



# MEETING AGENDA

## Technical Advisory Committee

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Date:** May 18, 2026

**Locations:** Riverside County Transportation Commission Council Chamber Conference Room  
March Field Conference Room City of Palm Desert  
4080 Lemon Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA 92501 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John A. Corella, Chair / Armando Baldizzone, Cathedral City  
Melissa Walker, Vice Chair / Harold Zamora, City of Moreno Valley  
Art Vela / Nate Smith, City of Banning  
Robert Vestal / Dustin Christensen, City of Beaumont  
VACANT, City of Blythe  
Michael Thornton / Travis Bradshaw, City of Calimesa  
Albert Vergel De Dios / Sean Yeung, Caltrans District 8  
Stuart McKibbin / Mike Borja, City of Canyon Lake  
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Dina Purvis / VACANT, City of Indian Wells  
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Paul Toor / Maria Fraser, City of Jurupa Valley  
Bryan McKinney / VACANT, City of La Quinta  
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Sam Nelson / Victor So, City of Norco  
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Dennis Acuna / Hector Davila, County of Riverside  
Jennifer Nguyen / Mauricio Alvarez, RTA  
Travis Randel / Stuart McKibbin, City of San Jacinto  
Luis Garcia / Isabel Vizcarra, SunLine  
Ron Moreno / Nick Minicilli, City of Temecula  
Christopher Tzeng / Cameron Brown, WRCOG  
Jason Farag / Cameron Luna, City of Wildomar

## STAFF

Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Director  
Martha Masters, Planning and Programming Manager  
Mina Kim, Planning and Programming Manager  
Edward Emery, Planning and Programming Senior Management Analyst

## AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Subject to the supervision of the Commission, the Committee shall provide technical assistance to the Commission by reviewing and evaluating the various transportation proposals and alternatives within Riverside County. The Committee shall review, comment upon, and make recommendations on such matters as are referred to it by the Commission, including all matters relating to the programming of federal funds apportioned to Riverside County and allocated by the Commission.



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA\***

\*Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda.

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**DATE:** May 18, 2026

**LOCATION:** Riverside County Transportation Commission  
March Field Conference Room  
4080 Lemon Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA 92502

**TELECONFERENCE SITE:** Council Chamber Conference Room  
City of Palm Desert  
73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2026**

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**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – This is for comments on items not listed on agenda. Comments relating to an item on the agenda will be taken when the item is before the Committee.

**5. SENATE BILL 1 CYCLE 5 COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS UPDATE**

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This item is to receive and file an update on the Senate Bill 1 Cycle 5 competitive programs.

**6. CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

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This item is to receive and file an update from Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance.

**7. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH 2026**

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***Overview***

This item is to receive and file the March 2026 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting highlights.

**8. RCTC COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL AND MAY 2026**

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***Overview***

This item is to receive and file the April and May 2026 Commission meeting highlights.\

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT**

***Overview***

This item provides the opportunity for the committee members and staff to report on attended and upcoming meetings/conferences and issues related to committee activities.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled to be held July 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

***MINUTES***



# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2026

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Chair John Corella at 10:00 a.m., in the March Field Conference Room at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor, Riverside, California, 92501 and at the teleconference site: Council Chamber Conference Room, City of Palm Desert, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California 92260.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Nate Smith, City of Banning  
Robert Vestal, City of Beaumont  
Michael Thornton, City of Calimesa  
Albert Vergel De Dios, Caltrans  
Stuart McKibbin, City of Canyon Lake  
John Corella, City of Cathedral City\*  
Andrew Simmons, City of Coachella\*  
Randy Bowman, Coachella Valley Association of Governments\*  
Javier Luna, City of Corona  
Noah Rau, City of Hemet  
Dina Purvis, City of Indian Wells\*  
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Bryan McKinney, City of La Quinta\*  
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore  
Nick Fidler, City of Menifee  
Melissa Walker, City of Moreno Valley  
Joel Montalvo, City of Palm Springs\*  
Dennis Acuna, Riverside County  
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency  
Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto  
Ron Moreno, City of Temecula  
Jason Farag, City of Wildomar

\*Joined the meeting at Palm Desert.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2025

**B/C/A (Bowman/Randel) to approve the Minutes as submitted. There were no objections to this motion.**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **5. PROJECT UPDATES: CITIES OF BANNING AND BEAUMONT'S INTERSTATE 10/HIGHLAND SPRINGS AVENUE INTERCHANGE AND CITY OF WILDOMAR'S INTERSTATE 15/BUNDY CANYON ROAD INTERCHANGE AND INTERSTATE 15/WILDOMAR TRAIL INTERCHANGE**

Erik Galloway, RCTC, provided a presentation on Capital Project Updates. The Interstate 10 (I-10) / Highland Springs Project located in the cities of Banning and Beaumont is a partnership between the cities, RCTC, and Caltrans. The purpose of the project is to address traffic delays caused by limited left turn capacity and ramp bottlenecks at the interchange. These operational constraints are contributing to congestion and safety concerns, particularly during peak travel periods. The project is currently in the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase. The next step is to seek approval of the PA/ED, hopefully by December 2027. If funding is available, the project will proceed into the Plans, Specifications, & Estimates (PS&E) phase in 2028. During the Project Study Report (PSR) phase a number of alternatives were studied. Caltrans eliminated those alternatives and a final alternative was taken into the PA/ED phase.

Interstate 15 (I-15) / Bundy Canyon Road and I-15 / Wildomar Trail Interchanges located in the city of Wildomar are also a partnership between the city, RCTC, and Caltrans. Both projects are currently in the Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) phase. The purposes of these studies are to analyze potential alternatives for modifying the existing local roads, interchange configurations, and ramps to improve traffic circulation and accommodate future growth. These early planning efforts are critical to defining the feasibility of improvements, positioning the project for environmental clearance and future funding opportunities. Upcoming milestones for the projects include completing the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEAR) by April 2026, to determine the level of environmental documentation. Staff will seek the approval of the PSR-PDS to formally complete the Planning Initiation Document (PID) phase. If funding is available, staff can start the PA/ED phase and develop a cooperative agreement with Caltrans in summer / fall 2026. If no funding is available, the projects will be put on hold.

John Corella, Cathedral City, expressed interest in RCTC completing the Highland Springs Interchange since it is used daily and becomes a safety issue on weekends.

#### **6. DRAFT PARTNER AGENCY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE OUTLINE**

Erik Galloway provided a presentation on the Partner Agency Project Implementation Procedure. RCTC supports numerous transportation projects throughout the county as demonstrated in the previous presentation. RCTC support ranges from planning assistance to full project delivery. In recent years, staff have seen a growing number of partner agency requests for RCTC to assume full project delivery responsibilities. This trend is largely driven by increasing regulatory complexity, oversight requirements, funding constraints, delivery risks, and staffing limitations. Given this growing demand, RCTC is developing a formal procedure to

standardize how these project requests are evaluated and approved. The goal is to ensure a consistent, transparent, and structured process that protects RCTC's resources, clearly defines the roles and responsibilities, and ensures Commission oversight. Currently, the projects are evaluated by the Project Delivery Director who reviews the project scope, staffing needs, and potential impacts before making a recommendation on whether RCTC should assume project delivery responsibility.

The proposed project assessment flow chart is as follows:

- Request – Formal request from a partner agency.
- Assessment – Staff conducts an assessment evaluating project readiness, funding commitment, risks, staffing capacity, and alignment with Commission priorities.
- Determination – Management makes a determination and develops a draft cooperative agreement outlining responsibilities, funding, and oversight.
- Approval – The project and agreement are brought to the Commission for approval.

In January 2026, staff presented draft materials at the Commission Workshop outlining the framework and based on Commission feedback, staff will finalize the policy and procedure and return in spring / summer 2026 for Commission approval.

Jason Farag, Wildomar, appreciated this process as it has been helpful to the City when it comes to interchange projects. He stated RCTC staff has been great to work with, and this is a great program, especially for smaller cities.

Michael Thornton, Calimesa, asked staff to expand on the funding strategies that were mentioned in the staff report. Erik Galloway shared that when staff approach a partner agency project, the language states that the project must be fully reimbursable by the city to RCTC. RCTC is typically not able to apply any Measure A funding to the projects. When it mentions funding strategies, it is really a sit-down discussion about what the price could be and what the funding would be.

Michael Thornton also asked if there was going to be another round of SB 1 funding coming. Martha Masters, RCTC, stated yes there would be and an update is coming; the information will be sent out as soon as it is available.

## **7. CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

Albert Vergel De Dios, Caltrans, thanked those that attended the Capital Engagement Meeting in Fontana. As mentioned at the meeting, Caltrans has signed a Master Agreement with Tribal agencies in the Riverside area.

Eduardo Moreno-Castaneda, Caltrans, provided a presentation on the Caltrans Local Assistance update. The Caltrans Division of Local Assistance is welcoming its newest partner, Safety Navigator for California Communities (SNCC). SNCC is a statewide training and technical assistance program that is led by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The SNCC is designed to support local public agencies, Tribal governments, and transportation partners in navigating federal

discretionary transportation safety grants. Links for the program were included in the agenda packet.

There were changes to Title VI, Complaints Filed Against Federally Funded Recipients and Sub-Recipients, effective December 9, 2025. Per the U.S. Department of Justice, a final ruling was issued updating regulations under Title VI, rescinding portions of Title VI regulations to conform more closely with the statutory text, and to implement Executive Order 14281. The changes do not impact how agencies process Title VI complaints filed based on disparate treatment. It does, however, impact what agencies can accept as Title VI complaints, as disparate impact complaints are no longer accepted. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the only agency that can accept and investigate complaints of intentional discrimination.

Registration is open for Road Safety Champion Program modules, some dates have already passed, but there are still a few modules that are available to register for. See handout for more information.

The Nevada Local Technical Assistance Program offers virtual trainings. They currently have a three-part series on Managing Local Roads Effectively. This is a great opportunity to advance knowledge in your field. Different training courses are provided each quarter.

UC Berkeley TechTransfer is now offering six online, self-paced courses. The courses cover a variety of topics including construction inspection, financing and cash flow, complete street improvements, construction inspection, and pavement preservation inspection, among others.

There is also online training for Introduction to Active Transportation Planning and Design. This is a free self-paced course offered by the Active Transportation Resource Center.

The class on Labor Compliance for Local Agencies has been rescheduled. The new dates are April 14-15, 2026, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The topics covered will include review of labor compliance reports, state and federal prevailing wage laws, labor compliance responsibilities, navigating the Division of Industrial Regulations website, and Caltrans best practices for labor compliance.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) issued an update that they will not allocate funds to projects for design, right of way, or construction until the final environmental document is complete. This is not a new practice; it serves as a reminder. Projects cannot proceed with construction allocations without the necessary approved E-resolutions. If there is a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document that needs to be submitted, Caltrans does have a mechanism to circulate the environmental document. Any questions can be forwarded to Cherry Zamora, Associate Director of Planning.

As a reminder, there was a new list of inactive projects that was released on Friday. Updates will be sent out later this week. Links were provided to review the new list as well as additional resources for inactive projects.

Albert Vergel De Dios shared that the Local Assistance blog is no longer being updated. The updates that are being sent out reflect what is being received from Caltrans headquarters.

**8. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026**

Martha Masters shared that the SB 1 grant applications will come out in August and recommendations will be announced June 2027. She introduced Mina Kim, who is the newest manager in Planning and Programming focusing on State and Local funding.

Mina Kim, RCTC, stated that the CTC has met two times since the last TAC meeting in November. In December, the SR-241/SR-91 Express Lanes Connector project from the west side of Riverside County to Orange County received tolling authority. The 2026 SB 1 Program Guidelines are moving forward and the draft guidelines will be presented at the June 2026 CTC meeting. The recommendations for the final guidelines will be presented at the August meeting.

The CTC approved the state allocation for RCTC's Coachella Valley-San Geronio Pass Rail Corridor Service project. Metrolink and SunLine Transit Agency both received Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) allocations.

In January, the draft of ATP Cycle 8 was presented to the CTC and is expected to be adopted at the March CTC meeting later this week. The application deadline is June 22, 2026. Jurupa Valley, Riverside, and Coachella received approval of allocations for ATP projects.

CTC will meet again this Thursday, March 19, in Malibu.

**9. RCTC COMMISSION MEETING AND WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS: DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 2026**

Martha Masters highlighted a few items the Commission has approved since the last TAC meeting. The environmental document for RCTC's I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension was approved in December, and earlier this month the Commission entered into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the next phase of the project, which will be progressive design-build.

The Commission awarded construction contracts to Skanska to build the Mid County Parkway 3 project and Ames to build the State Route 60/Potrero Boulevard Phase 2 project, which RCTC is leading on Beaumont's behalf. RCTC became the lead agency for another Beaumont project, the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation project, which received nearly \$50 million in competitive state grant funding. The Coachella Valley Rail project is moving into the next level of environmental review; a contract was awarded to HDR for the work, which is anticipated to take several years.

At the Commission Workshop at the end of January, the status of Measure A revenues and projects was discussed and options for extending the measure were reviewed. The Commission approved a 91 Master Plan to continue some projects already in the works and initiating a couple of new ones. This year's workshop wrapped up with a discussion on warehousing and logistics growth in the county as requested by the Commissioner from Lake Elsinore. Data was shared and there was discussion about RCTC continuing to monitor freight impacts and collaborate at all levels to inform transportation investments and good movement mitigation efforts.

Revenue projections for this and next fiscal year were approved by the Commission in February. If you have participated in the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Zone meetings, you are already aware that TUMF revenues are down. Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and Measure A revenues are projected to hold steady. The Commission approved RCTC taking the lead on the project initiation for the I-10 / SR 79 Interchange in partnership with the city of Beaumont.

RCTC now has an on-call highway design and environmental services bench for capital and toll projects. This is to enable RCTC to move more quickly and nimbly in project development. The Commission received a Countywide Transit Report for Fiscal Years 21/22 through 23/24 and the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Performance Audit results for the same years.

RCTC is sponsoring legislation, AB 1855, to expand existing law to provide a CEQA exemption for the Coachella Valley Rail project. RCTC is entering into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. This will allow RCTC to proceed into the progressive design-build phase of the project.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8.

## **10. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT**

Chris Garza, RCTC, reminded everyone that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is the annual Measure A requirement for all agencies. Each agency must submit its five-year CIP through RivTrack along with the required supporting documents. This includes all Measure A funded projects planned in the next five years, including any previously approved projects that are still active and need to carry over into Fiscal Year 2027. A formal notification was issued on January 28, 2026, that outlined the requirements, as well as an email from RCTC on the same day.

For this year's CIP cycle, agencies must submit the following through RivTrack:

- Five-year CIP for Fiscal Years 2026/27 through 2030/31
- Project Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026
- Maintenance of Effort Certification (if applicable)
- Confirmation of Participation in the MSHCP and TUMF programs (if applicable)

If an agency requires a CIP amendment, please complete that prior to beginning the new CIP so any carry-over projects and funding availability are accurate. The deadline for CIP submittals is Monday, April 27, 2026. Following the submittals, the CIPs are reviewed by the Budget and Implementation Committee and Commission in May/June, with the first disbursement in Fiscal Year 2026/2027 scheduled for September 2026. Measure A disbursements cannot be made until all required items have been received and approved. Training resources including how to register, submit a new CIP, or amend an existing CIP are available in RivTrack through the resource library.

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) held a workshop on February 25, 2026, that outlined the technical assistance aspect and the outreach for this cycle. The guidelines were presented at the January CTC meeting and are expected to be adopted at the March CTC meeting in Malibu. Once these are approved, the statewide call for projects will open. There is currently an estimated \$619 million in funding available for Cycle 8. The application deadline for Cycle 8 will be June 22, 2026.

Nate Smith, Banning, shared they have a new city manager who just started two weeks ago. Elizabeth Gibbs, previously from the city of Beaumont, entered into a five-year contract with the city of Banning.

John Corella shared that the city of Cathedral City also has a new city manager, Andrew Firestine, who was previously the Community and Economic Director at the city.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be on May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jillian Guizado

Planning and Programming Director



# ***AGENDA ITEM 5***



<b>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	May 18, 2026
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Mina Kim, Planning and Programming Manager
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Senate Bill 1 Cycle 5 Competitive Programs Update

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to receive and file an update on the Senate Bill 1 Cycle 5 competitive programs.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In April 2017, the California State Legislature passed, and then-Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), a \$5.2 billion annual transportation funding bill for the state of California. The primary intent behind SB 1 was to be a fix-it-first measure which infused nearly half of all annual revenues into state facilities. Several other portions of SB 1 are administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and are competitively awarded. Competitive programs created and/or funded with SB 1 revenues include:

- Active Transportation Program (ATP);
- Local Partnership Program - Competitive (LPP-C);
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP);
- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP); and
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP).

Each competitive program undergoes a standard guidelines development and adoption process culminating in competitive calls for projects.

Additionally, in the spirit of SB 1’s fix-it-first approach, formula allocations to cities and counties for Local Streets and Roads increased by well-over 50 percent. Transit received a sizeable increase in formula State Transit Assistance funds and benefits from the formula program: State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair.

**DISCUSSION:**

The CTC is currently developing guidelines for the SCCP, LPP-C, and TCEP competitive programs. Draft guidelines will be presented at the June 25 – 26, 2026, meeting with guidelines adoption anticipated at the August 20 – 21, 2026, meeting. Once the guidelines are adopted, the calls for projects will open. Applications are anticipated to be due around mid-November to early-December. Funding recommendations are anticipated to be released early-June 2027 with CTC-approval later that month.

Table 1 is a summary of the two programs for which most TAC member agencies are eligible to apply.

**Table 1. SB 1 Competitive Cycle 5 Program Summary for Local Agencies**

<b>SB 1 Program</b>	<b>Programming Years</b>	<b>Eligible Phases</b>	<b>Approx. Funding Available</b>	<b>Eligible Projects (not comprehensive)</b>
LPP-C	FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-29  (July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029)	CON	\$150 million	Improvements to: highways, local roads, transit facilities, bike/ped safety/mobility; purchase ZE buses; ITS; environmental mitigation. Previous guidelines for reference: <a href="#">2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Guidelines</a>
TCEP		PS&E, ROW, CON	\$650 – 900 million	Freight-focused highway improvements, ports, local/connector roads, zero-emission infrastructure. Previous guidelines for reference: <a href="#">2024 Local Partnership Program Competitive Guidelines</a>

Eligible agencies with eligible projects that have delivery schedules that align with the programming years should begin preparing now to submit grant applications this fall. RCTC Planning and Programming staff are available to assist with assessing project eligibility and competitiveness. The CTC will be holding virtual office hours through May to discuss project proposals for their LPP-C, SCCP, and TCEP programs. To register, follow this link: [2026 SB 1 Programs Virtual Office Hours Sessions Registration](#).

# ***AGENDA ITEM 6***



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	May 18, 2026
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Edward Emery, Senior Management Analyst
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance Update

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to receive and file an update from Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Caltrans' Local Assistance Program oversees more than one billion dollars annually available to over 600 cities, counties, and regional agencies for the purpose of improving their transportation infrastructure or providing transportation services. This funding comes from various federal and state programs specifically designated to assist the transportation needs of local agencies. Annually, over 1,200 new projects are authorized through the Local Assistance Program of which approximately 700 are construction projects.

Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance is responsible for processing local agency obligations and allocations of federal and state funds, providing guidance on federal and state regulations, and direction on processes and procedures that are tied to each funding program. Local Assistance is responsible for the current funding programs as identified in Table 1.

**Table 1: Caltrans Local Assistance Funding Program Responsibilities**

<b>Federal Programs</b>	<b>State Programs</b>
Emergency Relief (ER)	Active Transportation Program (ATP)
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	Local Partnership Program (LPP) <i>Off-system</i>
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program (LTCAP – PROTECT formula)
Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs) (Highway Infrastructure Program Earmarks)	Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) <i>Off-system</i>
Highway Bridge Program (HBP)	State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) <i>Off-system</i>
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) <i>Off-system</i>
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program	

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) <i>Off-system</i>	
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	

Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation Slide Deck

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**Caltrans Local Assistance D8**

**May 18, 2026**

# FHWA Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

The [USDOT Research Review Winter Edition](#) highlights the Federal Land Management resources, new environmental justice and appraisal training courses, and other Federal Highway Administration ([FHWA](#)) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty ([HEP](#)) research topics. The goal is to synchronize and unify efforts to streamline the grant delivery process discretionary grants for the five [Planning, Environment, & Realty offices](#).

- View all articles, Notice of Funding Opportunities, and training announcements by accessing the downloadable [USDOT Research Review Newsletter](#).

# FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All NOFO Now Live!

The Department of Transportation has released the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All ([SS4A](#)) program.

- Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Almost 1 billion is made available by this NOFO.

## Applications and Deadline

The NOFO is posted on [Grants.gov](#); you may also view the [NOFO on the SS4A Website](#). The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2026, at 2:00pm PT**.

Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval, an online application portal used by USDOT.

- Implementation Grant Application:  
[https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot\\_ss4a\\_2026\\_implementation/signup](https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot_ss4a_2026_implementation/signup)
- Planning and Demonstration Grant Application:  
[https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot\\_ss4a\\_2026\\_planning\\_demo/signup](https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot_ss4a_2026_planning_demo/signup)
- Customer support for Valid Eval is available at [support@valideval.com](mailto:support@valideval.com).

Please see the [SS4A Webinar Series page](#) for more details. For questions, please contact [SS4A@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A@dot.gov).

Policy Update -  
Interim Local  
Assistance  
Procedures Manual  
(LAPM) Forms

**Update to Office Bulletin #25-07 - Revision 3**

**Suspension of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)  
Program**

**Interim Local Assistance Procedures Forms**

- Caltrans has updated two LAPM forms to guide Local Public Agencies (LPAs) on how to adjust their contract templates/language due to the Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. It is suggested not to include the stricken DBE provisions in your new contracts as outlined in LAPM Exhibits.
- [LAPM Exhibit 10-R: A&E Boilerplate Agreement Language](#)
- [LAPM Exhibit 12-G: Required Federal Aid Contract Language](#)

These forms are posted on the LAPM forms page at: [Local Assistance Procedures Manual \(LAPM\) Forms | Caltrans](#)

Webinar Recordings and  
Presentation Materials  
Now Available:  
Safe Streets and Roads  
for All

- The Safe Streets and Roads for All ([SS4A](#)) program recorded three public "How to Apply" webinars in April. The webinars focused on developing a Safety Action Plan; Supplemental Planning and Demonstration activities; and Implementation Grants. Please visit the [SS4A website](#) to access the webinar recordings and presentations.

# External Partner Online Trainings & Resources

The [Center for Local Aid Support](#) is sponsoring online training courses for local agencies and tribal nations. The following resources provide anytime, anywhere access to hundreds of training topics designed to meet your individual needs. Please contact [CLAS@dot.gov](mailto:CLAS@dot.gov) with questions and assistance.

- [Local Aid Support](#) - A series of self-paced online training modules.
- [National Highway Institute](#) - Over 180 web-based courses available, an account will need to be created to access.
- [Institute of Transportation Engineers](#) - 15 online modules for smaller jurisdictions and tribes.

# Conference: Road to Zero Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Location: Online and Washington, DC

- Registration is now open for the Road to Zero annual meeting, generously hosted by the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. Both in-person and virtual attendance options are available. Join NSC at the National League of Cities or virtually for keynote speakers from the forefront of traffic safety, a recap of their work over the past year, and a preview of their Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grant recipient projects. Expect engrossing conversations about the future of behavioral safety and vehicle technology.

**[Register Here](#)**

# Free Training: Buy America de Minimis Cost Waiver Worksheet

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**9:00am - 10:30am PT**

The Division of Local Assistance ([DLA](#)) Office of Guidance and Oversight ([OGO](#)) will be hosting a Build America Buy America (BABA) De Minimis Cost Waiver Worksheet tool webinar on the above dates from 9:00am - 10:30am PT.

- The presentation is intended for construction staff, resident engineers, construction managers and design staff administering local transportation projects off the State Highway System with federal funds subject to BABA requirements. This training will provide users with:

1. How to use the [De Minimis Cost Waiver Worksheet](#) (version 1.1)
2. Review of a [waiver example](#)
3. How to invoke the small grants waiver for projects with less than \$500,000 in federal-aid funding.
4. Attendee Q&A

Please contact [CALTAP](#) with any questions.

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Local public agencies and Tribes are expected to invoice Caltrans regularly for projects in accordance with Section 630.106 in Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- Please work with your Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer to invoice or to provide justification.
- Links
- DLA
- DLA Inactive Projects Website
- FHWA Obligation Funds Management Guide

Inactive  
Projects



# Planning Modal

The Federal Railroad Administration released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the **Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program** for FY 25-26. Caltrans is accepting requests for a Letter of Support (LOS).

**Purpose/Objectives:** To fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, including but not limited to elimination projects, that improve safety and mobility of people and goods. Such projects will improve American rail infrastructure to enhance rail safety, improve the health and safety of communities, eliminate highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings that are frequently blocked by trains, or reduce the impacts that freight movement and railroad operations may have on underserved communities.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- A State (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other United States territories and possessions).
- A unit of local government or a group of local governments.
- A group of entities described in any of paragraphs (i) through (vii).
- A political subdivision of a State.
- A federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- A public port authority.
- A metropolitan planning organization.

**Program Timelines:** Grant applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration by **6/08/2026**.

**Available Funding:** Up to **\$1,146,528,000**

**For Further Details:** [Crossing Safety Program / Railroad Crossing Elimination \(RCE\) Grant Program | FRA](#)

To request a Caltrans LOS, please email the following information to **Shenequa Boutte**, District 8 Strategic Investment Manager, at [shenequa.boutte@dot.ca.gov](mailto:shenequa.boutte@dot.ca.gov), by 5/20/2026:

- Project description
- Draft Letter of Support
- Project location
- Phase for which funding is being requested
- Current phase

# Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program for FY 25-26

**Miscellaneous/Other**  
**To Be Announced**

Questions





# ***AGENDA ITEM 7***



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	May 18, 2026
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Mina Kim, Planning and Programming Manager
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	California Transportation Commission Meeting Highlights: March 2026

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to receive and file the March 2026 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting highlights.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**March 19 – 20, 2026 CTC Meeting ([Agenda](#))**

- TAB 18      Adoption of the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program
- TAB 19      2027 Active Transportation Program Fund Estimate Adoption
- TAB 21      Adoption of the 2027 Active Transportation Program Guidelines
- TAB 24      Adoption of the Final 2026 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
- TAB 96      2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Amendment: Amendments to the ... Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project ...
- TAB 97      Approval of Four 2027 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Baseline Agreements
- TAB 101     Request of \$84,538,000 for 83 2024 and 2026 SHOPP preconstruction project phases for environmental support, design, and R/W support
- TAB 115     Request of \$160,610,000 for 11 TIRCP projects



# ***AGENDA ITEM 8***



<b>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	May 18, 2026
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Martha Masters, Planning and Programming Manager Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Director
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RCTC Commission Meeting Highlights: April and May 2026

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to receive and file the April and May 2026 Commission meeting highlights.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**April 2026 Commission Meeting ([Agenda](#))**

ITEM 6E      Master Agreements and Resolutions with Caltrans for State-funded Transit Projects, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and State Rail Assistance Program

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 26-005, "Authorization for the Execution of a Master Agreement and Program Supplements for State- Funded Projects" with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans);
- 2) Approve Agreement No. 26-25-065-00 with Caltrans for state-funded transit projects;
- 3) Adopt Resolution No. 26-004, "Authorization for the Execution of a Master Agreement and Program Supplements for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)- Funded Projects" with Caltrans;
- 4) Approve Agreement No. 26-25-064-00 with Caltrans for state-funded TIRCP projects;
- 5) Adopt the State Rail Assistance (SRA) program, Resolution No. 26-006, "Authorization for the Execution of the State Rail Assistance Project" with Caltrans, the Authorized Agent Form, and Certification Assurances; and
- 6) Authorize the Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to finalize and execute the agreement and future program supplements on behalf of the Commission.

ITEM 8      Transportation Demand Management Modernization Contracts

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Award Agreement No. 26-41-034-00 with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for Next Generation Strategic Transportation Demand Management Plan services, for an eighteen-month term, in an amount not to exceed \$385,895;
- 2) Award the following agreements to provide on-call transportation demand management services for three-year base period with two, one-year options to extend the agreements for a total period of performance of up to five years in an amount not to exceed an aggregate value of \$7,000,000;
  - a) Agreement No. 26-41-035-00 with AECOM Technical Services;
  - b) Agreement No. 26-41-056-00 with Alta Planning + Design;
  - c) Agreement No. 26-41-057-00 with HNTB Corporation;
  - d) Agreement No. 26-41-058-00 with ICF Consulting;
  - e) Agreement No. 26-41-059-00 with Media Beef;
  - f) Agreement No. 26-41-060-00 with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates;
  - g) Agreement No. 26-41-061-00 with Steer Davies & Gleave;
- 3) Approve Agreement No. 26-41-067-00 with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) funding agreement as part of its Transportation Demand Management CTC Partnership Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000; and
- 4) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to finalize and execute the agreement, on behalf of the Commission.

ITEM 9 Coachella Valley Association of Governments' Continued Analysis of Cash Flow Concerns

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Receive and file a presentation from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Executive Director, Tom Kirk, who will present CVAG's continued analysis and cash flow concerns that was presented at the March 16 CVAG Executive Committee.

ITEM 10 SunLine State of the Agency

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Receive and file the report on the state of SunLine Transit Agency.

**May 2026 Commission Meeting ([Agenda](#))**

ITEM 6 Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Discuss, review, and provide guidance on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Executive Summary; and

- 2) Conduct a public hearing to receive input and comments on the proposed FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget on May 13 and June 10, 2026, and thereafter close the public hearing.

ITEM 7D Agreement for Construction Management, Materials Testing, Construction Surveying and Environmental Monitoring Services for Santa Ana River Trail 2, Phase 6 – Package A Project

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Award Agreement No. 26-67-029-00 to Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects LLC, for Construction Management, Materials Testing, Construction Surveying and Environmental Monitoring Services for Santa Ana River Trail 2 (SART 2), Phase 6 – Package A Project in the amount of \$1,530,880, plus a contingency amount of \$107,161, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,638,041;
- 2) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to finalize and execute the Agreement on behalf of the Commission;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to approve contingency work up to the total not to exceed amount as required for these services; and
- 4) Authorize the Executive Director to make changes between fund types within the total amount approved by the Commission to facilitate the most efficient use of funds.

ITEM 7E Fiscal Year 2025/26 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Additional Funding Recommendations

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Approve additional project awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (SB 821) program for an additional amount of \$491,000, and a total amount not to exceed \$7,770,863;
- 2) Direct staff to prepare and execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the city of Eastvale and an amendment with the city of Jurupa Valley to outline the project schedules and local funding commitments; and
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU and amendment with the local agencies, pursuant to legal counsel review.

ITEM 8 Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension Progressive Design-Build Phase 1 Agreements

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Award Agreement No. 25-31-007-00 to SC Constructors (a joint-venture composed of Skanska USA Civil West, California District Inc. and Coffman Specialties Inc.) to initiate Progressive Design-Build Phase 1 of the Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) (Project), in the

amount of \$38,457,635 with a Design Option amount not to exceed \$11,600,000 plus a contingency amount of \$5,005,764 for a total amount not to exceed \$55,063,399;

- 2) Award Change Order No. 46 to Agreement No. 16-31-043-00 for the I-15 ELPSE with Kapsch TrafficCom USA Inc. (Kapsch) to provide design services in support of the Project in the amount of \$1,134,185 with an estimated Design Option support cost of \$330,000 plus a contingency amount of \$146,419 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,610,604;
- 3) Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. 26-31-044-00 with the city of Corona for the I-15 ELPSE;
- 4) Approve MOU No. 26-31-043-00 with the city of Lake Elsinore for the I-15 ELPSE;
- 5) Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and finalize Toll Facility Agreement No. 26-31-055-00 with Caltrans for the I-15 ELPSE;
- 6) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review and receipt of funding authorization (E-76), to execute the agreements on behalf of the Commission; and
- 7) Authorize the Executive Director or designee to approve contingency work up to the total amount not to exceed as required for the Project.