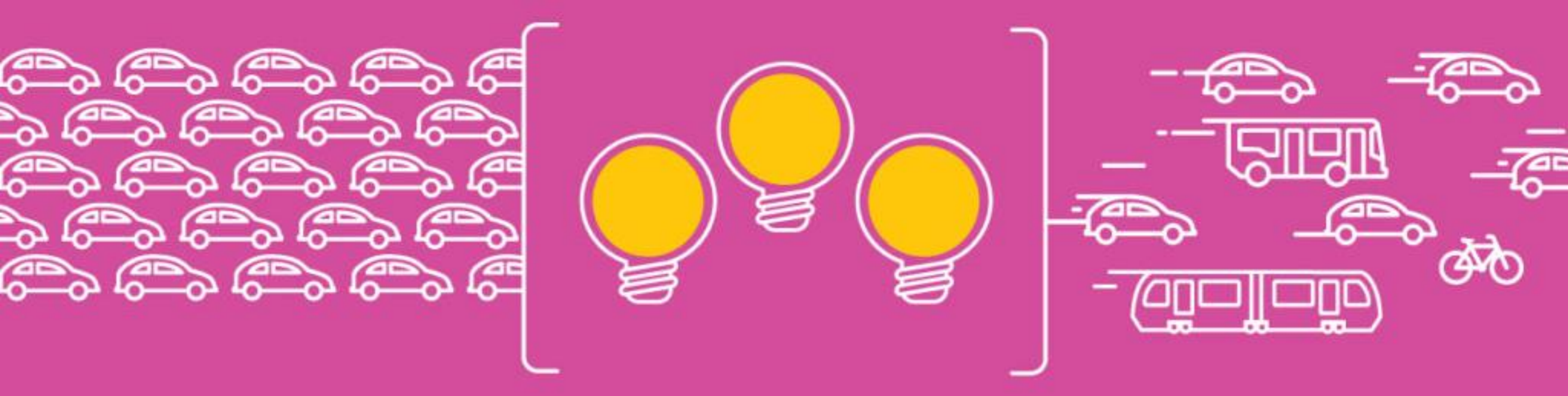




FY27 Visionary Seed Fund

Informational Presentation – Aug/Sept 2026

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What is the Visionary Seed Fund?

- Measure M makes \$20M available over 40 years (FY2018-2057)
- Goal is to “help spark and develop innovative mobility concepts in Los Angeles County.”
- **\$1.9M** available this round



FY27 Theme: Bus Stop and Transit Station Improvements

- Innovative mobility pilot projects that improve daily rider experience through stop and station improvements
- Open to any projects that can justify relation to the theme
- Some examples: seating, lighting, cleanliness, heat mitigation, station activation, rider information, placemaking, accessibility
- Projects should be designed and deployed before or during 2028 Games



Application Requirements

- Applicants must be transit operators in LA County:
 - Metro
 - Local operators (Antelope Valley Transit, Foothill Transit, etc)
 - Municipal operators (LADOT, Big Blue Bus, Long Beach Transit, etc)
- Additional Requirements
 - Research partner required
 - 40% local match (cash, in-kind, mix)
 - Deliver project within 30 months from grant agreement execution



How to Apply

Visit metro.net/VSF for the digital grant application

- Three sections:
 1. General Information (Questions #1-5)
 2. Project Information
 3. Research Partner
- Submit Project Budget and Timeline (template available)
- Project Team Bios
- Project Map
- Letters of Commitment (optional)



Evaluation Criteria

100-point scale – reviewed by team of Metro and non-Metro experts

- Impact
 - Improves rider experience, equity, innovation
- Scalability
 - Demonstrates readiness, feasibility, and potential for wider adoption
- Collaboration
 - Team expertise, alignment with regional goals



Evaluation Criteria

IMPACT (50 Points)

Criteria	Point Value
Project contributes to improving rider experience through transit stop/station improvements	25
Project benefits riders in Equity Focus Communities and improves system accessibility	15
Project demonstrates creative thinking and problem solving	10



Evaluation Criteria

SCALABILITY & COLLABORATION (50 Points)

Criteria	Point Value
Project demonstrates readiness and/or feasibility to pilot by 2028 Games	10
Project demonstrates realistic and achievable schedule	10
Project demonstrates scalability and potential for wider adoption	10
Project team demonstrates experience and expertise for implementing the project	10
Project demonstrates alignment with Vision 2028 and other regional transportation goals	10

Timeline

From launch to end of awarded projects



Questions?



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