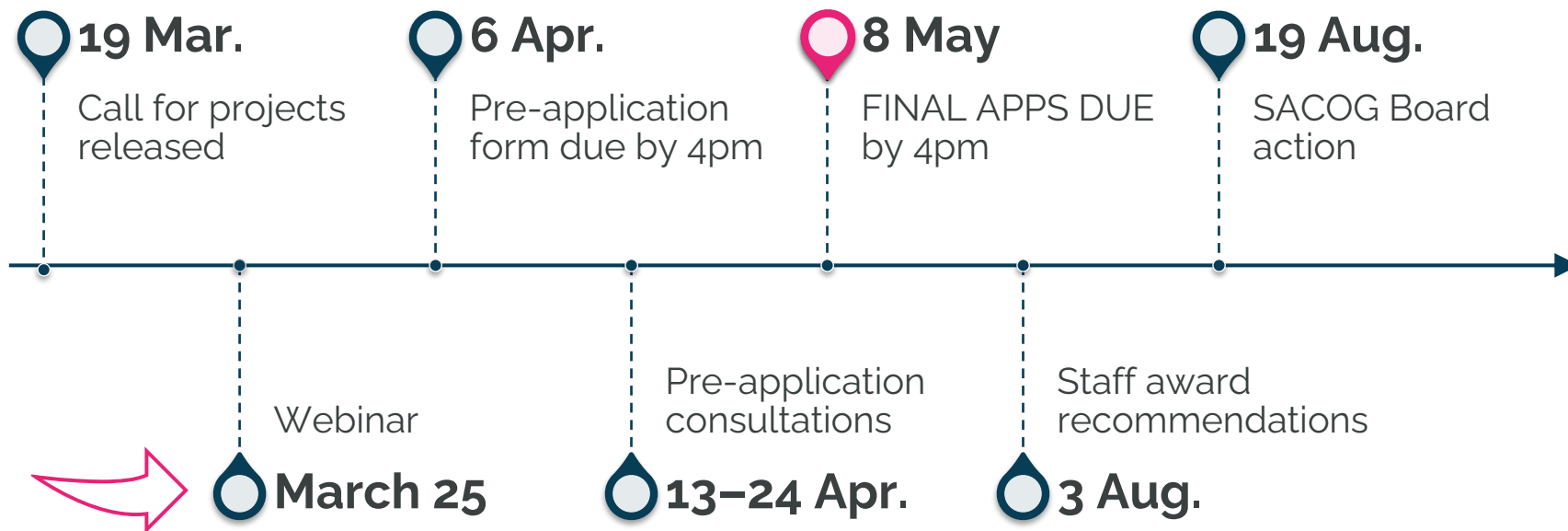
- Pavement maintenance & resurfacing on **major arterials and collectors**
-  **Best for** seals, overlays, some base repair
-  **Not for** road expansion, reconstruction or substantial base repair
- See System Performance for other project eligibility, such as transit asset management

Corridor Function

Must demonstrably serve one or more...

- ✓ Fixed-route transit service (existing)
- ✓ Freight and goods movement (including ag and farm-to-market)
- ✓ Locally prioritized equity areas
- ✓ Existing active transportation and trail networks
- ✓ Emergency or evacuation routes
- ✓ Access to educational institutions
- ✓ Key destinations, TOD, or commercial centers

System Preservation Program: Timeline



Note: See guidelines and/or program webpage for full schedule

Pre-Application: What to Expect

What you'll Submit

- Basic project info (scope & location)
- Pavement condition & functional class
- High-level cost and requested amount (planning estimates OK)
- Eligibility confirmation (master agreement, match, Blueprint)

The image shows two overlapping digital forms. The background form is the 'System Preservation Program: Pre-Application Form' from SACOG. It includes instructions on how to use the form, a section for scheduling a consultation, and a disclaimer that this is not a final application. A 'Next' button is visible at the bottom. The foreground form is a '30-min System Preservation Pre-app Meeting' booking interface. It shows a calendar for April 2026 with the 13th selected. Below the calendar, there is a 'TIME' section with buttons for 9:55 AM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 3:30 PM, and 4:00 PM.

System Preservation Program: Pre-Application Form

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details; you will have to provide them yourself.

SACOG System Preservation Program Pre-Application

Use this form to submit up to three project pre-applications. Only high-level project information is needed—detailed engineering or design is required at a later stage. Start with Project 1. The Project 2 and 3 sections are optional and should be completed for additional projects.

Schedule your consultation
At the end of the form, you will find a link to schedule a required consultation. You have booked this meeting before submitting your pre-application.

This is not your final application
The information collected will help SACOG staff understand your project and provide consultation. Submitting this form is not a formal application and does not guarantee funding.

Questions?
Contact dpaggs@sacog.org

Next

30-min System Preservation Pre-app Meeting

System Preservation pre-application consultations. [Read more](#)
30 minutes

Booking for 30-min System Preservation Pre-app Meeting

April 13

DATE

< > April 2026

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The PPA Tool: What You Need to Know

What it does

- Provides standardized data reviewers expect applicants to reference
- Supports your narrative with consistent regional metrics
- Helps establish corridor role, condition, and use

What it does **NOT** do

- Does not score or rank projects
- Does not replace your narrative
- Does not require you to interpret every chart

What data it provides

- Projected pavement condition (PCI) from StreetSaver
- 2024 AADT from Replica
- Transit routes, STAA truck routes, emergency/evacuation routes, and regional networks

Where to get help

- PPA Training Video and Webinar on SACOG Website

Completing The Full Application

What you write

- Background & Need (1–2 paragraphs)
- Community Engagement
 - Documentation of who you talked to and how it shaped the project.
- Performance Outcomes
 - State of Good Repair required
 - Choose one: Economic Prosperity or Goods Movement

What you attach

- ✓ Project Programming Request (PPR) form
- ✓ Engineer's Estimate
- ✓ PPA Report
- ✓ Cost-Effectiveness Calculation
- ✓ Sponsor Priority Table
- ✓ Resolution of Local Support

What Reviewers Score

Background & Deliverability (20 pts)

- Deliverability, readiness (schedule, risk capacity) and financial capacity (11 pts)
- Alignment with local/regional priorities & engagement (6 pts)
- Cost Effectiveness (3 pts)

Program-Specific Outcomes (15 pts)

- State of Good Repair (5pts)
- Economic Prosperity OR Goods Movement (10 pts)

Attachment B



202 X Background and Deliverability - 20 points available

These nine factors apply to all three programs (Next Generation Solutions and Clean Air Program, System Performance, and System Preservation).

How the Eval

Each project is scored using the following factors:

- **Background & Deliverability** - 20 points available
- **Performance Outcome** - 15 points available

Next Generation Solutions performance outcomes in project area demonstrate proposed project is expected to:

- **System Preservation** - 15 points available

The points listed include:

Factor	Points (max)
1. Project Readiness	3
2. Ability to Proceed	3
3. Past Performance & Risk Assessment	3
4. Financial Plan & Viability	2
5. Cost effectiveness	3

System Preservation (One required, choose one; 15 points available)

Factor	Points (max)	Description
State of Good Repair (required) (Demonstrate state of good repair benefits that maintain and improve the existing transportation system.)	5	High scores reflect lower-cost maintenance of a heavily used corridor that shows early deterioration or documented deferred maintenance. Preventative maintenance treatments may also score high, particularly where failure would pose safety risks or disrupt emergency access, evacuation routes, or other critical connectivity. Projects that demonstrate strong life-cycle value—through risk-based asset management, long-term system reliability, or avoidance of higher future costs—may also score high, including rehabilitation treatments where they represent the most appropriate long-term solution. Low scores reflect major reconstruction or high-cost treatments to corridors or segments with extreme deteriorating issues without a demonstrated life cycle, safety, operational, or risk-based preservation rationale.
Economic Prosperity (Provide long-term economic benefit within the region, recognizing the importance of sustaining urban and rural economies.)	10	This criterion emphasizes the importance of the roadway for moving people safely and reliably. High scores reflect pavement maintenance projects on corridors that play a critical role in connecting residents to major employment centers, commercial areas, schools, and essential services. Corridors that support transit operations, enable established multimodal travel choices, or function as important links for community access, such as routes that also serve emergency response or evacuation needs, may also score highly when current pavement conditions hinder reliable travel or economic activity. Low scores reflect projects on corridors with limited relevance to employment, commerce, education, multimodal connectivity, or broader community access needs.
Goods Movement (Improve goods movement in and through the region.)	10	This criterion emphasizes the importance of the roadway for safe and reliable goods movement. High scores reflect repairs to infrastructure that are essential for truck access, industrial operations, urban freight corridors, or farm-to-market and rural goods-movement corridors, improving safety, reliability, and operational efficiency for freight. This includes corridors that support manufacturing, warehousing, ports or intermodal facilities in urban areas, as well as agricultural production, processing, and distribution in rural areas, where roadway conditions, weight limits, geometric constraints, or safety issues currently limit reliable movement of goods. Low scores reflect little to no impact on freight safety, reliability, or access, or projects that negatively impact vulnerable populations.

How to get help

- Complete the pre-app form and schedule a consultation (**Highly Recommended**)
- David Pape,
dpape@sacog.org, for all 2026 Funding Program questions
- Sam Shelton,
sshelton@sacog.org, for System Preservation PPA Tool and Performance Outcomes questions

Questions so far?

Performance Outcomes Deep Dive



HOW PROJECTS ARE EVALUATED UNDER SYSTEM PRESERVATION

Understanding Project Competitiveness

Scoring Criteria	Competitive	Typical	Less competitive
Background & Deliverability*			
Delivery (11pts)	- Realistic milestones - Few barriers - Committed Funding	- Milestones OK - Minor risks - Funding expected	- Timeline aggressive - Funding uncertain
Priorities & Engagement (6 pts)	- Regional/Local priority - Documented engagement (e.g. meeting, survey, complaints, CAC input)	- Local priority only, - Limited engagement, but a PMP or internal prioritization process exists and is explained	- No engagement - Weak explanation for why project was selected for CIP - Unclear priority alignment
Cost Effective (3 pts)	- High CE vs peers - Right-sized scope	CE comparable to peers	- Low CE vs peers - Oversized or misaligned scope

*Note: Criteria grouped for simplicity

Understanding Project Competitiveness

Scoring Criteria	Competitive	Typical	Less competitive
Performance Outcomes			
Economic Prosperity/ Goods Movement (10pts)	• High AADT • Strong corridor role (e.g. jobs, transit, schools or freight, ag, industrial use) • strong PPA indicators	• Some corridor role • Moderate jobs/services or light freight indicators	• Weak corridor role • Low jobs/services/freight indicators
State of Good Repair (5pts)	• PCI + treatment in ideal range • high usage • strong lifecycle value	• PCI/treatment aligned but high cost • Moderate usage	• Treatment expensive • Addresses low PCI • low usage • weak lifecycle value

Key Takeaways on Competitiveness

1. Start with a clear, disciplined narrative

Explain corridor condition, role, and need, clearly and directly.

2. Use the PPA as supporting evidence, not the story

Reference the metrics that matter; don't try to explain every chart.

3. Strong projects are balanced, not perfect

Competitive applications perform well across criteria; reviewers do not expect every box to be checked.

4. Focus on today's corridor use, needs, and realistic delivery

Avoid speculative future benefits.

Questions?