CMO PROJECT COST GUIDE

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Introduction

The Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (CMO) provides voucher-based funding for zero-emission carsharing, carpooling/vanpooling, bikesharing/scooter-sharing, innovative transit services, and ride-on-demand services in California's historically underserved communities. CMO also aims to improve underserved communities' access to clean mobility options that are safe, reliable, convenient, and affordable by creating a streamlined application process for communities to apply for funding. The program also seeks to further mobility equity, improve local air quality, increase zero-emission vehicle adoption, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and advance workforce development in clean transportation.

In addition to a financial sustainability plan, applicants for Mobility Project Vouchers are required to complete a Mobility Project Voucher Budget Worksheet as part of their application. The CMO Program Implementation Manual (IM) states vouchers fund one year of project planning and two years of operation and support an additional two years of unfunded operations covered by the awardee to establish financial sustainability. Post-award, teams will need to refine comprehensive budgets further. Identifying all project costs for a pilot project can be a challenging exercise and is dependent on such factors as mode, insurance, permitting costs, equipment type, and expected equipment lifespan, as well as the size of the service area. This document summarizes relevant budget items for each eligible project mode as it draws from mode-specific pilot project examples. Note that not all line items suggested for each mode will be relevant for each unique project; instead, this document acts as a reference to consider relevant project budget items. As a reminder, any planning costs incurred prior to voucher execution post award, are not eligible for reimbursement. Eligible costs are reimbursable only if the expense is incurred after voucher agreement execution. For specific help with budgeting questions before application submittal, please contact the CMO Administrator Team to receive one-on-one Technical Assistance.

How to Use This Guide

The CMO budget worksheet requires identifying all project components for a given application throughout voucher reimbursement. This guide supports the development of the worksheet and aids in establishing longer-term planning around project sustainability. Budget considerations will vary by mode and project design. New projects, for example, will have higher start-up costs than extensions of existing projects. Project budgets should also consider the various stages all projects will move through during the voucher period and prepare for long-term operations.

Various models, infrastructure, and enhancements are eligible to receive Mobility Project Voucher funds (see Section E for Project Eligibility and Section H for Infrastructure Eligibility of the Implementation Manual). As the project moves through the different phases – planning and construction and project operations, different costs will occur. The budget considerations below identify examples of relevant costs to include in the CMO budget. Where applicable, the text references CMO-specific allowable reimbursements. Still, the full project budget will most likely exceed voucher amounts, and project

teams need to plan for the long-term comprehensive budget planning to ensure the project's financial sustainability beyond the CMO funding term.

The next section of the summary briefly describes the stages for starting and operating a mobility pilot program: a) planning and construction and b) project operations. Two sections follow this, the first is mode-specific, and the second focuses on infrastructure improvements. Both provide summaries to highlight some of the most important cost considerations to consider while planning your budget. The modes covered in this document include a) bikeshare, b) carshare, c) carpool/vanpool, d) innovative transit services, and e) ride on-demand. Finally, other resources are given, including a general budget checklist and sample revenue and expense template. Resources and other sample budgets specific to mode types are hyperlinked in each Cost Guidance by Mode section.

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Additionally, the sample budget figures are offered as reference points but are not meant to be the definitive costs your pilot project will experience. Nor is this guide intended to provide all of the details associated with running a shared mobility pilot program, but rather highlight some of the main considerations.

General Project Budget Guidance

Budget Considerations:

The budget should consider the two primary phases of the project: planning and construction and project operations. The main costs stem from initial start-up requirements, permitting costs, capital equipment, and outreach and marketing during the planning and construction phase. Planning and construction activities will be supported up to one-year post voucher execution. At the end of the one year of the planning and construction phase, the operations launch date needs to occur and the project operation period begins. Once the pilot project launches, operational and maintenance and repair costs become more prevalent. Considering this, this section summarizes the important components of these two primary phases.

Phase 1: Planning and Construction

Before the launch of a project, costs consist of project start-up planning and upfront capital and construction costs. These are necessary to consider when planning a mobility system that will operate sustainably for many years. Partnerships formed with experienced providers will help to clarify the actual costs based on the equipment selected.

Administration costs include labor expenses (including total staff time and labor costs) and other administrative costs, including travel expenses, participation in CMO activities such as the Clean Mobility Equity Alliance (CMEA), office supplies, equipment, and IT set up, office space, utilities, and insurance. These costs can be reimbursed for a maximum of 15% of the total voucher. For the reimbursement period, all projects need to account for voucher administration costs. The voucher costs need to be directly related to the project after the voucher execution date. Voucher funding can be "stacked" or leveraged - and project teams are encouraged to do so with other funding sources to increase the project's scale. The eligible reimbursable voucher administration costs fall under multiple cost categories below.

Planning costs include staff time dedicated to writing the project plan and general project planning, design, project management, initial outreach, and other direct costs. The budget should also consider direct costs such as license fees, permit fees, general supplies. The Eligible Project Costs listed in the Implementation Manual provides an overview of allowable voucher categories. However, to assist in long-term project planning and budgeting undertaken during the planning phase, further suggested topics and questions are below. One activity of the project planning stage is developing a plan to carry out the project's construction, launch, and operations. Costs to consider when developing the plan are below.

Office planning:
- Assess if new equipment is needed, such as office furniture, phones, computers, printers
- Assess the need to install or upgrade the internet connection

Site Selection:
- Refine current and identify future site selection and planning costs

Permitting:
- Determine the cost and lead time to acquire different types of permits needed to site, launch, and operate the project

Parking:
- Is there a need to develop a parking plan and rebalancing strategy per municipal guidelines?
- Do dedicated parking spots for the vehicles need to be acquired?

Local Outreach:
- Coordinate recruitment costs and efforts with mobility providers to hire workers from the local service area to build local capacity and promote workforce development efforts.
- Plan and coordinate outreach and launch events (include staff time – planning and day of, venue rent, equipment, cleaning supplies, etc.)

Insurance:
- Are additional comprehensive insurance coverages needed as the fleet grows or as more users join the program?

Customer Service/User Needs:
- Is there a budgeted staff time or a dedicated person to address unexpected user needs?
- Plan for staff time to deal with non-user complaints/concerns, i.e., vehicle blocking driveway or curb ramp

Fleet Management:
- Ensure adequate staffing to run the project
- Factor in the correct fleet size for rebalancing (dependent on mode)
- Schedule and plan for proper training for drivers
- Consider costs associated with asset recovery if the shared mobility offerings go outside the service area for an extended period
- Budget for GPS or other telematics devices to track fleet usage and other key indicators
- Plan and budget to address crashes or incidents requiring relocation and recovery of assets
- Consider ongoing costs associated with cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and stations (per CDC guidelines)

ADA Compliance and staff training:
- What type of accommodations are needed? Examples:
  - Hand controls for carshare, carpool, or vanpool vehicles
  - Wheelchair accessible vehicles
  - Adaptive bicycles/scooters
  - Web applications need accessibility options for visually and deaf and hard of hearing persons
- Is training needed for staff to assist persons with disabilities?
- Costs associated with service animal accommodation
- For additional guidance on ADA compliance, please reference FTA [Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities](#) and further explained in the FTA [Shared Mobility FAQ](#) and [Shared Mobility FAQs: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)](#).

Warehouse Space:
- Identify the cost of adequate warehouse space near the service area and tools for operations and maintenance

Data Management:
- Identify costs associated with the acquisition or development of a comprehensive data management system.
  - A comprehensive data management system needs to include secure data storage and other security access features

- Develop clear expectations of partners and stakeholders about data reporting needs
- Dedicate staff time for collecting data and other relevant information, as well as time to process the data to report on project performance measures and general effectiveness

More details on specific cost categories to consider during the planning and construction stage continue in the next subsections.

Capital equipment costs occur with the acquisition and purchase of vehicles and associated hardware, charging or fueling equipment, and the associated installation costs. Vehicle purchases and charging/refueling infrastructure and infrastructure improvements are all eligible capital costs for the Mobility Project Voucher. See the Implementation Manual for eligible costs and the Cost Guidance by Mode section for detailed cost estimates.

Additional transportation enhancements costs are eligible up to 10 percent of the total voucher amount requested per project may be dedicated to activities or services directly supportive of, but not essential to, implementing the core project model. These enhancements may include other transportation resources or assets beyond capital equipment purchases that complement the core project model. Transportation enhancements provide additional options to improve accessibility, reliability, convenience, safety, and/or affordability for participants. See Implementation Manual, Section E, for details on eligible expenses.

Outreach costs include labor and material costs to encourage community participation, plan launch events, and encourage overall demand for the project. Conducting outreach is an opportunity to build trust and develop community support to cultivate a comfort level for residents to use shared mobility. The CMO program requires each program to provide a minimum of $25,000 or 10% of the total voucher, whichever is more, with a maximum of 30% of the total voucher program, for outreach. Typical outreach activities include:
- Website design/hosting
- Participation in local community events
- Outreach to local businesses and community organizations
- Press releases or media opportunities
- Mailings to target neighborhood businesses and residents
- Outreach to neighborhood organizations, community groups & local churches
- Partnerships with local area businesses
- Neighborhood events
- Community workshops and carshare orientation events
- Development of equity programs and engagements

Outreach to understand accessibility challenges in the community, gauge potential demand for accessibility equipment, and reflect in project design will require special accommodations and targeted outreach to hear from those most affected.

The planning stage is also the time to plan for the launch event. This could be a single or series of events that "opens" the service for the community. This plan should consider the costs associated with the launch. One recommendation is to highlight the community's contributions and the project's purpose during the launch event. It is important to get community input on what the launch event will look like and who will "cut the ribbon" on the project to plan the costs associated with such an event. Costs of specific engagement activities will depend on the type of engagement and outreach intended. Planning for an in-person event should consider costs such as venue rent, supplies, AV equipment rental, refreshments, translation costs, participation incentives, personal protective equipment (PPE), and childcare. Note, not all of these costs are eligible for reimbursement (i.e., childcare) but are all necessary costs to consider when planning an event. Eligible planning costs begin in Section E.5 of the Implementation Manual.

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs are not a primary concern during the planning and construction phase. Reimbursable O&M costs for voucher funded services are allowed once the new service, or expansion of the existing service is actively operating, but not before. This is true for both new and existing services and should be carefully considered before launch of the service. The official operations launch date is marked by the first day participants start using the service. This date is also important as it is also determining the start date for the remaining 4 years of service necessary to fulfill the voucher agreement. While O&M costs are not a primary concern while actively planning and constructing a project, they need to be based on the design plan's output. O&M costs are the bulk of long-term costs associated with a mobility project and will continue throughout the life of the project. Resources will be required to meet the vehicles' operational demands and maintain sustainability and service reliability throughout the project duration.

Phase 2: Project Operations

Project operations begin after the operations launch date (the day participants start using the service). At this time, budget priorities shift away from planning intensive activities to focus primarily on operations and maintenance costs. Additional staffing needs shift toward operations management and outreach and costs associated with vehicle operations and maintenance increase.

Operational staffing costs should include budgeted labor for additional staffing for user assistance activities such as customer service, ambassadors, and fleet operations and management, in addition to managerial and administrative costs. As the project progresses, data on the project's performance will become available; staffing should include hours to collect, process, and report on this data. If working with an operator, pay attention to staffing and local hiring and safety compliance protocols included in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) California State Plan.

As in the planning and construction phase**, administration costs** continue throughout the entire project operations period, with eligible costs reimbursable over the funded period.

Capital equipment and additional transportation enhancements during operations will consist of acquiring and replacing parts/devices for all capital acquisitions due to normal wear-and-tear, vandalism, and damage due to accidents. Also, as the project progresses, new transportation enhancements may be identified to improve accessibility, reliability, convenience, safety, and/or affordability for participants in addition to those planned for in the planning stages.

Outreach and community engagement activities and the associated costs continue throughout the entirety of the program. Through marketing and outreach, the project team can identify additional considerations for costs such as subsided memberships based on income or other economic factors into the suite of programs Training sessions and demonstration events for new and prospective users will likely have higher costs than an outreach campaign handing out materials. Community outreach and engagement activities also often require permits if using public space. Each municipality, transit agency, or private property owner will have different permitting and insurance requirements. Check required permitting needs with each entity.

Ongoing operations and maintenance costs support the operational processes that enable the project to run smoothly and meet the pilot project users' needs. Examples of eligible Operations and Maintenance costs are below.

Labor expenses (including total staff time and labor costs):
- Identify staffing gaps and needs
  - Can staff be reassigned or reorganized to new phases, or is there a need for new hires?

Other direct costs for operating and maintaining the mobility services after the launch of the service:
- Additional insurance coverage
- Price subsidies for the end-user
- Mode-specific safety courses for users
- Warehouse rent
- General costs related to operation and maintenance for motor vehicles micromobility vehicles and infrastructure

As the project progresses, assess and adjust the budget to respond to changing user needs and accommodate project sustainability. Questions that may trigger the need for budget adjustments are as follows:

User Needs:
- Is additional outreach needed to reach more members?
- Do service changes need to be made to serve the users' needs better?

Sustainability:

  - What is the revenue to cost ratio, and is the pilot project on track for being a financially stable program?
  - Is additional equipment and/or staff needed to meet demand in the current service area and inducing demand in areas with less demand than expected?
  - Are there expansion opportunities for the pilot project, given its demand?
  - What is the asset utilization rate? Is there the need and/or opportunity to increase utilization rates?

This section outlined the questions and topics applicable during both the planning and construction and project operations section. The next section provides cost information by mode as well as hyperlinks to existing project budget details.

Cost Guidance by Mode

Overview

The following section looks at the different cost considerations specific to the eligible CMO project modes. The mode-specific summaries draw from pilot projects to outline the sample costs. When possible, these costs are converted to a per-unit measure to better estimate project-specific costs. These examples can serve as reference points while working with any professional operator partner. An operator partner can be a private sector operator, a local community-driven organization, or a non-profit operator. Where available, explore working with a community-based or local non-profit operator to further the project's community-based focus. A list of possible business models is briefly given in the Bikeshare and Scooter-share system section below but can be options for all mode types. Once an operator is identified, specific cost ranges to develop the project budget can be determined more fully. The following section *Cost Guidance for Infrastructure Improvements and Transportation Enhancements* (beginning on page 31) provides more information on infrastructure costs such as charging and software services*.*

1. Mode Summary: Bikeshare and Scooter-Share Systems

Bikeshare and scooter share systems provide members with access to bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), or electric scooter (e-scooters) on a short-term rental basis. Dockless systems allow for variable distribution of devices across the service area, whereas docked-based systems require users to return devices to a station closest to their destination. The most common types of bike share technologies in the U.S. are "smart docking" systems where a dock with a terminal and kiosk holds the bicycles between rentals and "smart bike" systems in which locking technology is self-contained within the bicycle and can facilitate a dockless system.

The sections below outline cost considerations and offer sample cost values for Staffing and Direct Costs, Capital Equipment Costs, and Operations and Maintenance Costs. The numbers given do not guarantee a project team will receive similar rates and are solely illustrative. Additionally, all cost categories may not be relevant to every project. For example, start-up costs may not be relevant for projects where services are already operating. As another example, bikeshare or scooter-share services may be offered to the Project Lead through a "turnkey" partnership with a company. The operator partner bundles all costs and then receives compensation in the form of a blanket operating subsidy. In this case, the Project Lead may not be responsible for assembling all of the detailed and itemized cost information referred to below.

A. Staffing and Direct Costs

A project should first consider the initial staffing and direct start-up costs needed to establish a sustainable program. These one-time start costs generally consist of hiring and training new employees, organizing office space, retaining professional services, and obtaining necessary permits. Other staffing costs consist of specific hires needed to oversee, operate, and maintain different system parts. Finally, hiring and costs will be dependent on the chosen business model.

One-Time Start-up Administration Costs

Typical one-time administrative start-up costs for a small system (<10 stations, <100 bicycles) range from $15,000 - $30,000. For a medium sized system (~20-30 stations, ~200 – 300 bicycles), administrative costs can range from $60,000 - $100,000 and include:

- o Recruitment costs to hire and retain initial employees who can pivot to new roles as needed
- o Organizing or acquiring office space, warehouse, and storage space
- o Purchasing office equipment and maintenance supplies
- o Establishing and obtaining insurance, legal, and accounting services
- o Permit acquisition
- o Employee training

Ongoing Staffing Costs

Both bicycle programs and scooter shares range from a few dozen devices to hundreds, and staffing needs depend on the program's size and the business model the project adopts. In general, a system needs the following positions to effectively oversee the launch and continuing operations of a shared micromobility system. These could be new hires or staff already involved in an organization's core program work where their roles will shift. For a small system, these roles will likely overlap between one to two full or part-time employees. Compensation will depend on local conditions, public agency or company compensation restrictions, and benefits offered.

Typical staffing needs include:

- Launch manager to manage end-to-end planning, siting permitting and legal requirements, stakeholder relationship management
- An Operations/General Manager to oversee operations, data gathering, and operations staff, liaison between the operator partner and public partners
- Marketing/Community Engagement manager and customer service staff
- Maintenance staff
  - If the project is a docked or dockless system, this includes staff to rebalance the fleet distribution and perform the field maintenance
  - Operations staff to repair assets

The staffing requirement will also depend on the business model that the project leverages. There are various business models a bicycle or scooter share project can take and varies depending on local conditions. Examples include:
- Publicly owned and operated
- Public-Private Partnership (Publicly Owned, Privately operated)
- Nonprofit owned and operated
- Non-Profit-Private Partnership
- For-profit owned and operated

Typically, shared-bicycle systems in the U.S. are public-private partnerships. It is essential to define the operator's role and responsibilities in a shared bicycle operator partnership. Scooter shares are often for-profit ventures operated by scooter companies through permits and operating agreements from a public agency. However, the business model depends highly on local conditions. It is necessary to understand the business model and the operator partner's complementary roles and how they will take on a portion of the project's costs depending on the partnership structure. Striking the right balance and understanding the responsibility of each partner will clarify the budget and staffing commitments. Also, leveraging community volunteers and staff at trusted community organizations to act as program ambassadors, distribute marketing materials, and staff events can reduce the overall staffing budget and build trust with community stakeholders, especially during initial operations.

B. Capital Equipment Costs

The initial capital costs associated with starting a bikeshare program include purchasing bicycles and docking infrastructure (for additional details, see Section F in Implementation Manual). A shared bicycle system can take on a few different forms. When planning a shared bicycle project, there is a choice between a mixture of e-bikes and traditional pedal-assist bicycles and a docked or dockless system. Scooter share systems consist of dockless e-electric scooters or dockless lock-to scooters. Both scooters and bicycles have a wide range of quality and features, and the chosen model needs to best suit the project design. For all capital equipment costs vary depending on the equipment type and quality, system size, and technology requirements (GPS, self-locking, etc.). The allowable reimbursable costs for purchasing vehicles and hardware are listed in the table below and further explained in the

Implementation Manual. The table below outlines the maximum allowable reimbursable costs for vehicles.

Vehicle Type and Technology	Maximum Reimbursable Amount (per vehicle)
New neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV)	Up to $15,000
New electric tricycle/pedicab (3-4 seats)	Up to $12,500
New electric bicycle (e-bike)	Up to $3,500
New bicycle	Up to $1,500
New electric kick-scooter	Up to $700

Ranges for Capital Equipment (Price ranges are given where applicable on a per-item basis and are general reference ranges):

- Pedal-assisted bikes (2-3 year lifecycle): $300 - $600 per bike
- Pedal-assisted bikes (5-10 year lifecycle): $1000 - $1200 per bike
- E-bikes: $1500-$3000 with an average price between $2300 - $2500 per bike
- Docking station, depending on features and station size: $30,000 – $60,000 per station
- E-Scooters: $800 - $1200 per scooter
- E-bike and electric scooter (e-scooter) charging equipment *(For more information on charging equipment and infrastructure, see Cost Guidance for Infrastructure Improvements and Transportation Enhancements starting on page 31, with some examples below)*
  - Charging cords: $30-$50
  - Smart hub (variable)
  - Electric docking station (variable)
  - Level 1 EV car charging stations (usually packaged along with the Level 2 system)

Other capital costs to consider:

- o Spare parts
- o Unlocking/locking access and application management
- o Infrastructure for users without smartphones or bank accounts
- o Smart bike system software platform: $100-200 per month, per device
- o Telematics device (if not built-in): $15 - $60 per month, per device depending on fleet size and needs
- o Smart locks: $120-$220 per unit
- o Installation costs: dependent on the size, type of equipment, expansion phase
  - o $3,000 - $5,000 per station
- o Station site acquisition/permitting
- o Vehicle/Device insurance costs
  - o There are specific insurance costs needed for electric bicycles and scooters beyond the requirements for auto liability for vans or other vehicles used for rebalancing or collection purposes; see [AB 1286](#) for more detailed requirements.

C. Operations and Maintenance Costs

There are many costs associated with operating and maintaining a shared micromobility system. Operating costs can be negotiated before project launch and typically are on a per-dock per-month basis. With a recommended 1.8 – 2.0 ratio for dock-to-bike to ensure suitable docking locations for riders, this is an important distinction to consider when planning and negotiating operating costs with a mobility provider partner and establishing rebalancing strategies with the operator at the start of the project.

Station operating costs (if a docked system) are between $85 - $150 per station per month, depending on the type of rack or dock used and the system's size. This range is equivalent to $1,600 - $3,000 per year per bike.

Other operating and maintenance costs to consider:
- o Vehicle maintenance and repair tickets
  - o Include costs associated with estimated rates of destruction, theft, vandalism
- o General operations (staff) costs associated with managing the project
- o Customer service
- o General maintenance and operations, of storage facility
- o Replacement parts, vehicles, and stations
- o Marketing and outreach

D. Example Budget Costs

Several communities have published bikeshare feasibility studies and scooter pilot plans are widely available. While costs will differ significantly from state to state, with California's costs most likely being on the higher end of most cost estimates, these examples provide further guidance around what information feasibility studies return and the baseline costs to be considered. St. Louis Bike Share Study and the Grand Rapids Feasibility Study both offer good overviews of costs associated with bikeshare systems. GREENbike, Salt Lake City is a medium-sized system that offers an overview of the feasibility and business model choice and high and low-cost estimates. There are several examples of scooter pilot programs to support the business model choice and partnership coordination. Documentation from the Alexandria, VA scooter pilot can be accessed here.

2. Mode Summary: Carshare

Carshare services provide members with access to an automobile through short-term rentals. Eligible carsharing models include round-trip carshare, which requires users to borrow and return vehicles at the same location; and one-way or free floating carshare, which allows users to pick up a vehicle at one location and drop it off at another.

The budget items, Staffing and Direct Costs, Capital Equipment Costs, and Operations and Maintenance Costs, outline the cost considerations and offer a sample budget based on non-profit owned and operated Ithaca Carshare. The numbers given do not guarantee a project team will receive similar rates and are solely illustrative. Additionally, all cost categories may not be relevant to every project. For example, start-up costs may not be relevant for projects where services are already operating.

A. Staffing and Direct Costs

A project should consider the staffing needs involved to launch, manage, and maintain a carshare fleet. A typical carshare program of fewer than 10 vehicles should plan on approximately 2.5 full-time staff. These could be new hires or staff already involved in an organization's core program where their roles will shift.

Typical carshare staffing needs include:
- Manager (oversee the launch and subsequent operations, including tasks such as managing permitting, legal, and insurance requirements)
- Fleet operations (make sure the vehicles are clean, working correctly, and where they need to be when not in use)
- Member Services (oversee user relations, manage user needs and emergencies, and provide 24/7 on-call support – some carshare operators use call centers to help with these needs)
- Marketing Staff (oversee marketing needs and build awareness of the program)
- Volunteers (community-based carshare programs can engage its users to volunteer to help maintain the vehicles through incentives, such as driving credits.)

It is important to define the mobility operator's role and responsibilities before formally entering into a partnership with a carshare operator. For example, if the private/non-profit operator is responsible for purchasing the vehicles, they may likely manage the carshare fleet, assuring the vehicles are maintained and cleaned regularly. Other direct costs include vehicle insurance, including liability and collision damage, some of which could be absorbed by the mobility operator.

B. Capital Equipment Costs
The initial capital costs associated with starting an EV carshare program include purchasing vehicles, installing the charging infrastructure, and procuring the reservation system technology platform. Costs are outlined in Section E Project Eligibility Costs in the Implementation Manual. Capital equipment

acquisition is potentially a place where the mobility operator can bring quite a bit to the partnership. The operator could have reservation technology platforms, for example, and have an established process for purchasing vehicles. The EV charging infrastructure is also an allowable capital cost under the CMO program. While planning for the charging infrastructure, the project should work with a licensed provider to ensure it is done correctly and follow local zoning and other ordinances.

The allowable costs for purchasing vehicles and associated hardware are listed in the table below and further explained in the Implementation Manual. The table below outlines the maximum allowable costs for vehicles. *For more information on charging equipment and infrastructure see Cost Guidance for Infrastructure Improvements and Transportation Enhancements starting on page 31.*

Vehicle Type and Technology	Maximum Reimbursable Amount (per vehicle)
New light-duty zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) with ≥ 299 miles of range	Up to $60,000
New light-duty ZEV with ≤ 299 miles of range	Up to $40,000
New light-duty plug-in hybrid (PHEV) (only models with 6 seats capacity or more)	Up to $40,000
Used light-duty ZEV or PHEV (6 seats capacity or more) 4 years or newer	100 percent of the Kelley Blue Book (KBB) value[1] (cannot exceed maximum reimbursable amount for the new vehicle)
Leased new light-duty ZEV	Up to $850 per month (including up to $3,000 down payment)
Leased used light-duty ZEV	Up to $600 per month (including up to $3,000 down payment)

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[1] Kelly Blue Book (KBB) value is defined as the upper limit of the KBB fair market range, for the same vehicle condition, transaction type, and zip code as the actual transaction.

New zero-emission passenger van and shuttle bus up to Class 6 (≤ 26,000 GVWR[2]) or under 30 feet in vehicle length	Same voucher amount per vehicle as HVIP (Additional plus-up amount of $15,000 is allowable for vehicles with batteries larger than 110 kWh)
Additional allowance for purchase of new ADA-compliant vehicles: for van-size and up (e.g. wheelchair lift, wheelchair ramp)	Additional $20,000 beyond allowable reimbursable amount per vehicle

Examples for the vehicle types identified in the Implementation Manual follow. For exact pricing in your area, please see www.kbb.com or a local dealership for more information. The price estimates below were taken from the manufacturer's MSRP listing during the Spring of 2021.

There are limited models of ZEVs on the market. In general, many lower-mileage ZEVs cost between $30,000 -$50,000, depending on brand and quality. Higher mileage vehicles tend to be more expensive, with costs between $46,000 - $90,000, depending on brand and quality. Examples are listed below but are not an exhaustive list of available ZEVs on the market. The complete list is found at U.S. Department of Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center. The Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (CVRP) vehicle list can also be used to identify eligible vehicles. **The examples below estimate costs but are not a recommendation or endorsement of the vehicle or brand by CARB. All mileage estimates are taken from the manufacturer's website.**

New Light-Duty zero-emission vehicles with greater than 299 miles of range:
- o   2020 Tesla model 3 long-range (353 miles): $46,990 (w/o autosteer option)
- o   2020 Tesla model S long-range plus (402 miles): $69,420 (w/o autosteer option)

New Light- Duty ZEV with less than 299 miles of range
- o   2020 Chevrolet Bolt EV (259 miles): $36,620
- o   2020 Hyundai Kona Electric (258 miles): $40,895

There are also limited options for light-duty plug-in hybrids (PHEVs). Average base MSRP pricing is between $35,000 - $55,000. The U.S. Department of Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center comprehensive list of available vehicles can help explore options. Voucher reimbursement is allowed only towards PHEVs that can carry 6 or more passengers, limiting reimbursable equipment to SUVs or minivans.
New Light-Duty plug-in hybrid (PHEV) – 6 seats or more
- o   2020 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid (82 MPGe combined): $39,995

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[2] Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

- 2020 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV (74 MPGe combined): $36,295

Used and leased vehicles are also reimbursable. It is recommended to explore www.kbb.com for accurate and up-to-date used car pricing. Locate lease deals on your local dealership's websites.
- Used light-duty ZEV or PHEV (6 seat capacity or more) 4 years or newer (Fair market range from www.kbb.com)
  - Used 2017 Tesla Model S (210 mile range): $44-794 – $49,495
  - Used 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV (238 mile range): $4,230 - $16,199
  - Used 2017 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid (82 MPGe combined): $21,761 – $26,274
- Lease new light-duty ZEV
  - 2020 Tesla Model 3: $660 - $695/ month
  - 2020 Chevrolet Bolt EV: $298/month
- Leased used light-duty ZEV
  - Check with a local dealership

Charging infrastructure is also a necessary cost and is detailed further in the infrastructure improvements and transportation enhancements section (beginning on page 31). Charging and refueling options include EVSE, Solar Photovoltaic (PV), and Hydrogen fuel cell.

C. Operations and Maintenance Costs

Operations include all of the activities necessary for operating and maintaining a carshare fleet. Cost considerations to plan for in a carshare program include:

Maintenance Costs
- Scheduled vehicle maintenance (tires, windshield fluid, brakes, etc.)
  - Note, many new car purchases or leases include routine manufacturer-covered maintenance for 2 to 4 years.
- Cleaning, inside and out regularly
- Roadside assistance
  - Often included in new car purchases for a limited time.
- Bodywork can be a high cost, and small damage like dings, dents, and crunched bumpers may be fixed outside of an insurance claim

Operational Costs
- Rebalancing carshare fleet (pertains to one-way carshare)
- Managing and procuring new parking spaces
- Establishing agreements with local businesses, residents, transit hubs for shared parking spots

- o Identifying EV charging infrastructure at different legs of common origin/destinations and working on agreements for carshare users to utilize charging infrastructure
- o Reservation system and supporting technology
    - o The operator may already have a booking and reservation system in place. If not, this can be a large capital purchase and for EV you will need a trio of software and hardware that can communicate with each other and is also compatible with the charging infrastructure.

Customer Service Costs

- o Customer relations, help desk, call-in center
- o Multi-lingual support and materials
- o Orientations with new members to familiarize people with carshare. Covering topics such as:
    - o Reserving a car
    - o Setting up a payment system
    - o Charging technology
    - o Rules (keep vehicles clean, return on time, etc.)

D. Example Budget Costs

There are several useful references to look at to get a sense of how much it will cost to start and operate a carshare program, including the Portland Hacienda EV pilot and costs outlined in Bringing Car-Sharing to Your Community published by City Carshare. The latter is an older source, but it references some of the carshare budget and implementation considerations.

Ithaca Carshare shared its budget and expense information for 2020 as a reference for CMO pilot projects. Ithaca Carshare offers a comparable program because it started with six cars in 2006 and has grown to 30 cars in 2020. The Ithaca carshare 2020 budget of $477,856 costs an estimated $16,000 per vehicle. This includes all operations, maintenance and marketing costs.

Unique to Ithaca Carshare, it shares its overhead and management costs with its parent organization, the Center for Community Transportation, it does not have electric vehicles in its fleet, and New York has unique vehicle insurance laws, so the insurance costs are lower than what should be expected in projects under the CMO Voucher Program. Not included in the operating budget is the cost for purchasing or leasing electric vehicles, gasoline purchase (the case for Ithaca Carshare as it does not have electric vehicles in its fleet), charging infrastructure, electricity usage for charging vehicles, and the costs associated with setting up a new carshare program. Please follow the budget guidelines outlined in the CMO Implementation Manual for details specific to your program.

3. Mode Summary: Carpool/vanpool

Carpooling (or vanpooling) is the grouping of drivers and passengers with common origins and/or destinations into a shared vehicle. Carpooling uses a "self-serve" model, meaning the driver is a traveler in the pool just like other passengers instead of a hired driver in shared taxi rides or ridehail services. New technologies such as mobile device applications provide an opportunity to connect drivers and riders in innovative ways.

Carpool/Vanpool drivers tend to be volunteers, generally using a vehicle already in their possession. As a result, overhead costs around staffing and parking are less than other shared mobility programs. With that said, coordinated carpool/vanpool programs still present some Operations and Maintenance and Outreach/Marketing costs.

A. Staffing and Direct Costs

Given that the drivers are often not paid employees, carpool/vanpool service differs in its business model from other shared mobility programs. It is also prudent to budget for background checks and other screening criteria for drivers and possibly users of the carpool/vanpool service. In addition to volunteer drivers, coordination is needed to manage the process.

Suggested roles to designate in the program are as follows:

- Volunteer Participants: leaseholder or primary driver
- Alternate drivers: people approved by your Vehicle Supplier to drive the vanpool vehicle
- Bookkeeper/Manager: many vanpools designate a person to assist the Volunteer Participant in maintaining the records of the vanpool
- Passengers: people who regularly or occasionally ride the vanpool to help meet minimum occupancy requirements

B. Capital Equipment Costs
The carpool/vanpool program's capital costs consist of purchasing the vehicles, installing charging infrastructure, and purchasing a reservation system so riders can be paired with one another. Examples of prices for allowable reimbursements are listed in the carshare section above.

There are several apps currently available that could be used for a carpool/vanpool system. Carpool/vanpool operators, such as those listed in the Clean Mobility Provider Directory, can help with the following aspects of a pilot project:

- Fleet Management
- Payment Platforms, with considerations for unbanked and users without smartphones

o   Reservation Systems, with considerations for unbanked and users without smartphones
o   Routing Technology
o   Service Operations and Staffing
o   Vehicle Procurement
o   Vehicle Software and Hardware

C.   Operations and Maintenance Costs

In its most basic form, carpooling involves someone using their personal vehicle to coordinate and pick-up passengers traveling along the same route through either a centralized coordination system or by waiting at specified locations at specific times - a process sometimes referred to as 'slugging.' Alternatively, the vehicles can also be owned by a mobility provider linked to an app that allows for pick-up coordination.

In both cases, the trip requests are logged, and users are paired based on their origin, destination and travel times. A Carpooling Learning Module is available that reviews some of the dynamic carpool models currently available. In both cases, an operations team is responsible for working on relationships with area businesses to market and expand the user base and identify parking opportunities. For example, the BART carpool program guarantees a parking spot at select transit stations until 10 a.m. on weekdays for users of its carpool program. For carpool/vanpool programs that provide vehicles through a mobility provider, there is often an assigned driver responsible for picking up and dropping off the other passengers. This can switch between users as they take turns driving the vehicle. Usually, the driver then parks the vehicle at their residence overnight and during the weekends. Participants of the program then use those vehicles.

Driver and Passenger Incentives

o   Driving credits
  o   Reduced cost of the program when a passenger if also a driver
o   Access to the vehicle off-hours might be perks made available to the drivers
o   Direct passenger payments per ride (Ex: San Mateo County Program: $2.00 per ride, up to $4.00 per day)

Reimbursement rate

Volunteer drivers are usually reimbursed for the mileage associated with the vanpool/carpool at the IRS standard mileage rate, which is 57.5 cents per mile for 2020.

Service Fees

If using an app-based matching system, the provider can take a set fee per ride, per payment, or an annual fee. These fees cover operations and maintenance costs associated with the program. For example, a $1 per passenger service fee is common for providers offering the platform for such passenger driver matching. It is recommended to have a clear idea and negotiations on fees before signing a contract. The mobility provider partner in your project will likely have a

process in place that you can take advantage of for your program. If the mobility provider does not provide these services, then another option is to hire contractors to manage the fleet to ensure proper working order.

D. Outreach and Marketing Costs

Outreach and marketing a carpool/vanpool program is critical. For the program to be a viable option for people to rely on to travel to work, there needs to be a sufficient user base to pair riders based on their travel needs. If that user base does not exist, riders will likely look toward other travel options.

Marketing and outreach activities to budget for involve:
- o Reaching out to neighborhood groups
- o Attending local festivals/street fairs
- o Visiting local community groups to try and familiarize people with the program so that they feel comfortable using it
- o Polling potential users to find out where they are traveling to/from to define routes and manage workforce destinations

E. Examples Budget Costs and Other Resources

The LA Metro Vanpool program offers many useful tips and procedures to consider when developing a Vanpool/Carpool Program. Many of the costs associated with the vanpool are passed on to the riders. LA Metro recommends that fares should reflect an equal division of the real costs of leasing the vehicle, less the Metro Vanpool Program lease fare subsidy. Maintenance fees (gas, parking, tolls, vehicle cleaning) may be set slightly higher.

4. Mode Summary: Innovative Transit Service

Innovative transit services (or "microtransit") provide members with access to services within a set boundary. Private companies traditionally operate Microtransit, but recently, some public agencies have begun offering innovative transit services of their own. Broadly, microtransit describes app-enabled transportation through dynamically-routed, multi-passenger vehicles. In some cases, these services involve curb-to-curb or door-to-door transportation. However, many microtransit operators require users to meet drivers at a common pick-up/drop-off location to streamline routing. This category also includes wheelchair accessible vehicles and complementary paratransit service.

The budget items, Capital Equipment Costs, Outreach, and Marketing Costs, and Operations and Maintenance Costs, outline the cost considerations and offer sample values associated with operating innovative transit systems. Additional resources are linked for reference, including existing contracts between public and private partners.

A. Staffing and Direct Costs

Microtransit often resembles existing demand responsive transit modes or supplements fixed-route service. Public microtransit can be operated in a wide variety of partnership configurations. Different types of partnerships reflect the capital and operational needs of the partnering agency. According to the public agency's specific needs, a microtransit service provider can provide any or all of the technology, vehicles, drivers, maintenance, and other operations. Currently, a private partner's provision of technology is generally common to all these arrangements, however, other types of technology providers may be available in the future, such as a community-based or non-profit organization providing technology services. Different partnership configurations between public, non-profit, and private partners that currently operate include:

- **Private sector technology; public agency vehicles and drivers**. An agency deploys the private partner's dispatch, routing, and/or user app technology on their agency-owned and operated vehicles. The AC Transit program uses this model.
- **Private sector technology; public agency vehicles; non-profit agency drivers**. A variation on the most basic arrangement above, more common to human services transportation.
- **Private sector technology and drivers**; **public agency vehicles**. The Seattle Via-to-Transit project is an example.

Turnkey solutions

A single private, non-profit operator (or consortium) provides the entire microtransit transportation service for an agency, including technology, vehicles, and drivers. This type of partnership is common for agencies or jurisdictions that do not already have their own vehicles or structure appropriate to provide microtransit. The [Arlington, TX microtransit service](#) is an example a public-private partnership

Ongoing Staffing Needs

There are three general categories of staff roles: Drivers, Management/Administration, and Customer Service

- o Driver labor represents the majority of operation expenses
- o Management/Administration includes oversight, maintenance, and community engagement
- o Customer Service to answer user questions, respond to issues and manage the call center to assist in scheduling trips.

B. *Capital Equipment Costs*

Vehicles

The list of eligible medium - and heavy-duty vehicles is congruent with California's Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP). While CMO vehicles are not eligible for HVIP reimbursement, the voucher cost listed by HVIP is roughly equivalent to (but usually lower than) the incremental cost difference from diesel to EV. The full list of vehicles can be found on the HVIP website with some examples listed below.

- o Medium-duty vehicles over 20 passengers (class 4-5, cutaway vehicle, useful life of 5 years, example): $220k-$300k total cost of vehicle:
  - ● Phoenix Motor Cars ZEUS 300 Passenger Shuttle, 105kWh: $270,000
- o Vans (40kW battery, optimal closer to 110kw)
  - ▪ Ford Transit -- base MSRP: $40,000 - $50,000
    - ● EV Conversion: ~$80,000
    - ● For extended range (100+ mi), average total price: $150,000
  - ▪ GreenPower EV Star All-Electric Min-eBus
    - ● HVIP Incentive is $90,000

C. *Operation and Maintenance Costs*

Operation and maintenance costs can vary widely by service for many reasons including labor, geography, and the different partnership configurations described above. Additional information can be found in SUMC's Microtransit Learning Module.

- o For **in-house service**, total hourly costs per vehicle service hour can range between $65-$214/hr
  - ● Ranges from 2.4 - 4 passengers per vehicle service hour
- o $35-$100/vehicle service hour for **contracted service**
  - ● Ranges from 2.7 - 4 passengers per vehicle service hour
    - o These figures come from the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Synthesis 141, *Microtransit or General Public Demand–Response Transit Services: State of the Practice*. 2019.

- o Vehicle/Station maintenance is another important operational expense. This should be determined and budgeted when contracting an outside vendor or developing service in-house.
- o Consideration for times of day service will be available to users

D. *Example Budget Costs:*

Examples of contracts are available from the HGAC Buy (government procurement services). Shuttles, Transits, Trams, & Other Specialty Buses and EV Charging Equipment and Related Services are two good places to start. Also, the following are two example agreements between municipal governments and Via, an innovative transit provider.

- o Arlington, TX agreement with Via
- o King County, WA (Seattle) agreement with Via

5. Mode Summary: Ride on-demand

CMO defines ride-on-demand services as on-demand rides for individuals provided by taxi companies and transportation network companies (TNCs). To be eligible as a core project model, the service must only include trips taken in zero-emission vehicles, consistent with the vehicle eligibility criteria described in Section G.1 of the Implementation Manual.

The ride-on-demand services have slightly different eligibility requirements than the other CMO allowable shared modes. **CMO will not provide funds to purchase or lease vehicles used for TNC services.** This category also includes wheelchair-accessible vehicles and complementary paratransit service. CMO funding will only cover allowable costs for the funding program that includes:

- o Incentivizing and support greater utilization of rides-on-demand in clean vehicles
    - o Discounted fares for trips originating in project area
- o Customizing the software platform
- o Expanding or contracting boundaries of geofencing
- o Community Outreach
- o Marketing Costs - Costs include pre-launch activities, including rider acquisition and education. They also include ongoing marketing costs through the course of the service. In two recent partnerships between transit agencies and TNCs, the agencies spend 15-20% of their total budget on marketing expenses. Both projects' total budgets were between $100,000 and $200,000. Ride providers may conduct additional marketing activities at no additional cost to the agency.

When developing on-demand project budgets, project applicants should consider how they plan to utilize ride-on-demand services to help residents access certain destinations. Unlike other project models that are available in a fixed destination, on-demand services may fluctuate on how they serve riders and passengers. For instance, the on-demand service could be preexisting or could use a volunteer driver to provide on-demand rides as needed.

While the funding eligibility differs for ride-on-demand services, some questions to consider when planning these services are similar to other CMO eligible modes. Some key questions and considerations include:

- o What does your target community look like?
- o How will on-demand services meet needs in the community?
- o Partnerships with TNCs can be complex and often take considerable time to negotiate agreed-upon terms.
- o What type of integration with a TNC or taxi provider app do you hope to achieve?
- o The simplest and most common integrations involve individual agreements with one or more mobility providers to establish parameters around splitting fares, geographic

boundaries, and other aspects about the services. These typically have not required any up-front setup costs, as the funding agencies rely on providers' existing technology as the interface for the rider. The revenue is generated entirely through fares and the finances are reconciled at a frequency and method as agreed upon.

- ○ If greater sophistication is desired, then front-end costs for a procuring technology and/or setup may be required. This may be of interest if an applicant is looking to integrate multiple ride providers on a single platform.

For taxi/TNC partnerships with public agencies, rides are typically paid for through a combination of rider fares and agency subsidies. This can take on a variety of forms:

- ○ Full subsidy: The funding agency covers the full cost of the ride. The rider pays no fare. (e.g. Pierce Transit Limited Access Connections)
- ○ Flat fare: The rider pays a fixed amount. The funding agency covers the rest. (e.g. GoMonrovia)
- ○ Flat initial fare with capped subsidy: The rider pays a fixed amount, with the funding agency covering the rest up to a certain amount, beyond which the rider pays the remainder. (e.g. Valley Metro RideChoice)
- ○ Cost sharing: The rider and funding agency share the ride's cost based on a defined percentage. This can come with a cap on the agency's subsidy, beyond which the rider pays the remainder. (e.g. GoDublin)
- ○ Flat subsidy: The funding agency covers a fixed amount, with the rider paying the remainder. If the fare is less than the subsidy, then the agency covers the full fare. This is similar to providing the rider a discount of the fixed amount. (PSTA Direct Connect)

These fare models impact the total cost of the project to the funding agency. To highlight how, the table below demonstrates how costs can vary by fare model for 1,000 rides using a hypothetical trip cost of $12.00 and subsidy cap of $8.00. These are example calculations only.

Fare Model	Trip cost paid by rider	Trip cost paid by agency	Cost to agency (per thousand rides)
Full subsidy	$0	$12	$12,000
Flat fare ($2.00)	$2	$10	$10,000
Flat initial fare ($2.00) with capped subsidy ($8.00)	$4	$8	$8,000
Cost sharing (50%)	$6	$6	$6,000
Flat subsidy ($5.00)	$7	$5	$5,000

When choosing/adapting a fare model and determining your budget for rides, estimate what the average, minimum, and maximum trip costs would be based on trip length and duration and your local taxi or TNC rates. The agency can typically control these factors by making subsidies available only within a specified geographic area or during specific times of the day or days of the week. Placing hard caps on the subsidy or the number of trips an individual can take can control costs.

Since this mode requires rides in zero-emission vehicles, applicants should consider whether mobility providers charge more or less than they do for rides in conventional vehicles.

Cost Guidance for Infrastructure Improvements and Transportation Enhancements

Eligible funding for projects may include infrastructure improvements only when they directly support, and are essential to, the core project model(s). The following infrastructure types are eligible to receive voucher funds as long as the equipment meets the eligibility criteria described in Section H of the Implementation Manual.

Charging and Fueling Equipment and Installation

Categorized under **Infrastructure Improvements** in the Implementation Manual, installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) are eligible for funding as long as they meet the criteria outlined in Section H of the manual. For a carshare pilot project, these costs consist of charging stations and associated technology and equipment. The table below outlines the maximum allowable costs for charging infrastructure.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (includes Equipment and Installation)	Maximum Reimbursable Amount (per unit)
Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) unit, including all equipment, construction, and installation costs	Up to $26,000 per unit
DC Fast Charge EVSE unit, including all equipment, construction, and installation costs	Up to $97,000 per unit
Solar Photovoltaic Equipment to supply electricity for EVSE and other clean mobility options charging equipment	$1.00 per watt in direct current (DC) of generation capacity, up to $4,000 per EVSE charge port
Hydrogen refueling station	Up to $100,000 per installation
Infrastructure costs for conventional bicycle, scooter, and other micromobility vehicles (including docking equipment, lockers, and "quick build" right-of-way infrastructure and installation)	Up to 200 percent of the voucher-reimbursable amount for bicycles in the project fleet ($1,500 per bicycle). Total cannot exceed $525,000 per project.

Infrastructure costs for electric bicycle, scooter, and other electric micromobility vehicles (including charging equipment, docking equipment, lockers, and "quick build" right-of-way infrastructure and installation)	Up to 300 percent of the voucher-reimbursable amount for e-bikes in the project fleet ($3,500 per e-bike). Total cannot exceed $525,000 per project.

Level 2 EVSE

A level 2 charger average cost values as estimated from California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project Eligible Equipment List (CALeVIP). estimates up to 4 units cost a total of $9,299, with $3,676 toward the charger's costs and $5,623 for additional costs associated with the unit's installation. Construction costs are often additional, as site preparation is often needed to run proper electrical service to the chosen location.

DC Fast Charge EVSE

Electric vehicle charging equipment, also known as electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE).
The average cost, according to CALeVIP, of 1 DC fast charger is $59,809. This estimate considers the average unit cost ($33,414) and additional costs associated with installation and construction costs ($25,395). Construction costs are often additional, as site preparation is often needed to run proper electrical service to the chosen location.

Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Equipment

Distributed solar photovoltaic equipment generates electricity to power EVSE and other mobility options charging equipment. There are four PV technology types based on power output, with pricing based on peak dollar cost per peak watt. The prices have significantly decreased since 2018, with the average price per watt in 2020 $0.21. Estimated installation costs were obtained from National Renewal Energy Laboratory.

> Installation costs:
> - o PV <10 kW: $3,897
> - o PV 10-100 kW: $3,463
> - o PV 100-1,000 kW: $2,493
> - o PV 1-10 MW: $2,025

Hydrogen Refueling Equipment

Hydrogen Refueling Stations Voucher funds may be used to support the installation of hydrogen refueling infrastructure. A hydrogen refueling station can cost between $1-3 million dollars to develop hydrogen on-site. Accordingly, allowable voucher funding amounts may not be sufficient to cover all capital costs associated with these facilities; hence, applicants must demonstrate that other secured

funding sources. Hydrogen refueling stations must be sited where similar infrastructure already exists (e.g., installing a hydrogen refueling station at an existing fueling station or a commercial or industrial facility). A refueling station consists of low-pressure storage tanks, a compressor, high-pressure storage tanks, a pre-cooling system, and a dispenser. The average costs below are taken from the Comparison of conventional vs. modular hydrogen refueling stations and on-site production vs. delivery, based on 2017 research. Station construction is estimated to take one year, with site preparation costs (engineering, design, permitting) is estimated to cost $300,000.

Conventional hydrogen fueling station
- Low-pressure storage tanks: $45,633
- Compressor (100kg/day station): $189,827
- High-pressure storage tanks:
- Pre-cooling system: $150,000
- Dispenser: $250,000
- Total for a 100kg/day station (with all ancillary equipment) $894,256
- Station Cost Range (based on different compressor capacities): $900,000 - $1.2 million

Modular hydrogen fueling station
Modular stations are contained in a single structure (less dispenser), reducing installation costs.
- Installation costs: $60,000
- Station cost: $750,000 – $1.2 million

Hydrogen Dispenser
- Modular and conventional stations, like gas stations, need pumps and dispensers to refuel vehicles.
- To expand an existing project, CMO funds could be used to support the purchase and installation of a dispensing unit, up to $100,000.
- Dispensing units range between $150,000 - $350,000.

E-bike and Electric Scooter Charging Equipment

There are a few options available for micromobility charging. As mentioned above, if charging is required, this can be built into the docking station, but for dockless systems and docked systems with a mix of electric and analog devices, this may not be practical. There are a few options to address this need.

Most bicycles and scooters can charge plugged into Level 1 standard US 120V wall outlet. Individual charging cords ($40.00 per unit) often come with the device and allow the user to plug the e-bike or scooter into a regular outlet. A new 120V outlet costs around $1,000 to install. Level 1 outlets should follow the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) commercial-grade outlets that meet

the National Electric Code (NEC) requirements. These outlets should be on a dedicated circuit, preferably rated for 20 amps, and use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

Level 2 EVSE docks (see above) usually have a Level 1 plug integrated into the tower; consider this option if the project uses multiple modes.

Infrastructure and "Quick Build" Costs

Infrastructure and "quick build" costs include built structures or infrastructure to support the charging, storing or parking of devices. Infrastructure costs for conventional bicycle, scooter, and other micromobility vehicles (including docking equipment, lockers, and "quick build" right-of-way infrastructure and installation) are eligible for up to 200 percent of the voucher reimbursable amount for bicycles in the project fleet ($1,500 per bicycle). For electric bicycle, scooter, and other electric micromobility vehicles (including charging equipment, docking equipment, lockers, and "quick build" right-of-way infrastructure and installation), are eligible for up to 300 percent of the voucher reimbursable amount for e-bikes in the project fleet ($3,500 per ebike). The total cannot exceed $525,000 per project for either conventional or electric devices.

Bicycle and Scooter Parking and Docking Stations

Station based bicycle and scooter sharing require docking stations. These docking stations can be analog or automated. An analog station can be as simple as a multi-device racking system to store bicycles or scooters. Smart docking stations for e-bikes and e-scooters deliver charging parking and storage options. An automated system integrates with a digital application to control use, unlocking the device after receiving payment. An additional feature for some docking station features integrated charging equipment. Costs estimates are taken from existing micromobility projects and average prices from multiple manufactures; please contact manufacturers and sellers to identify more accurate pricing.

Automated docking stations costs depend on features and station size and are estimated to cost between $30,000 – $60,000 per station. Charging stations for both e-scooters and e-bikes that also function as docking stations can be hard-wired, battery-powered, or solar-powered with costs on the higher end or more of the range given above.

Installation costs are dependent on the size, type of equipment, expansion phase but typically run between $3,000 - $5,000 per station.

Charging Hubs

A charging hub features locker like compartments that hold multiple devices at one time and can also store the devices overnight or when not in use. But there are specialized charging devices to speed up the process and charge multiple devices at once. Pricing is dependent on scale and size, so estimates need to be obtained from the manufacturer.

"Quick build" Right-of-Way Safety Improvements

Quick build safety improvements for bicycles and scooters (see Section H.3.d for more details) are eligible for reimbursement based on a per device relationship. These projects may include, but are not limited to, roadway and curb paint, signs, parking and loading changes, painted safety zones, posts separating bike lanes from vehicle lanes, changes to the configuration of traffic lanes, and dedicated rights-of-way using barriers, bollards, or other materials. Pricing on these items varies considerably based on type and location. These items may also require permits or additional authorizations from the local municipality, so such costs need to be planned for if included in a project plan.

Transportation Enhancement Elements

Most of the funding associated with the Mobility Project Voucher is intended to be used for project costs and activities essential to implementing the proposed core project models (as defined in Implementation Manual Section E.1). To be eligible for reimbursement, such costs must be included in the Mobility Project Voucher Application at the application submittal time. However, up to 10 percent of the total voucher amount requested per project may be dedicated to "additional transportation enhancements" that directly support activities or services but not essential to implementing the core project model. These enhancements may include other types of transportation resources or assets that complement the core project model in a way that improves accessibility, reliability, convenience, safety, and/or affordability for participants. Suppose the proposed project includes any type of additional transportation enhancement not listed in the Implementation Manual. In that case, the applicant may request approval as part of the application submission (see Section K.2 for more details).

Examples of eligible transportation enhancements include:
- o Developing trip planning or mobility-as-a-service (MaaS) platforms or integrating project data into existing platforms
- o Developing multi-modal payment platforms or integrating project payment systems into existing platforms
- o Providing subsidies for traditional fixed-route and public transit rides to better connect projects to existing services (i.e., first-mile, last-mile solutions)
- o Providing transportation subsidies and special incentives for homeless individuals and families

Mobility-as-a -service (MaaS) Platforms and Other Payment Platforms

A recent paper by the Shared-Use Mobility Center, Towards the Promise of MaaS in the US, provides an overview and examples of the key elements of the varying degrees MaaS in active development and use. The key feature of MaaS is an integrated payment system to allow for trip chaining. A platform allows the user to view and choose from multiple travel options from a single interface, with a single payment

mechanism. Costs involved in developing such a platform would consist of purchasing a software solution from a provider or hiring a developer to integrate a payment system into an existing platform.

Subsidies for Services

Subsidies can cover all or part of the cost of a service. Many transit authorities offer subsidies at the rate of 50% discount to the user for ride tickets, tokens, and passes. Depending on the local needs, this rate could be higher or lower. Still, the estimated ridership and associated costs need to be adequately estimated to account for such costs in an annual budget accurately. It is recommended that the estimated subsidy is revisited each year based on past annual ridership levels and projected demand.

Other Resources

Budget Checklist

This checklist is a general guide, used in conjunction with the above Project Cost Guide, to develop or refine a complete project budget for a CMO project. The checklist is not intended to be used as a prescribed process that project teams must follow to complete their budgets but rather helpful tips to enable a smooth budgeting process. This checklist, associated document, and the [Financial Sustainability Guide](#) were created to help develop a complete budget to carry the project team through the four years of operations and beyond. It is highly encouraged to work closely with the chosen mobility provider, other project team members, and the community to understand resource commitments, assign partnership roles, and understand budgetary responsibilities.

Step 1: Review the budget information outlined in the Implementation Manual

    a. Review Eligible Project Costs ([Section E.5](#))
    b. Review Allowable Voucher Funds ([Section F](#))

Step 2: Review budget templates and worksheets provided through the CMO program

    a. Download and review the [CMO MPV Budget Worksheet](#)
    b. Review expense categories and familiarize the project team with the format
    c. Create a budget template to track revenue and expenses for the complete project costs.

Step 3: Review the Project Cost Guide (This document)

    a. Understand the difference between pre-launch (start-up) staffing, other direct costs with staffing costs, and direct costs post-launch
    b. Understand the different types of infrastructure costs and other capital costs
    c. Understand outreach and marketing costs
    d. Understand operations and maintenance costs come after launch but set up to conduct these activities incurs cost during the pre-launch phase
    e. Understand the rules around Voucher Administration Costs (Maximum 15% of total voucher)
    f. Review the questions to ask during each phase to plan for adjustments accordingly in the budget

Step 4: Review the Mode Summaries under Section B: Budget Guidance by Mode

    a. Identify desire mode (s) and review the guidance listed to familiarize the team with average and expected costs for each mode
    b. Understand all options associated with the infrastructure types and mode service model

  c. Review examples for previous projects and research additional examples

Step 5: Work closely with identified Mobility Provider, other Project Team Members, and the community residents

  a. Clearly define the business model and define the roles of all parties
  b. Leverage the needs assessment to determine the level of volunteer contributions to the project

Step 6: Fill in the CMO MPV Budget Template and the created budget template for expenses and revenues

  a. Gather all information, resource commitments, and input from mobility providers, other project team members, and the community
  b. Input and review the budget, ensuring the budget number make sense, and the voucher covers major costs
  c. Include costs associated with program participation (i.e., Clean Mobility Equity Alliance and Program Evaluation Activities)
  d. Double-check the rules outlined in the implementation manual about allowable voucher costs and eligible project cost
  e. Complete/refine the project budget

Sample Budget Template (Expenses & Revenue)

Operating a shared mobility pilot requires careful tracking of expenses and revenue. The CMO program requires budget tracking, and a milestone tracker is agreed upon as part of the voucher execution. However, as the project may have multiple funding sources and/or a higher cost than the CMO funding provides for, a unified internal system to track expenses and revenue streams should be reviewed and decided on during the planning phase. An important consideration is that if the budget is going to be worked on by multiple staff, then working from a shared drive that various people can access at one time helps reduce version control issues. A sample Excel budget template used for I-GO Carshare, a non-profit carshare organization based out of Chicago is included here as an example on how to incorporate the cost elements presented here in to a full budget. It includes a summary sheet and detailed monthly expenses and revenues. The budget categories in your template will differ based on the pilot project mode, but this is a useful reference to see how to set-up a budget tracking system, once all the costs have been identified and the project plan is finalized.