RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Date: November 16, 2026
Locations: Riverside County Transportation Commission
March Field Conference Room
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

Council Chamber Conference Room
City of Palm Desert
73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

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Paul Toor / Maria Fraser, City of Jurupa Valley
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Yu Tagai / VACANT, City of Lake Elsinore
Nick Fidler / Carlos Geronimo, City of Menifee
Bob Moehling / Jeff Hitch, City of Murrieta
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Mina Kim, Planning and Programming Manager
Edward Emery, Planning and Programming Senior Management Analyst
Brittany Navas, 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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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 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. CORE CAPACITY INNOVATIVE TRANSIT STUDY UPDATE

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This item is for the Technical Advisory Committee to receive and file an update on the Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study (Study).

6. SB 821 UPDATED PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027/28 CALL FOR PROJECTS

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Overview

This item is for the Technical Advisory Committee to:

1) Approve the proposed administrative updates to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 (SB 821) Program Guidelines for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2027/28 Call for Projects and forward to the Commission for final action.

7. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS 2027 CALL FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS UPDATE

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Overview

This item is to receive and file an update on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2027 Call for Project Nominations.

8. OBLIGATION DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE – FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 AND FUTURE

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This item is to receive and file an update on Riverside County's Obligation Delivery Plan.

9. 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.

10. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER 2026

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

11. RCTC COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2026

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Overview

This item is to receive and file the October and November 2026 Commission meeting highlights.

12. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled to be held February 8, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 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*
Mark Lancaster, Coachella Valley Association of Governments*
Javier Luna, City of Corona
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Melissa Walker, City of Moreno Valley
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
John Pourkazemi, City of Perris
Jeff Benson, City of Rancho Mirage*
Sweta Patel, City of Riverside
Dennis Acuna, Riverside County
Jennifer Nguyen, Riverside Transit Agency
Stuart McKibbin, City of San Jacinto
Luis Garcia, Sunline Transit Agency*
Cameron Brown, Western Riverside Council of Governments

*Joined the meeting at Palm Desert.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 18, 2026

B/C/A (Walker/Moehling) to approve the Minutes as submitted. There were no objections to this motion.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. MEASURE A RENEWAL

David Knudsen, RCTC staff, provided a presentation on the Measure A Renewal. Measure A is the county's half-cent sales tax measure dedicated to local transportation projects. It was first approved by voters in 1988 and then renewed in 2002. In June, the Commission approved seeking voter approval to renew it again. The current Measure A sunsets in 2039. These local funds help to leverage additional local, state, and federal funds to bring more transportation dollars to Riverside County.

Measure A helps fund interchanges and improvements on the highway system, nine Metrolink stations, grade separations, commuter assistance programs such as Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) and IE Commuter, and public transportation programs.

A major component of Measure A is the local streets and roads program. Since 2009, about a billion dollars have been distributed across all the local jurisdictions and the county. A few cities to note are Murrieta with $41 million, Moreno Valley with almost $70 million, Lake Elsinore with $23.5 million, and unincorporated Riverside County with $136 million.

Across the county since 2009, Measure A has been distributed across the three geographic sub-regions of the county. Western Riverside County has received $2.4 billion, Coachella Valley has received $665 million, and the Palo Verde Valley has received $20 million. Together, this represents approximately $3 billion in Measure A distribution for projects and services throughout the county.

The Commission has been evaluating and assessing project costs related to available revenue, and there is a gap between available funding sources and competing project costs. The Commission decided now is a good time to renew Measure A without increasing the current sales tax rate. RCTC has spent a number of years educating the public about the Traffic Relief Plan (TRP), which considered a new sales tax of up to one cent. The renewal is intended to maintain the existing half-cent sales tax, with no increase to the sales tax rate.

In November, the voters will decide on renewing Measure A, continuing the existing half-cent sales tax for transportation investments. The proposed renewal would remove the current 2039 sunset date and instead continue the measure until ended by voters. The renewal will not increase the current sales tax rate for Riverside County, and the measure is estimated to generate approximately $280 million annually for the life of the measure.

The proposed renewal maintains the core accountability and governance structure and requirements already included in Measure A. This includes the 1% cap on salaries and benefits, the maintenance of effort requirements, the five-year capital improvement plans, the mandatory independent audits, and the return to source funding across the three geographic sub-regions. It also maintains requirements for compliance with the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) and Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) in order to receive Measure A funds. The renewal would add a taxpayer oversight committee. This would be comprised of Riverside County residents with seven members in total appointed by the Commission, including one member from each supervisorial district, one at-large member from the Coachella Valley, and one at large number from Western Riverside County.

The funds would be distributed across three primary categories: local streets and roads, highways and regional corridors, and public transportation.

For Western Riverside County, there will be a few changes. In Western Riverside County, transportation funds are currently distributed across highways, regional arterials, new corridors, bond financing, and economic development, representing about 59% of the total available funding and distribution. That would change to be combined into the new highways and regional corridors category at 59%. Of the 59%, 9% of the category would be used for city or county sponsored projects. This is intended to continue today's regional arterials program. This creates greater responsiveness for the Commission to be able to apply more funds across projects that have increased costs. Local streets and roads would be maintained at 29% in Western County, and public transportation would be maintained at 12%.

For the Coachella Valley, the only thing that would change is the name of the category for the highways and regional arterials. That would become highways and regional corridors to be consistent with the Measure A renewal. That would be maintained at 50% and administered by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and its Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) process. Local streets and roads would remain at 35% using the existing formula distribution that Measure A has today, and public transportation would be maintained at 15%, with a direct allocation to SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine). The funds generated in the Coachella Valley would remain in the Coachella Valley.

In the Palo Verde Valley, there would be no change; 100% of Measure A funds would go to local streets and roads. That is consistent with today's Measure A and would be carried over into the measure renewal. The funds are administered by the city of Blythe and by the County for the unincorporated areas.

While the measure renewal sunset is until ended by voters, RCTC is looking at a 30-year planning horizon for an estimate of revenues. Western Riverside County is estimated at $9.4 billion, the Coachella Valley at $2.3 billion, and in Palo Verde Valley approximately $60 million. For Western Riverside County, that would mean public transportation would get $1.1 billion, local streets and roads $2.7 billion, and $5.5 billion for highways and regional corridors. The Coachella Valley could see $800 million for local streets and roads, $345 million for public transportation, and

$1.2 billion for highways and regional corridors. Palo Verde Valley would have $60 million for local streets and roads.

The estimated 30-year horizon for local streets and roads distribution is $3.6 billion. A chart was shown as to how that would be distributed across the county.

The Taxpayer Oversight Committee would be brand new to RCTC. Independent audits and financial reviews would continue as they exist today. Also, no more than 1% of the revenue of the measure could be used for salaries and benefits. The funds could only be used for transportation purposes within Riverside County; it could not be diverted to Sacramento or Washington, D.C.

RCTC has been talking to residents across the county. While RCTC cannot advocate for or against a ballot measure, RCTC can provide education. There is a pamphlet that outlines the measure and the overall theme of the renewal from an education perspective. For the Western Riverside County portion of the plan, the handout also outlines the potential highway projects the measure could fund. These projects represent the balance of projects that have not yet been completed within the current measure. The focus on the renewal is to complete the list of projects that voters first adopted in 2002. To learn more information, there is a website that gives educational impartial information, at www.rctc.org.

Stuart McKibbin, Canyon Lake, asked about polling for the Measure A renewal.

David Knudsen noted that RCTC conducted polling earlier this year. There is a need to hit a 67% two-thirds threshold in order to maintain a measure renewal. RCTC saw numbers in the high seventies in May. While that was good, there have been a lot of events throughout the nation and the world that may lead to a different outcome. The official work here with the Commission is completed, and that is now all at the campaign level, which is outside of this office.

Stuart McKibbin wanted clarification on the major arterial funding that's now 9%. In the past, we did this special application. Is that changed or how is that money going to be allocated?

David Knudsen shared the call for projects would be up to the Commission. RCTC is planning to set aside up to 9% for that funding. RCTC does not usually do that annually but rather let the funds build and then do a call for projects when there is funding that will be usable or bring value to a project; that would likely continue. The Commission will make that determination if the renewal passes.

Nate Smith, Banning, asked if this renewal replaced the TRP, or if it was an item for future consideration. David Knudsen stated that would be an item for future consideration. It is still an aspirational blueprint. As you can see from the project list, those projects are not included. There is not any new money in the renewal for those projects so that would have to be something that comes later.

Nate Smith asked how it works for the measure to be removed by voters and how the mechanism works for borrowing money on future years' revenue when the tax goes away.

David Knudsen clarified the ordinance stipulates the measure would be in place for the life of the debt. Voters could end Measure A today if they wanted to. They would have to put an initiative on the ballot, collect the signatures, and then they need to have a vote that would repeal the measure. The measure would be in place until all of the debt has been repaid.

Michael Thornton, Calimesa, asked what project list David Knudsen was referring to. David Knudsen explained the project list was included in the staff report. The staff report includes a list of regional projects that would be eligible for Measure A funding. There was a handout that was given in Riverside, but an electronic copy will go out to all TAC members later today.

Nick Fidler, Menifee, asked about the original chart having 9% for regional arterials and then 9% for new corridors and if those are both combined for the renewal.

David Knudsen explained that the highways, regional arterials, new corridors, bond financing, and economic development, would all put into the new highways and regional corridors pot of funding. It is listed as up to 9%, which is equivalent to the current measure. That 9% may be used for city and county sponsored projects; the regional arterials program that was discussed earlier. The rest of the funds would be available for project delivery. The categories that only had 1%, like for economic development, which does not really help get projects delivered, were added to the broader project delivery framework. New corridors are not something that is likely to get project funding in the future, although there are projects in the Traffic Relief Plan that represent new corridors, getting that done as part of Measure A would be very difficult. The funds would be consolidated into a super pot that would hopefully generate the revenue necessary to include the larger cost of projects.

Nick Fidler thought that would make the regional corridor much more competitive. David Knudsen did not think that would be the case, because 9% is still the allocation. The Commission could reduce that to 5% if they wanted to in the future, but up to 9% is the maximum.

Nick Fidler also asked how the funding is distributed. David Knudsen explained there is a different formula for each region. The distribution formula for Measure A for local streets and roads will not change. Staff can share the data on the formulas via email.

Javier Luna, Corona, asked if Measure A was not renewed, what was the current sunset date. David Knudsen stated that if Measure A is not renewed, it will continue until 2039 as it is.

Chair John Corella, Cathedral City, asked if anything was going to change in the eastern portion of Riverside County, based on the presentation, it did not seem like anything would significantly change.

David Knudsen explained there would not be any major changes on the eastern side. The only thing that changes are with CVAG, where RCTC renamed the Highways and Regional Arterials to Highways and Regional Corridors, to be consistent with the rest of the measure. CVAG would administer that through the TPPS. Public transportation would continue to be allocated to SunLine and local streets and roads would continue under its current formula distribution for the Coachella Valley and the eastern portion of the county.

6. PROPOSED 2027 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Martha Masters, RCTC staff, shared that historically, TAC meetings have been scheduled for the third Monday of every other month, starting in January. A January TAC meeting has always been canceled due to the third Monday of January being the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Since the return of in-person TAC meetings in 2023, the TAC has not met more than four times per year.

For TAC meetings in 2027, staff is recommending shifting to a quarterly schedule. The first meeting is proposed to be held in February, then quarterly thereafter, as detailed in the attachment in the agenda packet. Due to the third Monday of February being the observance of Washington's birthday, President's Day, staff are proposing for the month of February to shift the TAC meeting to the second Monday.

The meeting times are proposed to remain at 10:00 AM as they have been in the past. Meetings are proposed to continue being held in person at two concurrent meeting locations: the Commission's Lemon Street Office, March Field Conference Room in Riverside, and the City of Palm Desert's Council Chamber Conference Room. By shifting to quarterly meetings, it is anticipated less meetings will be cancelled and meeting agendas will be more substantive.

Mark Lancaster, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, made a suggestion to move the February meeting to the 4th Monday in February instead of the 2nd.

Lisa Mobley, RCTC staff, shared that RCTC's standing committees are on the 4th Monday of the month.

Chair Corella agreed, overall, because not having multiple meetings is probably the best way to go, changing to quarterly instead of the bi-monthly.

B/C/A (Lancaster/Wassil) to approve the proposed 2027 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule. There were no objections to this motion.

7. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 8 – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS' REGIONAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES – 20-POINT DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY APPLICATIONS

Brittany Navas, RCTC staff, shared that the Active Transportation Program funds bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the state. Projects are evaluated first at the statewide level

competition. Applicants not selected for statewide funding are automatically considered for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) component.

For Cycle 8, approximately $17.4 million is targeted for Riverside County through the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Share. Due to limited funding, the 20-points methodology adopted by the Commission allows for RCTC to reflect Riverside County's priorities when developing its recommended project list. The Commission approved this methodology in November 2024 for Cycle 7 and for all future cycles. No changes have been proposed for Cycle 8.

The methodology is as follows:

- 6 points for projects requesting construction only funding,
- 4 points when construction is programmed within the first three years,
- 7 points when the environmental phase is complete or 3 points if it has begun; and
- 3 points when the project identified is in an adopted regional or local active transportation, bicycle, pedestrian, or safe routes to school plan.

The methodology is intended to prioritize projects that are ready to move forward and recognize agencies that have already invested in pre-construction phases. Staff will evaluate projects using the application submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). For environmental points, staff will review the project schedule in the application and confirm completion using the applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) signature pages. Agencies seeking those points must submit the required environmental documentation to RCTC by November 3. Staff will then apply the methodology and return to the Commission with Riverside County's recommended MPO component project list. As the Commission previously approved the methodology for all future cycles, no additional approval is requested today.

Nate Smith asked if the application goes to the state, does not get approved and if it comes down to this, would it be possible to fund a portion of that project or if it was only for the entire application.

Brittany Navas stated the same application submitted for statewide consideration is what would be evaluated for funding through the MPO share.

8. SENATE BILL 1 CYCLE 5 COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Brittany Navas shared that Senate Bill 1 provides funding through several competitive transportation programs managed by the CTC. On August 20, 2026, the CTC adopted the guidelines and opened Cycle 5 for three of these programs. Today's presentation focused on the competitive Local Partnership Program (LPP), as well as the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), because these are the two programs that are most relevant to the TAC. The third is the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) which is not covered in detail because the cities cannot apply directly. Instead, applications for that program must be submitted by a regional transportation planning agency, a county transportation commission, such as RCTC, or Caltrans. However, cities may still participate as project partners.

The competitive LPP has approximately $151.3 million available statewide. It can be used to fund the construction phase of eligible transportation projects scheduled for Fiscal Years 2027-28 and 2028-29. The program is available to local and regional agencies that administer an eligible voter-approved transportation tax, toll, or fee, or another qualifying transportation fee. It should be noted this program requires a 50% local match and applications are due directly to CTC by November 18.

TCEP has approximately $1.288 billion available statewide for projects that improve freight movement. Funding may be requested for project design, right of way, or construction. Applications are due directly to CTC by November 20.

Although the final TCEP application is due to the CTC in November, Riverside County applicants must begin coordinating with SCAG much earlier and should pay close attention to the separate SCAG deadlines. First, applicants must send a project summary and letter of consistency to SCAG by September 30. SCAG will then provide each applicant with a project specific shared folder by October 6. A near final application must be uploaded to that folder by October 30. By November 20, applicants must upload the final application to the SCAG shared folder and also submit directly to the CTC. Uploading the application to the SCAG folder does not replace the required CTC submission.

CTC staff recommendations for all three SB 1 competitive programs are expected in June 2027, with final program adoption anticipated at the June 24-25 CTC meeting. If your agency is considering applying for any SB 1 competitive programs, it is encouraged that you contact RCTC Planning and Programming staff as early as possible. Staff are available to discuss your proposed project and help navigate the application and regional coordination requirements.

Chair Corella asked regarding the local partnership program, what was the minimum and maximum per project. Jillian Guizado, RCTC staff, shared there is no minimum that RCTC is aware of, but the maximum is $25 million. It does require a one-to-one match from other eligible funding sources. In other words, whatever amount is requested, you must bring the same amount to the table.

Nate Smith asked if there would be a Cycle 6. Brittany Navas confirmed there would be.

9. 2028 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Martha Masters shared that the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), or Connect SoCal, is the region's long range transportation and land use plan. Updated every four years, it establishes regional priorities, guides transportation investments, and helps projects become eligible for state and federal funding. The adopted 2024 RTP includes more than $751 billion in transportation investments through 2050 and serves as a foundation for future regional transportation funding decisions.

SCAG has now begun development of the 2028 RTP, or Connect SoCal 2050, and is requesting updates to Riverside County's project list. This process consists of two steps.

First, agencies are to update RTP projects through SCAG's eRTP database. RCTC requested agencies review and update project information by September 18, including scope, schedule, and new capacity increasing projects expected to begin environmental work within the next two to four years. If your agencies have not submitted updates, please do so as soon as possible.

Second, agencies will review modeled projects through the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) process, an email will be distributed for this process by tomorrow. Agencies are expected to receive project summaries and associated modeling information for review and will be asked to submit any updates by October 9. These updates will be incorporated into the FTIP and reflected in the RTP.

It is important to note that capacity increasing and regionally significant projects must be included in the RTP to be eligible for future FTIP programming and funding. SCAG is expected to adopt the 2028 RTP in spring 2028. Agencies are encouraged to coordinate with RCTC staff as soon as possible if assistance is needed.

10. CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Eduardo Moreno-Castaneda, Caltrans, provided a presentation on the Caltrans Local Assistance update.

- There has been an update to Chapter Nine of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM). This third revision clarifies existing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requirements of aligning guidance for local public agencies with current federal requirements and current contract administration practices and procedures and provides direction for implementing the revised DBE program.
- Engineers Academy training starts today; the information was sent out previously via email. If anybody is interested and can join late, they may.
- Caltrans has updated policy guidance for collection and submission of the bidders list for prime contractors, as well as the prime consultants. This is in accordance with CFR 49, part 26.11, local agencies must collect all bidder/proposer information from each bid/proposal for every federal aid contract. For more details on this, see Office Bulletin #26-02. Note that Exhibit 12-B has been retired, please use Exhibit 9-L instead.
- There is a free webinar for Build America, Buy America. This will be held on September 30 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is for internal and external stakeholders. To access the training, participants will need to register for the Zoom meeting.
- Inactive projects: agencies may have received some emails recently, trying to get everyone to submit invoices, and mainly for those projects that have been flagged as being inactive or approaching an inactivity date. Caltrans did achieve their goal of having the statewide inactive rate below 2%. That is important because it is California’s way of showing Congress the state is utilizing these funds. When they see an inactive rate go above 2%, they start to question why we should give the state more money. If agencies are interested in taking a look at the current inactive list, there's a link included with the agenda. The most recent list is dated September 9.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 13 call for projects has been announced. The application deadline is Monday, November 2. If there are questions,

clarification in terms of the guidance, please reach out. Links were provided to access the guidelines, as well as the local roadway safety manual for California road owners. It is recommended to read the manual prior to working on specific applications.

Shenequa Boutte, Caltrans, shared information about the Fiscal Year 27-28 Sustainable Transportation Planning grants program. Applications for this program opened August 18. The deadline for applications is October 9. Awards will be announced spring 2027. For any questions about this program, email: mark.roberts@dot.ca.gov.

To add to the SB 1 competitive programs information already shared, the project nomination packages including all attachments and appendices now require remediated PDFs that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more details, refer to the guidelines. In previous years, only the project fact sheet was required to be remediated, now everything has to be.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a notice of funding opportunity for the competitive program Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), on August 27. The objective of PROTECT is to provide funding to plan for and make surface transportation more resilient to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions such as severe storms, flooding, drought, levee and dam failures, wildfire, extreme temperatures, and earthquakes. Applications are due August 9. Caltrans is accepting requests for letters of support; an e-blast went out earlier this month with a deadline of September 18. If anyone is still interested in receiving a letter of support, please send that information to Shenequa.boutte@dot.ca.gov by close of business this Wednesday. Headquarters will review and approve all requests.

Albert Vergel De Dios, Caltrans, added that Caltrans is encouraging agencies to use the test pilot forms because the plan is to implement them next year. There are trainings coming up, the soonest being September 29, and then the next months are going to be October 27, November 19, and December 17. Feel free to register for those trainings for the final test form and Caltrans encourages everybody to use them so they can fix all the bugs and have a successful implementation next year.

Thank you to all for contributing to the delivery of Obligation Authority (OA). Caltrans had a successful year again and we expect an August redistribution of about $185 million.

11. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: MAY, JUNE, AND AUGUST 2026

Mina Kim, RCTC staff, shared the CTC has met twice since the last TAC meeting in May. With the May CTC meeting being right before the last TAC meeting, the May highlights are included in this agenda, along with the June and August CTC highlights.

In May, Metrolink Perris Valley Line Double Track Project got approval for reprogramming Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds from design to construction. The CTC approved ATP extensions for City of Riverside and Desert Hot Springs projects.

In June, the CTC approved the 2027 CTC meeting schedule, and RCTC is pleased the December meeting will be held in the Inland Empire again next year. The CTC approved the Active Transportation Program guidelines for the Metropolitan Planning Organization component, which includes SCAG's regional guidelines. More information can be found on the linked CTC agenda. The County of Riverside successfully allocated State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), ATP, and Local Partnership Program funds for the I-10 Monroe Interchange Project. Congratulations to Moreno Valley on allocating ATP funds.

In August, the CTC approved guidelines for the SB1 programs, which opened the SB 1 call for projects. If your agency is planning on applying for any of the programs, please talk to RCTC staff to avoid any surprises. The County of Riverside successfully allocated STIP for their I-10 Bypass project. RCTC also successfully allocated state funds for planning, programming, and monitoring.

The CTC meets again on October 15 and 16 in Hanford, in the Central Valley.

Chair Corella congratulated all the local agencies that received funding for projects and thanked RCTC, who is responsible for those awards.

12. RCTC COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2026

Jillian Guizado highlighted a few notable actions the Commission has taken since the last TAC meeting in May.

- RCTC's billion-dollar budget was adopted.
- The Commission adopted all of the cities and the county's five-year Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) and the transit operators Fiscal Year 26/27 Short-Range Transit Plans.
- The Commission voted to put a Measure A renewal on the ballot this November.
- Metrolink is currently operating on essentially a continuing resolution, as it has been unable to adopt a full-year budget. At this month's Commission meeting, a second continuing resolution was approved to provide funding to Metrolink from Riverside County through December.
- Programming flexibility for the City of Wildomar projects awarded in the 2023 Regional Arterials call for projects was granted. It has yet to be seen if that ends up needing to be utilized. That project is not anticipated to go out to bid until October.
- Following robust discussion by Commissioners earlier in the year, the chief economist from the Associated General Contractors of America came to Riverside to provide the Commission with a US construction outlook. It was an interesting presentation, with some takeaways regarding construction costs, labor, and project types.
    - There has been decreasing construction employment in California over the last 12 months but it is increasing in surrounding states. There is a low hire, low fire environment, which is good, but could be better.

  - Construction spending taking place in all areas, public, private residential, and private non-residential are all down.
  - Cost of construction since February 2020 have gone up 51%, while the consumer price index has gone up 29%. There were two reasons that were highlighted, conflicts in the Middle East shutting down flow of oil and refined products and tariffs.

  If you're interested in hearing more about this topic, it is highly recommended to watch the presentation, which can be found in the August Commission meeting recordings.
- The Commission adopted a Partner Agency Project Implementation Policy, which was presented at the March TAC meeting. If an agency wants to ask RCTC for assistance with getting a project to construction or through construction, please reach out to RCTC staff as soon as it is practical. There are already a few agencies meeting with RCTC to discuss projects. The number of projects taken on impacts workload and staffing, so the sooner RCTC knows or even can get a sense that somebody is thinking about it, is helpful and RCTC can start evaluating the requests.
- The Route 79 realignment project that RCTC has been working on for nearly two decades was officially renamed to the San Jacinto Valley Expressway Project to reflect its classification more accurately.

The next Commission meeting will be held on October 14 in Cathedral City, it is very important to note so anyone attending goes to the right location, the meeting is still at 9:30 am.

13. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Edward Emery, RCTC staff, announced SCAG is currently developing the next set of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) guidelines for the 2027 call for projects. RCTC wanted to give an early heads up so everyone can start identifying and preparing potential project applications. At this time, the online application is anticipated to open on February 1, 2027, with applications due on April 2, 2027. Board recommendations are expected to be considered by the appropriate SCAG committee no later than November 4, 2027, with final approval from SCAG's Regional Council on or about December 2, 2027.

To help agencies prepare for the upcoming call, SCAG is holding workshops in January, which will provide an overview of the program guidelines, application requirements, and any key updates. In addition, SCAG is anticipating offering office hours throughout February to answer questions and provide technical assistance to agencies working on their applications.

For agencies considering CMAQ projects, RCTC plans to provide additional support when needed. Our consultant will help with preparation of CMAQ air quality analysis reports, which are required to demonstrate emission reduction benefits and to support CMAQ project eligibility. RCTC will continue to share updates as SCAG finalizes the program guidelines and schedule. In the meantime, agencies are encouraged to start identifying eligible projects and preparing for the upcoming call.

Melissa Walker, Moreno Valley, shared that if you are a member of Cal Cities or if your city is a member of Cal Cities, the Public Works Department of Cal Cities is looking for an additional city to join the California Transportation Cooperative Committee. There are two Northern California spots and two Southern California spots. Melissa also requested interested participants in the Public Works Department Cal Cities monthly meeting, to let her know.

Cameron Brown, Western Riverside Council of Governments, shared they are updating the RIVCOM model. Individuals should have received an e-mail looking for local input on the RIVCOM model. WRCOG is looking to wrap that up within the next few months, not completing the model, but the local jurisdiction input. Responses are appreciated.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:04 a.m. The next meeting will be held November 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Guizado

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Planning and Programming Director

AGENDA ITEM 5

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Lorelle Moe Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Technical Advisory Committee to receive and file an update on the Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study (Study).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Study is a 20-year vision of a fully integrated, public transportation network that uses advanced technology and infrastructure design to leverage and benefit multiple modes of travel. The Study focuses on improved transit potential along three corridors: Interstate 15 (I-15), I-215, and the State Route 74/San Jacinto Branch Line corridor east in Western Riverside County. The goals of the Study are to:

1. Provide reliable, high-quality, high-capacity transit service
2. Maximize ridership potential
3. Promote economic development and social equity
4. Implement phased improvements to make incremental progress towards longer term objectives

The Study is intended to help determine the feasibility, costs, and timeframes of different innovative high-capacity transit improvements along the key corridors. Another expected outcome is the development of specific projects that could lead to Project Study/Development Reports. The Study is funded by a Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 grant and is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

A presentation will be provided on the findings and recommendations from the draft final report.

AGENDA ITEM 6

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Brittany Navas, Sr. Management Analyst, Planning and Programming
SUBJECT:	SB 821 Updated Program Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2027/28 Call for Projects

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Technical Advisory Committee to:

1) Approve the proposed administrative updates to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 (SB 821) Program Guidelines for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2027/28 Call for Projects and forward to the Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SB 821 is a discretionary program administered by the Commission to fund local bicycle and pedestrian projects. The program is funded through the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), a ¼ percent of the state sales tax. Each year, two percent of LTF revenues are set aside for the SB 821 program, and on every odd-numbered year, the Commission conducts a competitive call for projects in which all local agencies within Riverside County can submit applications. Eligible projects include construction of bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, and the development of bicycle and pedestrian master plans.

DISCUSSION:

Before the FY 2025/26 Call for Projects, the Commission completed a comprehensive update of the SB 821 Program Guidelines and evaluation criteria on January 8, 2025. Staff are not proposing substantial program or scoring changes for the upcoming call. Instead, staff reviewed the guidelines and related program policies to identify minor administrative, procedural, and editorial updates. The proposed revisions are summarized in Table 1 and shown in redline in Attachment 1.

Table 1 – Highlights of Recommended Changes

Program Administration	
CURRENT	**PROPOSED**
Certain provisions identify only the Executive Director as having approval authority.	Add "or designee" to the provisions addressing scope changes, project time extensions, and approval of eligible uses of unused program funds.

Claim requirements refer to both a claim form and RivTrack, which may suggest separate submittal processes.	Clarify the final reimbursement claim and required supporting documentation are submitted electronically through RivTrack. Clarify that SB 821 funding is reimbursed upon project completion and is not a progress-billing program.
The guidelines contain dates and fiscal year references from the prior call, as well as minor terminology and grammatical inconsistencies.	Update dates and cycle references for the upcoming Call for Projects and make minor editorial corrections for consistency and clarity.

The proposed updates do not change project eligibility, application limits, evaluation criteria, scoring, or the local-match methodology adopted for the prior call. The revised guidelines will be presented to the Commission for approval before the upcoming Call for Projects is released.

Attachment: Draft SB 821 Biennial Call for Projects Guidelines FY 2027/28

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TDA Article 3 (SB 821)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Biennial Call for Projects Guidelines
FY 20~~25/26~~27/28

Background/Funding Capacity:

TDA Article 3, or SB 821, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program, is provided through the Transportation Development Act (TDA), funded through a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The TDA provides two major sources of funding for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA). The LTF provides funding for essential transit and commuter rail services, TDA Article 3/SB 821 and planning. Each year, two percent of the LTF revenue is made available for use on bicycle and pedestrian facility projects through TDA Article 3/SB 821 program. This is a discretionary program administered by the Commission. ~~Based on the FY 2024/25 mid-year adjustments, FY 2025/26 apportionments, and project savings, the amount available for programming in the 2025 TDA Article 3/SB 821 Call for Projects is an estimated $7,279,863.~~ The estimated funding available for the FY 2027/28 TDA Article 3/SB 821 Call for Projects will be provided following Commission approval of updated LTF revenue projections and confirmation of available project savings.

Eligible Applicants:

Per TDA, Riverside County cities and the County are eligible to submit applications.

Each city is eligible to submit up to three applications, and Riverside County is eligible to submit two applications per Supervisory District.

Each application is limited to a maximum request of 10% of the current Call for Projects programming capacity.~~For this cycle, each application is limited to $727,986~~

For total award, each agency is limited to 20% of the current Call for Projects programming capacity.~~For this cycle, each agency is limited to $1,455,973~~

The dollar limits for individual applications and total agency awards will be provided once the programming capacity is confirmed.

Program Schedule:

The SB 821 Call for Projects occurs on a biennial basis, with a release date on the first Monday in February and a close date on the last Thursday in April. Per Commission's Article 3/SB 821 adopted policies, awardees receiving an allocation have 36 months from award, defined as July 1 of the Call for Projects fiscal year cycle to complete construction and submit final claim forms. Where substantial progress or compelling reason for delay can be shown, awardees may be granted time extensions in twelve-month increments at the discretion of the Executive Director or designee.

Calendar

February 13, 20275	*Call for Projects released. Guidelines and application available on Commission webpage and Rivtrack.*
February 42 – April 175, 20257	*One-on-One Sessions on program eligibility and guidance with RCTC Staff are available on requests. Submit requests to Mina KimJenny Chan (mkim@rctc.orgjchan@rctc.org) and Edward EmeryBrittany Navas (bnavas@rctc.org).*
April 2429, 2025 2027 @ 5:00 p.m.	*Proposals due to RCTC via Rivtrack.*
April 236, 20257	*Evaluation Committee preliminary meeting*
May 1417, 20252027	*Evaluation Committee meets to discuss scores of proposals*
June 119, 20252027	*Present recommended funding allocation to Commission for project award.*
July 1, 20252027	*Project Start*
October 1, 20252027	*Deadline to Execute MOU with Commission*
July 1, 20282030	*Project Completion*

Eligible Projects:

Per TDA and RCTC policies, eligible projects include:

- Construction, including related engineering expenses, of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, or for bicycle safety education programs.
- Maintenance of bicycling trails, which are closed to motorized traffic.
- Maintenance and repairs of Class I off-street bicycle facilities only.
- Restriping Class II bicycle lanes.
- Facilities provided for the use of bicycles that serve the needs of commuting bicyclists, including, but not limited to, new trails serving major transportation corridors, secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park and ride lots, and transit terminals where other funds are available.
- Development of comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans (limitations apply). Plans must emphasize bike/pedestrian facilities that support utilitarian bike/pedestrian travel rather than solely recreational activities.
- Funding for Class III bicycle lane projects is limited to the cost of the lane striping and signage improvements directly related to bicycles. Pavement rehabilitation is not an eligible expense for Class III bicycle lane projects

Temporary facilities, projects in the bid process, or projects that are under construction will not be funded.

One-on-One Sessions:

RCTC Staff is available for one-on-one sessions with interested applicants to discuss project eligibility, scoping and any other program guidance. Sessions will occur between February ~~1~~2 to April ~~17~~15, ~~2025~~2027. Please note, applications are due on April ~~24~~29, ~~2025~~2027, at 5:00 P.M.

Please contact ~~Jenny Chan~~Mina Kim (~~jchan@rctc.org/~~mkim@rctc.org/ (951) 787-7924) and ~~Edward Emery~~Brittany Navas (~~eemery@rctc.org/~~bnavasrctc.org/ (951) ~~787~~374-~~7968~~0313) to schedule a one-on-one session.

Project Proposal Submittal Process:

The FY~~25/26~~27/28 SB 821 Call for Projects guidelines will be posted on the Commission webpage at http://rctc.org/sb821call on Monday, February ~~31~~, 202~~5~~7. Project proposals are due on Thursday, April ~~24~~29, ~~2025~~2027, by 5:00 p.m.

Submit completed project applications through Rivtrack. Applicants are required to register an account with Rivtrack or utilize their existing Rivtrack account. Please note, draft applications can be saved in Rivtrack before submitting to RCTC.

Training to submit an application in Rivtrack is available here: Module_3_Submit_Grant_Application.mp4

Please contact ~~Jenny Chan~~Mina Kim (~~jchan@rctc.org~~mkim@rctc.org/ (951) 787-7924) and ~~Edward Emery~~ Brittany Navas (~~eemery@rctc.org~~bnavas@rctc.org/ (951) ~~787~~374-~~7968~~0313) if you have any questions regarding the submittal process or for any other questions.

Evaluation Criteria:

DESTINATIONS SERVED (14 pts) – Two points will be awarded for each type of destination served by the proposed project (e.g. employment center, school/college, retail center, downtown area, park or recreation facility, library, museum, government office, medical facility, restaurant) up to a maximum of 14 points.

- For pedestrian projects, destinations served must be within a 1/2-mile or less radius of the proposed project.
- For bicycle projects, destinations served must be within a one mile or less radius of the proposed project.
  Applicant must include map listing all destinations served. Map must include the respective radius around the project location. A map without the marked buffer will receive half of its eligible points.

SAFETY (15 pts) – The extent to which the proposed project will increase safety for the non-motorized public or how the project will reduce the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

- Points (5) will be given on the severity of the existing safety hazard at the project location to demonstrate project need.

Examples include: no existing shoulder within project limits, no existing/planned sidewalk or bike route/lane/path adjacent to the project; and/or by providing documented pedestrian/bicycle collision history, most current and valid 85th percentile speed of motorized traffic in project limits, photos of existing safety hazards project will address, existing pedestrian/bicycle traffic counts, and/or student attendance figures for school served by the project. Projects proposed in areas with lower collision history should provide details describing the safety need for the project or provide collision or safety information from a similar adjacent street.

- Points (5) will be given for safety countermeasures or safety enhancement features included in the project scope. Provide an explanation of how each countermeasure will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.
    - Examples of acceptable safety countermeasures and enhancements include rectangular rapid flashing beacons, bicycle boxes, and curb extensions. For more examples see https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/. The use of countermeasures not appearing on the FHWA list of proven countermeasures must include a detailed description of why the countermeasure is needed and how it will improve safety for non-motorized travel.

- Points (5) will be given based on the potential of the proposed project to provide safety benefits to the non-motorized public. Applicant should draw from responses in the prior safety sections. Discuss the considerations made when evaluating and determining the type of bicycle or pedestrian facility for the project corridor. Why was Class I selected over Class IV, why was Class II considered over Class III?

MULTIMODAL ACCESS (6 pts) – One point will be awarded for each transit route, Metrolink station, or park and ride facility that will have improved accessibility by bicyclists and pedestrians, because of the project. Points will also be awarded for addressing each gap in sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or crosswalks leading to improved connectivity for non-motorized travel.

- For pedestrian projects, transit stops served must be within a 1/2 mile or less radius of the proposed project.
- For bicycle projects, transit stops served must be within a one mile or less radius of the proposed project.

Applicant must include map listing all locations with improved access. Map must include the respective radius around the project location. A map without the marked buffer will receive half of its eligible points.

MATCHING FUNDS (10 pts) – One point is awarded for each 5% of match provided by the local agency, for a maximum of 10 points at a 50% match. Matching funds includes non-SB 821 funds spent on pre-construction phases. **Supporting documentation of proposed match must be included.*

POPULATION EQUITY (5 pts) – Points for population equity is calculated by RCTC Staff. Population equity is scored by comparing the agency's total SB 821 allocation received in the last ten fiscal years versus the agency's share based on per capita basis. RCTC Staff calculates the ratio between the two factors and assigns points based on the table below.

Ratio of Total Allocation to Per Capita	
0.80 – 0.99	1 Point
0.60 – 0.79	2 Points
0.40 – 0.59	3 Points
0.20 – 0.39	4 Points
0 – 0.19	5 Points

The equity table for the ~~2025~~ 2026~~7~~ SB 821 Call for Projects is provided below.

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Agency	Share	Points	Population	Percent Population
Banning	0.00	5.0	32,323	1.29%
Beaumont	0.32	4.0	59,896	2.39%
Blythe	0.00	5.0	12,706	0.51%
Calimesa	0.00	5.0	10,942	0.44%
Canyon Lake	0.00	5.0	10,908	0.44%
Cathedral City	2.78	0.0	51,458	2.06%
City of Eastvale	0.49	3.0	70,575	2.82%
City of Jurupa Valley	0.96	1.0	105,349	4.21%
Coachella	4.62	0.0	45,300	1.81%
Corona	0.48	3.0	159,309	6.36%
Desert Hot Springs	3.08	0.0	33,629	1.34%
Hemet	0.93	1.0	91,479	3.65%
Indian Wells	26.47	0.0	4,807	0.19%
Indio	0.31	4.0	92,360	3.69%
La Quinta	0.70	2.0	38,815	1.55%
Lake Elsinore	2.00	0.0	74,483	2.97%
Menifee	1.52	0.0	117,847	4.71%
Moreno Valley	0.66	2.0	211,365	8.44%
Murrieta	0.00	5.0	112,315	4.49%
Norco	0.35	4.0	23,276	0.93%
Palm Desert	0.15	5.0	52,326	2.09%
Palm Springs	1.56	0.0	43,893	1.75%
Perris	0.34	4.0	81,027	3.24%
Rancho Mirage	5.49	0.0	17,318	0.69%
Riverside County	0.76	2.0	419,703	16.76%
Riverside, City of	0.68	2.0	321,884	12.86%
San Jacinto	0.64	2.0	55,900	2.23%

Temecula	0.41	3.0	113,618	4.54%
Wildomar	4.49	0.0	38,841	1.55%

Evaluation Committee:

The SB 821 evaluation committee will be comprised of a minimum of five evaluators representing a wide range of interests and geographic areas, such as: accessibility, bicycling, Coachella Valley, Western Riverside, public transit, and the region. Staff, consultants, and other representatives from agencies submitting project proposals will not be eligible to participate on the evaluation committee that year.

Allocation:

Based on the results of the evaluation committee's scores, staff will develop a recommended funding allocation. Starting from the highest ranked project on the list, the full amount requested will be allocated until a project cannot be fully funded. Unfunded projects will be placed on a contingency list and may be awarded if additional funding becomes available. The contingency list will remain effective until the next call for projects opens. The allocation recommendation will be presented to the Commission for final approval on June ~~18~~9, 2025~~7~~.

If a project cannot be fully funded, RCTC may recommend partial funding for award.

If there is insufficient funding to award all projects with the same score, RCTC may recommend funding based on, in order of priority, safety question, then construction readiness.

Memorandum of Understanding:

Per Commission's SB 821 adopted policies, awardees receiving an allocation have 36 months upon award, defined as July 1 of the Call for Projects fiscal year cycle to complete construction and submit final claim forms. Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) shall be executed by October 1, ~~2025~~2027. A sample MOU is provided in Exhibit A.

Where substantial progress or compelling reason for delay can be shown, awardees may be granted time extensions in twelve-month increments at the discretion of the Executive Director. Extension requests will be submitted to RCTC via Rivtrack.

Claims:

~~The claim form is to be used to claim reimbursement for approved SB 821 projects.~~ Claim~~s~~ package should be submitted to RCTC via Rivtrack. This program is not a progress billing. Adequate supporting documentation substantiating the cost of the claim is required. ~~S~~Required supporting documentations are: Assurance of Maintenance, before and after pictures of project

site, copy of Nnotice of Ceompletion, and copies of paid invoices from project contractor.~~Claims will should be submitted to RCTC via Rivtrack.~~

Exhibit A: Sample Memorandum of Understanding

AGREEMENT No. XX-62-XXX-00

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER SB 821 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAM

(Transportation Development Act Article 3; Senate Bill 821)

This Funding Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of _____, 2025~~5~~7 ("Effective Date"), by and between the RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ("RCTC") and xxxxxxxx ("RECIPIENT"). RCTC and RECIPIENT may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

A. RCTC is a county transportation commission created and existing pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 130053 and 130053.5.

B. Under RCTC's SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program ("PROGRAM"), cities and counties in the County of Riverside are notified of the availability of PROGRAM funding and a call for projects ("CALL FOR PROJECTS") is anticipated to be issued biennially by RCTC.

C. On February ~~3rd~~1st, 2025~~5~~7, a CALL FOR PROJECTS was published by RCTC seeking applications for FY ~~2025~~2027/~~26~~ 28 PROGRAM funding, which applications were reviewed in accordance with the applicable evaluation criteria included in the CALL FOR PROJECTS.

D. Based on the application attached as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by this reference, RECIPIENT has been selected to receive PROGRAM funding for its proposed xxxxxxxxxxxxxx ("PROJECT").

E. Funding for the Project shall be provided pursuant to the terms contained in this Agreement and pursuant to applicable PROGRAM policies adopted by RCTC, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the preceding recitals and the mutual covenants and consideration contained herein, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the above recitals are true and correct, and hereby incorporate those recitals by this reference into the Agreement.

2. RCTC Funding Amount. RCTC hereby agrees to distribute to the RECIPIENT, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, a sum not to exceed xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Dollars ($xxx,xxx), to be used exclusively for reimbursing the RECIPIENT for eligible expenses as described herein ("Funding Amount"). RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that the Funding Amount may be less than the actual and final cost of the PROJECT, which final costs are the sole responsibility of RECIPIENT, and RCTC will not contribute PROGRAM funds in excess of the maximum authorized in this Section 2 unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the PARTIES. In the event the FUNDING AMOUNT is not fully utilized by RECIPIENT for the PROJECT, the unused FUNDING AMOUNT must be returned to RCTC within ninety (90) ninety days of a written request by RCTC unless RECIPIENT can demonstrate in writing, subject to written approval by RCTC in its sole discretion, the following: (i) valid reason for why PROJECT costs were significantly lower than the estimate included in RECIPIENT's attached application for funding, and (ii) written proposal for how any unused FUNDING AMOUNT will be used for a proposal to support the PROJECT or other use that supports the goals and requirements of the PROGRAM.

2.1 Eligible Project Costs. Reimbursement for PROJECT costs ("REIMBURSEMENT") may only include those items expressly allowed for under Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (California Public Utilities Code section 99200 *et seq*.), which provides that funding shall be allocated for the construction, including related engineering expenses, of facilities based on the PROGRAM policies adopted by RCTC, provided that such items are included in the scope of work included in the application, attached as Attachment 1 ("SCOPE OF WORK"). All PROJECT costs not included in the SCOPE OF WORK and not expressly permitted under Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act and the PROGRAM policies shall be considered ineligible for REIMBURSEMENT. In the event the SCOPE OF WORK needs to be amended, RECIPIENT shall submit a scope change request electronically via RCTC's online tracking and reporting system known as the Rivtrack system and accessible at https://rivtrack.rctc.org/ ("Rivtrack system"). The electronically submitted scope change request must include the reasons for the requested change and confirmation that costs associated with the proposed amendment are eligible for PROGRAM reimbursement. Such request is subject to written approval by RCTC, in RCTC's sole discretion.

In the event of any ambiguity between this AGREEMENT, PROGRAM policies, and applicable law, the following order of precedence will govern: (1) applicable law; (2) PROGRAM policies; (3) this AGREEMENT. In the case of any conflict between this Agreement and any of its attachments, the body of this Agreement shall govern. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a conflict, the most stringent requirement shall govern, unless prohibited by applicable law or otherwise agreed upon by RCTC.

2.2 Timing for Project Completion. In accordance with the PROGRAM policies attached hereto as Attachment 2, RECIPIENT has thirty-six (36) months to complete the PROJECT from the date of this AGREEMENT, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the PARTIES. If the PROJECT is not completed within 36 months, RCTC shall have the sole discretion to delete the PROJECT from the PROGRAM and reprogram the funding for future approved PROGRAM projects. RECIPIENT will not be reimbursed until the PROJECT is accepted as complete by RCTC following the submission of the PROGRAM funding claim form completed electronically via the Rivtrack system. In the event additional time is needed for the completion of the PROJECT,

RECIPIENT may submit a time extension request electronically via the Rivtrack system. Before and after PROJECT photographs must be uploaded with the CLAIM FORM upon PROJECT completion, as well as copies of paid invoices and any other backup requested for repayment and audit purposes.

2.3 Changes in Project Funding. Local agencies will not be reimbursed for project cost overruns. Any unused FUNDING AMOUNT will be forfeited unless the local agency can apply the funds to a project previously submitted under an Article 3 call for projects and approved by the Commission or applied to fund an approved scope expansion to the approved project, subject to Executive Director, or designee, approval. Local agency match funds proportionate to the amounts included in Section 3 will be required should funds be redirected to another approved project or approved scope expansion. Any such change in the FUNDING AMOUNT must be approved in writing by RCTC's Executive Director and RCTC shall be under no obligation whatsoever to approve any change to the FUNDING AMOUNT. No such funding shall be expended to pay for any PROJECT work already completed.

2.4 Cost Savings. In the event that bids or proposals for the PROJECT are lower than anticipated, or there are cost savings for any other reason, the Funding Amount shall be reduced through an amendment to the AGREEMENT. RECIPIENT shall inform RCTC of any cost savings and any cost savings shall be returned to RCTC or may be reprogrammed with written approval by RCTC for other RECIPIENT projects that align with the PROGRAM. No PROGRAM funding may be used for projects not approved by RCTC. If RECIPIENT provides a local match commitment and there are cost savings on the PROJECT, RCTC will still be reimbursed at the matching ratio as presented in the Project application despite such cost savings in accordance with PROGRAM policies.

2.5 No Funding for Temporary Improvements. Only segments or components of improvements that are intended to form part of or be integrated into the PROJECT may be funded by PROGRAM funds. No improvement(s) which is/are temporary in nature, including but not limited to temporary lanes, curbs, or drainage facilities, shall be funded with PROGRAM funds except as needed for staged construction of the PROJECT.

2.6 Review and Reimbursement by RCTC. Upon submission into Rivtrack, of the final detailed invoice from the RECIPIENT clearly documenting work completed and corresponding costs, RCTC may request additional documentation or explanation of the SCOPE OF WORK costs for which reimbursement is sought. Undisputed amounts shall be paid by RCTC to the RECIPIENT within thirty (30) days. In the event that RCTC disputes the eligibility for reimbursement of all or a portion of an invoiced amount, the Parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Additional details concerning the procedure for the RECIPIENT's submittal of invoices to RCTC and RCTC's consideration and payment of submitted invoices are set forth in Attachment 2.

2.7 Recipient's Funding Obligation to Complete the Work; Limitation of RCTC Obligations. In the event that the PROGRAM funds allocated to the SCOPE OF WORK represent less than the total cost of the PROJECT, RECIPIENT shall be solely responsible for providing such additional funds as may be required to complete the PROJECT. RCTC has no obligation with respect to the

safety of any work performed under the SCOPE OF WORK, for the PROJECT, or at a PROJECT site. Further, RCTC shall not be liable for any action of RECIPIENT or its contractors relating to the condemnation of property undertaken by RECIPIENT or construction related to the PROJECT.

2.8 Recipient's Obligation to Repay Program Funds to RCTC. In the event it is determined, whether through a post-completion audit or otherwise, the PROJECT was not completed in accordance with the PROGRAM requirements or this AGREEMENT, RECIPIENT agrees that any PROGRAM funds distributed to RECIPIENT for the PROJECT shall be repaid in full to RCTC. The Parties shall enter into good faith negotiations to establish a reasonable repayment schedule and repayment mechanism which may include, but is not limited to, withholding of Measure A Local Streets and Roads revenues, if applicable. RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that RCTC shall have the right to withhold any Measure A Local Streets and Roads revenues due to RECIPIENT, in an amount not to exceed the total of the PROGRAM funds distributed to RECIPIENT, and/or initiate legal action to compel repayment, if the RECIPIENT fails to repay RCTC within a reasonable time period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, including any good faith negotiations, from receipt of written notification from RCTC that repayment is required due to failure to comply with the PROGRAM policies or this AGREEMENT.

2.9 Records Retention and Audits. RECIPIENT shall retain all PROJECT records in an organized manner for a minimum of three (3) years following completion of the PROJECT. PROJECT records shall be made available for inspection by RCTC upon request. If a post PROJECT audit or review indicates that RCTC has provided reimbursement to the RECIPIENT in an amount in excess of the FUNDING AMOUNT set forth in Section 2, or has provided reimbursement of ineligible PROJECT costs, the RECIPIENT shall reimburse RCTC for the excess or ineligible payments within thirty (30) days of notification by RCTC. This Section 2.9 does not supersede any rights or remedies provided to RCTC under Section 2.8 or applicable law.

3. Recipient's Local Match Contribution. RECIPIENT shall provide at least xxxxxxxxxx Dollars ($xxx,xxx) of funding toward the SCOPE OF WORK, as indicated in Recipient's application attached as Attachment 1 and submitted to RCTC in response to its Call for Projects. RECIPIENT costs related to (i) preparation and administration costs related to invoices, billings and payments; (ii) any RECIPIENT fees attributed to the processing of the SCOPE OF WORK; and (iii) expenses for items not included within the attached SCOPE OF WORK shall be borne solely by the RECIPIENT and shall not qualify towards RECIPIENT's local match requirement in this Section 3.

(*Note: Include this Section only if RECIPIENT identified Local Match funds in its Project Nomination Form.*)

4. Term: The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first herein above written until: (i) the date RCTC formally accepts the PROJECT as complete, pursuant to Section 2.2; (ii) termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 14; or (iii) RECIPIENT has fully satisfied its obligations under this Agreement. All applicable indemnification and insurance provisions of this Agreement shall remain in effect following the termination of this Agreement.

5. Recipient Responsibilities. RECIPIENT shall be responsible for all aspects of the PROJECT, in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, including: (i) development and approval of plans, specifications and engineer's estimate in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and building codes; obtaining any necessary environmental clearances; right of way acquisition; and, obtaining all permits required by impacted agencies prior to commencement of the PROJECT; (ii) all aspects of procurement, contracting, and administration of the contracts and claims for the PROJECT; (iii) all construction management of any construction activities undertaken in connection with the PROJECT, including surveying and materials testing; and, (iv) development of a budget for the PROJECT and SCOPE OF WORK prior to award of any contract for the PROJECT, taking into consideration available funding, including PROGRAM funds.

6. Indemnification. RECIPIENT shall defend, indemnify and hold RCTC, its officials, governing board members, officers, employees, agents, and consultants free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property, persons or government funding agency, including wrongful death ,arising out of or incident to any intentional or negligent acts, errors or omissions of the RECIPIENT, its officials, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors arising out of or in connection with the performance of this AGREEMENT, the PROJECT or the SCOPE OF WORK. RECIPIENT'S obligation to indemnify includes without limitation the payment of all consequential damages and reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees and other related costs and expenses of defense. RECIPIENT shall defend, at its own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against RCTC, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and consultants in connection with this AGREEMENT. RECIPIENT shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against RCTC, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and consultants in any such suits, actions or other legal proceedings, including any settlement. RECIPIENT's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds. The indemnity obligation shall not apply to the extent of any negligence or willful misconduct of RCTC, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and consultants. This section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. Expenditure of Funds by Recipient Prior to Execution of Agreement. recipient may commence the Project starting July 1, ~~2025~~2027, and costs incurred following such date will be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement, provided they otherwise meet the requirements herein, and provided that this AGREEMENT is executed no later than October 1, ~~2025~~2027.

8. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Insurance. RECIPIENT agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including public contracting laws, requirements for any local state or federal funding used, and records retention and performance reporting requirements concerning the SCOPE OF WORK and PROJECT, which applicable laws and regulations shall be passed on to contractors by RECIPIENT as applicable. RECIPIENT shall have the responsibility of making sure the appropriate amounts of insurance are included in all applicable agreements for the construction of the PROJECT and RCTC shall be named as an

Additional Insured on all insurance certificates obtained for the completion of the PROJECT. PROJECT insurance funds shall be looked to first for the repayment of any claims determined to have merit.

9. Representatives of the Parties. RCTC's Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall serve as RCTC's representative and shall have the authority to act on behalf of RCTC for all purposes under this AGREEMENT. RECIPIENT's representative shall be the individual identified in the Project application as RECIPIENT'S representative to RCTC. RECIPIENT'S representative, or designee, shall have the authority to act on behalf of RECIPIENT for all purposes under this AGREEMENT and shall coordinate all activities with RCTC concerning the SCOPE OF WORK under the RECIPIENT's responsibility. RECIPIENT shall work closely and cooperate fully with RCTC's representative and any other agencies which may have jurisdiction over or an interest in the PROJECT.

10. Monitoring of Progress by RCTC. RECIPIENT shall allow RCTC's designated representative, or designee, to inspect or review the progress of the work at any reasonable time with prior written notice by RCTC. RCTC may request that the RECIPIENT provide RCTC with progress reports concerning the status of the SCOPE OF WORK and PROJECT completion.

11. Binding on Successors in Interest. Each and every provision of this AGREEMENT shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the successors in interest of the Parties. Due to the specific obligations contemplated herein, this AGREEMENT may not be assigned by any Party hereto except with the prior written consent of the other Party.

12. Independent Contractors. Any person or entities retained by RECIPIENT or any contractor shall be retained on an independent contractor basis and shall not be employees of RCTC. Any personnel performing services on the PROJECT shall at all times be under the exclusive direction and control of the RECIPIENT or contractor, whichever is applicable. The RECIPIENT or contractor shall pay all wages, salaries and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of services on the SCOPE OF WORK and as required by law. The RECIPIENT or contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations concerning such personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation insurance.

13. Conflicts of Interest. For the term of this AGREEMENT, no member, officer or employee of RECIPIENT or RCTC, during the term of his or her service with RECIPIENT or RCTC, as the case may be, shall have any direct interest in this AGREEMENT, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

14. Termination. This AGREEMENT may be terminated for cause or convenience as further specified below.

14.1 Termination for Convenience. Either RCTC or RECIPIENT may, by written notice to the other party, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof.

14.2 Effect of Termination for Convenience. In the event that RECIPIENT terminates this Agreement for convenience, RECIPIENT shall, within 180 days, repay to RCTC in full all PROGRAM funds provided to RECIPIENT under this AGREEMENT. In the event that RCTC terminates this Agreement for convenience, RCTC shall, within 90 days, distribute to the RECIPIENT PROGRAM funds in an amount equal to the aggregate total of all unpaid invoices which have been received from RECIPIENT regarding the SCOPE OF WORK for the PROJECT at the time of the notice of termination; provided, however, that RCTC shall be entitled to exercise its rights under Section 2.6, including but not limited to conducting a review of the invoices and requesting additional information from RECIPIENT. This Agreement shall terminate upon receipt by the non-terminating party of the amounts due it under this Section 14.

14.3 Termination for Cause. Either RCTC or RECIPIENT may, by written notice to the other party, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, in response to a material breach hereof by the other Party, by giving written notice to the other Party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. The written notice shall provide a thirty (30) day period to cure any alleged breach. During the 30 day cure period, the Parties shall discuss, in good faith, the manner in which the breach can be cured.

14.4 Effect of Termination for Cause. In the event that RECIPIENT terminates this Agreement in response to RCTC's uncured material breach hereof, RCTC shall, within ninety (90) days, distribute to the RECIPIENT PROGRAM funds in an amount equal to the aggregate total of all unpaid invoices which have been received from RECIPIENT regarding the SCOPE OF WORK for the PROJECT at the time of the notice of termination. In the event that RCTC terminates this Agreement in response to the RECIPIENT's uncured material breach hereof, the RECIPIENT shall, within one hundred eighty (180) days, repay to RCTC in full all PROGRAM funds provided to RECIPIENT under this AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding termination of this AGREEMENT by RCTC pursuant to this Section 14.4, RCTC shall be entitled to exercise its rights under Section 2.6, including but not limited to conducting a review of the invoices and requesting additional information. This Agreement shall terminate upon receipt by the terminating Party of the amounts due it under this Section 14.4.

14.5 No Program Funding. In the event that RCTC determines there are inadequate PROGRAM funds for whatever reason, RCTC shall have the right to immediately terminate the AGREEMENT with written notice to RECIPIENT. In the event that RCTC terminates this Agreement under this Section 14.5, RCTC shall, within 90 days, distribute to the RECIPIENT PROGRAM funds in an amount equal to the aggregate total of all unpaid invoices which have been received from RECIPIENT regarding the SCOPE OF WORK for the PROJECT at the time of the notice of termination; provided, however, that RCTC shall be entitled to exercise its rights under Section 2.6, including but not limited to conducting a review of the invoices and requesting additional information from RECIPIENT.

14.6 Cumulative Remedies. The rights and remedies of the Parties provided in this Section 14 are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

15. Notice. All notices hereunder shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt by the other Party. All notices and communications between the Parties to this AGREEMENT shall be addressed as set forth below and provided by any of the following methods (i) personally delivered; (ii) sent by electronic mail, with a subject line clearly identifying this AGREEMENT, read receipt requested, and a cc: provided to the identified staff; (iii) sent by first-class mail, return receipt requested; or (iv) sent by overnight express delivery service with postage or other charges fully prepaid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices of dispute or termination sent by electronic mail must be followed by hard copy mailed notice to be effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, invoices and requests for changes to the SCOPE OF WORK, shall be submitted through the Rivtrack system as specified in this AGREEMENT.

TO RCTC:	**TO RECIPIENT**:
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Executive Director	TITLE
RCTC	AGENCY
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Any party may update its address and contact information by providing written notice of the new information to the other Parties in accordance with this Section 15.

16. Prevailing Wages. RECIPIENT is alerted to the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1770 *et seq.*, which require the payment of prevailing wages where the SCOPE OF WORK or any portion thereof is determined to be a "public work," as defined therein. RECIPIENT shall ensure compliance with applicable prevailing wage requirements by any person or entity hired to perform the SCOPE OF WORK or any portion thereof falling within the definition of "public work." RECIPIENT shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless RCTC, its officers, employees, consultants, and agents from any claim or liability, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from any failure or alleged failure to comply with California Labor Code Sections 1770 *et seq*. on the PROJECT.

17. Equal Opportunity Employment. The Parties represent that they are equal opportunity employers and they shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination.

18. Entire Agreement. This AGREEMENT embodies the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties pertaining to the matters described herein and supersedes and cancels all

prior oral or written agreements between the Parties with respect to these matters. Each Party acknowledges that no Party, agent or representative of the other Party has made any promise, representation or warranty, express or implied, not expressly contained in this AGREEMENT, that induced the other Party to sign this document. Modifications to this AGREEMENT shall be in the form of a written amendment executed by authorized representatives of the Parties to be bound.

19. Governing Law; Venue and Severability. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by, and be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Riverside County. If any portion of this AGREEMENT is found to be unenforceable by a court of law with appropriate jurisdiction, the remainder of the AGREEMENT shall be severable and survive as binding on the Parties.

20. Attorneys' and Other Fees. If any legal action is initiated for the enforcement/interpretation of this AGREEMENT, or because of any alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT, the successful or prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and other costs incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled as determined by a court of law or appointed decider under alternative legal proceedings.

21. No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

22. Section Headings and Interpretation. The section headings contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the interpretation of any of the provisions contained herein. The AGREEMENT shall not be interpreted as being drafted by any Party or its counsel.

23. No Waiver. Failure of RCTC to insist on any one occasion upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants or conditions in this AGREEMENT shall not be deemed a waiver of such term, covenant or condition, nor shall any waiver or relinquishment of any rights or powers hereunder at any one time or more times be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such other right or power provided under applicable law.

24. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this AGREEMENT.

25. Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all which together will constitute but one agreement.

26. Form of Signatures. A manually signed copy of this Agreement which is transmitted by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement for all purposes. This Agreement may be signed using an electronic signature.

27. Survival. All rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT that by their nature are to continue after any expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT shall survive any such expiration or termination.

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TO
AGREEMENT NO. *XX*-62-*XXX*-00
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER SB 821 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this AGREEMENT to be signed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

RCTC	**RECIPIENT**
	[INSERT NAME]
By:_____ Aaron Hake, Executive Director	By:_____ Name: _____ Title: _____
APPROVED AS TO FORM	**APPROVED AS TO FORM**
Best, Best & Krieger LLP	
By: _____ General Counsel to RCTC	By: _____ Name: _____ Title: _____

ATTACHMENT 1

(RECIPIENT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING)

ATTACHMENT 2

(PROGRAM POLICIES)

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 BICYCLE
AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAM ADOPTED POLICIES

Transportation Development Act Policies

1. Up to 5% of Article 3 apportionment can be used to supplement other funding sources used for bicycle and safety education programs; the allocation cannot be used to fully fund the salary of a person working on these programs.
2. Article 3 money shall be allocated for the construction, including related engineering expenses, of the facilities, or for bicycle safety education programs.
3. Money may be allocated for the maintenance of bicycling trails, which are closed to motorized traffic.
4. Facilities provided for the use of bicycles may include projects that serve the needs of commuting bicyclists, including, but not limited to, new trails serving major transportation corridors, secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park and ride lots, and transit terminals where other funds are available.
5. Within 30 days after receiving a request for a review from any city or county, the transportation-planning agency shall review its allocations.
6. Up to 20 percent of the amount available each year to a city or county may be allocated to restripe Class II bicycle lanes.
7. A portion of each city's allocation may also be used to develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans. Plans must emphasize bike/pedestrian facilities that support utilitarian bike/pedestrian travel rather than solely recreational activities; a maximum of one entire allocation per five years may be used for plan development.
8. Allowable maintenance activities for the local funds are limited to maintenance and repairs of Class I off-street bicycle facilities only.

RCTC Policies

1. The SB 821 Call for Projects will occur on a biennial basis, with a release date of the first Monday of every other February and a close date of the last Thursday of every other April, beginning in 2015.
2. If a project cannot be fully funded, RCTC may recommend partial funding for award. To handle tiebreakers, RCTC will use, in terms of priority, the safety question first then construction readiness.
3. Agencies awarded funds will not be reimbursed for any project cost overruns.
4. Agencies being awarded an allocation will be reimbursed in arrears only upon submitting adequate proof of satisfactory project completion. Claims need to include: the

claim form, copies of paid invoices, a copy of the Notice of Completion (NOC), and photographs of the completed project.

5. The allocated amount represents the maximum amount eligible for reimbursement. For projects completed under the allocated amount, the agency will be reimbursed at the matching ratio as presented in the application.
6. An agency will have thirty-six (36) months from the time of the allocation to complete the project. There will be no time extensions granted unless the reason for the delay can be demonstrated. Where substantial progress or a compelling reason for delay can be shown, the agency may be granted administrative extensions ~~in~~ up to twelve-month increments at the discretion of the Executive Director or designee.
7. Any programmed and unused Article 3 Program funds will be forfeited unless that agency can a) utilize the unused funds to complete projects that are the same or similar in scope and/or are contiguous to the approved project or b) apply the funds to a project previously submitted under an Article 3 call for projects and approved by the Commission, subject to Executive Director or designee approval.
8. Design and construction of facilities must conform to the general design criteria for non-motorized facilities as outlined in the Caltrans Highway Design Manual.
9. Temporary facilities, projects in the bid process, or projects that are under construction will not be funded.
10. The SB 821 evaluation committee will be comprised of a minimum of five evaluators representing a wide range of interests; such as: accessibility, bicycling, Coachella Valley, public transit, and the region. Staff, consultants, and other representatives from agencies submitting project proposals will not be eligible to participate on the evaluation committee that year.
11. Following each call, staff will monitor the equity of allocations to Coachella Valley versus Western Riverside County; the allocation should be relative to what the Coachella Valley's share would have been if distributed on a per capita basis (the percentage of funds applied for should also be taken into consideration). If the allocation is often found to be inequitable to the Coachella Valley, staff will recommend adoption of a new policy to correct the imbalance.
12. Certain costs at times associated with bicycle/pedestrian projects are not eligible when the benefit provided is not the exclusive use of bicyclists/pedestrians, such as: curb and gutter as part of roadway drainage system, driveway ramps installed across sidewalks, and where roadway design standards require a roadway shoulder width that is at least as wide as a standard bike lane.
13. For each Call for Projects, a city is eligible to submit up to three (3) applications, and the County of Riverside is eligible to submit up to two (2) applications per Supervisorial District.
14. Each application is limited to a maximum request of 10% of the current Call for Projects programming capacity.
15. Total award to one jurisdiction is limited to 20% of current Call for Project's programming capacity.

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16. Awarded agencies can commence reimbursable project activities on July 1 of the Call for Project fiscal year cycle. E.g.: for FY27/28 ~~25/26~~ Call for Projects, reimbursable work starts on July 1, ~~2025~~2027.
17. Awarded agencies have until October 1 of the Call for Project fiscal year cycle to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RCTC. E.g.: for FY ~~25/26~~27/28 Call for Projects, MOUs must be executed by October 1, ~~2025~~2027

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AGENDA ITEM 7

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Martha Masters, Planning and Programming Manager
SUBJECT:	Southern California Association of Governments 2027 Call for Project Nominations Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2027 Call for Project Nominations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SCAG is preparing to release its 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Project Nominations on February 1, 2027, with applications due April 2, 2027. Approximately $1.38 billion is anticipated to be available throughout the six-county SCAG region for Federal Fiscal Years 2028/29 and 2029/30.

SCAG's guidelines are included beginning on page 100 of the November 5, 2026, Regional Council Agenda Packet. Per SCAG's guidelines, each county transportation commission is required to evaluate and prioritize projects submitted from its respective county. Accordingly, RCTC staff, in coordination with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), has developed a proposed 2027 RCTC Project Prioritization Framework. The framework is intended to ensure projects from the Coachella and Palo Verde valleys are evaluated on equal footing with projects from Western Riverside County.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed framework generally maintains RCTC's previously approved approach and evaluates projects based on project deliverability, federal eligibility, project readiness, community engagement, and alignment with regional plans and priorities.

The proposed framework is scheduled to be considered by the RCTC Budget and Implementation Committee on November 23, 2026, followed by anticipated Commission approval on December 9, 2026.

Key milestones for the 2027 Call for Projects include:

- December 9, 2026: Anticipated Commission approval of the RCTC Project Prioritization Framework;
- January 2027: SCAG workshops and an RCTC/SCAG Riverside County-specific workshop;
- February 1, 2027: SCAG opens the Call for Project Nominations;

- February 15, 2027: Deadline for applicants to request assistance from RCTC on air quality analysis for CMAQ projects;
- April 2, 2027: Project nominations due to SCAG;
- May 24, 2027: Anticipated Budget and Implementation Committee consideration of RCTC project prioritization recommendations;
- June 9, 2027: Anticipated Commission approval of RCTC project prioritization recommendations; and
- November/December 2027: Anticipated SCAG approval of final project awards.

RCTC staff will continue to coordinate with SCAG and local agencies to provide updates on workshops, key deadlines, and assistance throughout the call for projects process.

AGENDA ITEM 8

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Edward Emery, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT:	Obligation Delivery Plan Update – Federal Fiscal Year 2026/27 and Future

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update on Riverside County's Obligation Delivery Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California and is responsible for ensuring that federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds apportioned to Riverside County agencies are allocated and obligated in a timely manner to prevent funds from lapsing. Federal Obligation Authority (OA) for the region is provided on an annual basis and must be used in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) it is provided. The Commission's goal is to help ensure 100 percent of the OA in Riverside County is obligated.

Commission staff work closely with local agencies, SCAG, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to ensure projects on the Obligation Delivery Plan and other federally awarded projects outside of OA are obligated and delivered. Many of these projects are from the SCAG CMAQ/STBG Call for Projects, Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP), and federal Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDS) (otherwise known as earmarks) appropriated by Congress. The attached Obligation Delivery Plan provides an outline of the projects that have CMAQ, STBG, LTCAP, and federal earmarks programmed in FFY 26/27 and beyond. The information comes from milestone updates provided by local agencies, discussions with project sponsors, and monthly meetings Commission staff has with Caltrans Local Assistance.

It is recommended local agencies begin the federal-aid process as soon as possible and/or devote the resources needed to secure federal approvals for obligation to ensure timely obligation of federal funds. If a local agency anticipates a delay in obligating these funds this year, Commission staff should be provided with the new schedule as soon as possible.

Staff are available to assist local agencies with processing Request for Authorization (RFA) submittals and the overall federal-aid process.

Attachment: Obligation Delivery Plan for FFY 26/27 and Future Years, Including Earmarks

FFY 26/27

District	MPO/RTPA	Local Agency	Federal Project Number Enter as: STP 1234(567). If not known, provide the project FTIP or PPNO number.	Project Location/Scope/Description Provide location of project: street name, highway, cross-street, etc.; scope of project; and brief description.	Federal Fund Type STBG $	CMAQ $	PROTECT (LTCAP)	Total Federal Obligation	Status
8	SCAG/RCTC	City of Palm Desert	RIV260101	Traffic Management System Replacement		$ 885,000		$ 885,000	Planning to obligate FFY 26/27. PES completed, no expected technical studies.
8	SCAG/RCTC	CVAG	RIV211101	Coachella Valley Arts and Music Line		$ 20,000,000		$ 20,000,000	Planning to obligate FFY 26/27.
8	SCAG/RCTC	CVAG	RIV240101	LTCAP - Indian Canyon Drive (ACCESS)	$ 7,589,150		$ 50,000,000	$ 57,589,150	Planning to obligate FFY 26/27.
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV180129A	Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project	$ 7,225,000			$ 7,225,000	RFA package with DLA for obligation on ROW.
8	SCAG/RCTC	Riverside Transit Agency	RIV220509	Purchase of 10 Replacement Zero-Emission Buses		$ 7,000,000		$ 7,000,000	Planning to obligate FFY 26/27. Will FTA transfer.
					$ 14,814,150	$ 27,885,000	$ 50,000,000	$ 92,699,150	

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District	MPO/RTPA	Local Agency	Federal Project Number Enter as: STP 1234(567). If not known, provide the project FTIP or PPNO number.	Project Location/Scope/Description Provide location of project: street name, highway, cross-street, etc.; scope of project; and brief description.	Federal Fund Type STBG $	CMAQ $	PROTECT (LTCAP)	Total Federal Obligation	Status
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	CMLN-6054(094)	I-15 Express Lanes Project - Southern Extension	$ 86,670,465	$ 100,574,000		$ 187,244,465	Planning to obligate FFY 27/28.
8	SCAG/RCTC	City of Riverside	RIV250201	14th Street Underpass Stormwater Pump Station Planning			$ 675,000	$ 675,000	Planning to obligate FFY 27/28.

Earmarks FFY 26/27 & Future

District	MPO/RTPA	Local Agency	Federal Project Number Enter as: STP 1234(567). If not known, provide the project FTIP or PPNO number.	Project Location/Scope/Description Provide location of project: street name, highway, cross-street, etc.; scope of project; and brief description.	Earmark Amount	Obligation Deadline	Expenditure Deadline	Notes
8	SCAG/RCTC	Calimesa	RIV060102	County Line Road Improvement Project	$ 4,000,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2032	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	City of Eastvale	RIV230901	Pedestrian Bridge over Cucamonga Creek	$ 1,600,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2031	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Corona	RIV180102	Ontario Avenue/I-15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancements	$ 4,000,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2032	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Desert Hot Springs	RIV210407A	Two new bridges along North Indian Canyon Drive between Pierson Blvd and HWY 62	$ 2,500,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2031	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Menifee	RIV201101	I-215 and Garbani Road Interchange Project	$ 2,200,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2032	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	HIPSTPL - 6054(112)	SR-91 ECOP	$ 4,000,000	9/30/2027	9/30/2032	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
District	**MPO/RTPA**	**Local Agency**	**Federal Project Number** Enter as: STP 1234(567). If not known, provide the project FTIP or PPNO number.	**Project Location/Scope/Description** Provide location of project: street name, highway, cross-street, etc.; scope of project; and brief description.	**Earmark Amount**	**Obligation Deadline**	**Expenditure Deadline**	**Notes**
8	SCAG/RCTC	Calimesa	RIV060117A	I-10 Singleton Road Interchange Project	$ 5,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Corona	RIV160405	Magnolia Avenue Widening Project	$ 4,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	CVAG	RIV240101	LTCAP - Indian Canyon Drive (ACCESS)	$ 5,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	CVAG	RIV270704	Salton Sea Reimagined: CV Link Extension	$ 250,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Desert Hot Springs	RIV210407A	Two new bridges along North Indian Canyon Drive between Pierson Blvd and HWY 62	$ 850,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Hemet	RIV260302	State Street Rehabilitation Project	$ 850,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Jurupa Valley	RIV260702	Limonite Avenue Roadway Improvement	$ 850,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Menifee	RIV180140	Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road Improvements/Widening	$ 2,500,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	Murrieta	RIV100107	I-215/Keller Rd IC	$ 1,500,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV230802	Metrolink Double Track Project: Moreno Valley to Perris	$ 500,000	*	*	Transit Infrastructure Grant - Administered by FTA
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	HIPSTPL - 6054(112)	SR-91 ECOP	$ 3,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV180129A	Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project	$ 2,000,000	*	*	CRISI Grant - Administered by FRA

8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	CMLN-6054(094)	I-15 Southern Extension	$ 5,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV250901	Mead Valley Station	$ 850,000	*	*	Transit Infrastructure Grant - Administered by FTA
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV230802	Metrolink Double Track Project: Moreno Valley to Perris	$ 850,000	*	*	Transit Infrastructure Grant - Administered by FTA
8	SCAG/RCTC	RCTC	RIV151002	CV Rail	$ 5,000,000	2030	*	CRISI Grant - Administered by FRA
8	SCAG/RCTC	RTA	RIV220501	Veterans Riverside National Cemetery ADA Bus Stop Enhancement	$ 250,000	*	*	Transit Infrastructure Grant - Administered by FTA
8	SCAG/RCTC	SunLine	RIV240501	SL Agency Battery Capacity for Solar Microgrid	$ 500,000	*	*	Transit Infrastructure Grant - Administered by FTA
8	SCAG/RCTC	Temecula	RIV180135?	Diaz Rd Expansion Project	$ 2,000,000	9/30/2029	9/30/2034	Highway Improvement Program (HIP) Grant - Administered by Caltrans Local Assistance

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AGENDA ITEM 9

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Edward Emery, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT:	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

Federal Programs	**State Programs**
Emergency Relief (ER)	Active Transportation Program (ATP)
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	Local Partnership Program (LPP) *Off-system*
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) *Off-system*
Highway Bridge Program (HBP)	State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) *Off-system*
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) *Off-system*
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program	
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) *Off-system*	
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	

Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation Slide Deck

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Caltrans Local Assistance D8

November 16, 2026

Webinar: Pilot PES Office Hours

Office Hours

The Division of Local Assistance's Office of Environmental Compliance is excited to introduce a new and improved Pilot Preliminary Environmental Study (PES, LAPM 6-A) Form. This updated version includes enhanced capabilities such as smart logic and streamlined inputs for environmental scoping designed to simplify environmental documentation and improve project clarity. Join us to ask any questions about the form and receive hands on training with the new PES Form that is available now!

November 19, 2026

December 17, 2026

Learning objectives:

Learn how to accurately complete the new Pilot PES Form.

Explore its new features and smart logic enhancements.

Understand key differences between the Pilot PES Form and the previous Exhibit 6-A.

Audience: Local Public Agencies and consultants that complete federally funded local assistance projects. This training is ideal for staff involved in environmental documentation, and project scoping.

Recent Changes to California Public Records and Brown Act Requirements - October 2026

Effective January 1, 2027

Recent legislation signed by Governor Newsom introduces important updates affecting California public agencies.

Public Records Act (AB 1821)

Effective **January 1, 2027**, public agencies will have **10 business days**, rather than 10 calendar days, to determine and communicate whether requested public records are disclosable. Under unusual circumstances, agencies may extend the response period by up to **14 business days**.

Key Impact: Agencies will have additional time to process and respond to Public Records Act requests while continuing to provide timely public access to records.

Brown Act (SB 1187)

Effective **September 18, 2026**, eligible legislative bodies are no longer required to:

Maintain a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents.

Provide translated meeting agendas.

Offer translation or interpretation assistance during meetings.

Key Impact: These changes reduce administrative and implementation burdens on local government agencies by eliminating certain public access requirements established in prior legislation.

Action Needed: Staff responsible for public records requests, meeting administration, and public engagement activities should review current procedures and update practices to align with these legislative changes and their effective dates.

New! Intersection Safety and Operational Assessment Process Update to the Local HSIP Website

The Caltrans Division of Local Assistance (DLA) has added an Intersection Safety and Operational Assessment Process (ISOAP) within the local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) website.

The ISOAP is a safe system approach methodology, which evaluates proposed traffic control and design geometrics to reduce conflicts at intersections that will enhance road user safety.

The website contains resources, tools, and trainings to assist California's local public agencies and federally-recognized Tribes evaluate intersection design alternatives to improve safety.

For questions and/or suggestions to this website, please contact Daniel Burke, DLA Safe System Approach liaison.

Visit the ISOAP Website

The California State Library has created the California Grants Portal

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

No deadline, applications are reviewed in an ongoing basis

No specified awards or amounts

The California Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation accepts Notice of Interest (NOI) on an ongoing basis for future funding opportunities. The NOI is intended to provide an opportunity for eligible sub applicants to propose well-defined mitigation actions that reduce risk to life and property from future natural hazards. Nonprofits, Local Public Agencies, and Tribal Governments are encouraged to apply.

Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage

Deadline: Continuous

Total estimated funding $5 million

Fund match is not required

This grant seeks projects that restore or enhance habitat in wildlife migration corridors or that remove impediments to fish passage. Specifically, proposals for planning or implementation projects that construct, repair, modify, or remove transportation infrastructure or water resources infrastructure improving passage for wildlife or fish. Additional consideration will be given for projects that restore or enhance wildlife mobility or fish passage across barriers whose impacts on migration have been increased by drought conditions.

Contact: Don Crocker

2026 Caltrans Construction Contract Standards (CCS) for Local Public Agencies

Effective October 19, 2026, the Caltrans 2026 Construction Contract Standards (CCS) are now applicable to qualifying Local Public Agency (LPA) projects administered off the State Highway System (SHS) and on the National Highway System (NHS).

The 2026 Standards provide the current requirements and contract provisions for projects using Caltrans CCS, including the Standard Specifications, Standard Plans, Standard Special Provisions (SSP), and Standard Bid Items. All LPAs using CCS, regardless of funding source, must use the 2026 Standards for projects receiving approval, allocation, obligation, and construction authorization on or after October 19, 2026.

LPAs may request District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) approval for up to an additional three months when reasonable justification exists.

Projects using locally approved standards that are both off the SHS and off the NHS are exempt from this implementation requirement.

The 2026 Caltrans Construction Contract Standards are available through the Division of Design, Office of Construction Contract Standards (OCCS), on the Construction Contract Standards internet website.

Local agencies are encouraged to review the 2026 Standards early and coordinate with their DLAE to ensure applicable projects are prepared for implementation.

Free Workshop! Advancing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Restoration for Local Agencies

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

1:30pm - 3:30pm PT

As Caltrans prepares to restore the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, join the Local Assistance Office of Local Civil Compliance for an informative and interactive workshop designed to help our local partners prepare for the transition.

During this 2-hour online presentation, DBE experts will share key changes to the recently restored program, including what you can expect moving forward and important next steps for implementation. Participants will also be given an opportunity to ask questions, share considerations, and connect with others as California prepares for the return of the DBE program.

Whether you're looking to understand what's changing, how those changes might impact your organization, or what you need to do to prepare, this workshop offers practical information and an opportunity to get your questions answered.

Register Here

Resident Engineer Academy

Monday - Friday, November 30 - December 4, 2026

8:30am - 4:00pm PT

Applications accepted: now through October 30th

This practical, interactive five-day virtual academy provides core training for local/tribal resident engineers and those responsible for administering construction contracts using state and federal funds. Resident Engineer Academy (REA) instructors are subject matter experts who take a real life, practical application approach to content delivery using examples, problem-solving activities, and exercises. REA curriculum consists of 16 Modules that cover an array of topics that include: Pre-Construction Preparation, Scope of Work, Legal Relations, Payments, Environmental Stewardship, Project Completion, DBE, and Labor Compliance.

Eligibility Requirements:

This course is designed for professionals with construction experience as either a Resident Engineer, Assistant Resident Engineer, or Project Field Inspector, who have a minimum six months experience interpreting construction contract plans and specifications and the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM).

For questions, please contact CALTAP.

Apply Now!

Applications Now Being Accepted: 2027 Tribal High Priority Projects (Tribal HPP) Program

Applications must be submitted to your BIA Point of Contact

or FHWA Tribal Coordinator:

January 31, 2027

11:59pm (local time for applicant)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration is accepting applications for the Tribal HPP Program. The program, funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will provide nearly $9 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to (1) an Indian Tribe or governmental subdivision of an Indian Tribe whose annual allocation of funding under the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) is insufficient to complete the Tribe's highest priority project, or (2) any Indian Tribe that has an emergency or disaster occur on a Tribal transportation facility that renders the facility impassable or unusable.

Please visit the Tribal HPP Program website to access the application forms and accompanying guides. If you have questions or require technical assistance, please contact the Tribal HPP Program Manager, Chris Riley. Technical assistance includes explaining project eligibility, clarifying the scoring criteria, and reviewing the application for completeness. The informational Priority Project checklist or the Emergency/Disaster checklist also provides the eligibility requirements for the Tribal HPP Program.

The **Emergency Relief Program Refresher Training**

The Federal Infrastructure Programs Branch, in partnership with the Office of Environmental Compliance and Outreach, invites you to attend the Emergency Relief Program Refresher Training (Format: Live webinar) No preregistration is required

Thursday, November 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Audience: Cities, counties, tribes, and Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer staff

Topics will include:

Site eligibility

Project applications

Project timelines

Important deadlines

National Environmental Policy Act considerations

This live webinar will provide information and tools to help agencies respond effectively when a disaster occurs and strengthen their readiness for future emergencies.

The new DAF form **Phone access:** +1 279-895-7250
Conference ID: 806 371 48#

For questions, local agencies should contact their District Local Assistance Engineer. District staff should contact their Headquarters Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The flyer is posted to our DLA ER web page here.

Inactive Projects

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

QUESTIONS



AGENDA ITEM 10

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Mina Kim, Planning and Programming Manager
SUBJECT:	California Transportation Commission Meeting Highlights: October 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

October 15 – 16, 2026 CTC Meeting (Agenda)

TAB 18 Draft Toll Facility Application Guidelines

TAB 21 Adoption of the FY 2026-27 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Local Streets and Roads Funding Subsequent Report of Eligible Cities

TAB 91 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Amendment: Amendments to the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project and the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project

TAB 95 Request of $47,035,000 for 35 2026 SHOPP preconstruction project phases for environmental support, design, and RW support

TAB 109 Request to extend the period of project development expenditure for six SHOPP projects, per SHOPP Guidelines

TAB 115 Request to extend the period of project completion for four locally-administered ATP projects, off the State Highway System, per ATP Guidelines

TAB 129 Request of $27,740,000 for 26 locally-administered STIP and Planning, Programming, and Monitoring projects, off the State Highway System

TAB 149 Request to extend the period of contract award for five locally-administered ATP projects, off the State Highway System, per ATP Guidelines

AGENDA ITEM 11

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	November 16, 2026
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Director
SUBJECT:	RCTC Commission Meeting Highlights: October and November 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file the October and November 2026 Commission meeting highlights.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

October 2026 Commission Meeting (Agenda)

ITEM 8 Fiscal Year 2025/26 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Cycle B Allocations

This item is for the Commission to:

1) Approve the allocation of $3,121,773 from Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Cycle B funds to eligible Riverside County transit operators; and
2) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to review the transit operators' projects to ensure consistency with the LCTOP guidelines and to execute and submit required documents to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for LCTOP.

Item 9 Interstate 10 Corridor Project Development

This item is for the Commission to:

1) Receive a presentation on transportation project development along the Interstate 10 corridor within Riverside County;
2) Approve cancellation of the Design Engineering Evaluation Report (DEER) for I-10 Pass Area Ramp Metering Project;
3) Direct staff to initiate an amendment to Agreement No. 25-31-090-00 with WSP USA Inc. (WSP) to perform an I-10 Bi-County Express Lanes Toll Feasibility study from State Route 60 in the city of Beaumont to Ford Street interchange in the city of Redlands in San Bernardino County and authorize a cooperative agreement with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for the completion of this study; and
4) Direct staff to initiate an amendment to Agreement No. 26-72-010-00 with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. (Kimley-Horn) to expand the scope for the

project initiation document (PID) phase of the I-10/SR-79 Interchange Project to include the improvements to the I-10/SR-60 Interchange.

Item 10 Smart Freeway Pilot Project Update

This item is for the Commission to:
1) Receive and file a presentation for the Smart Freeway Pilot Project.

November 2026 Commission Meeting (Agenda)

ITEM 7 State Route 91 Eastbound Corridor Operations Project Progressive Design-Build Phase 1 Agreements

This item is for the Commission to:
1) Award Agreement No. 26-31-019-00 to Myers & Sons Construction, LLC to initiate Progressive Design-Build Phase 1 of the State Route 91 Eastbound Corridor Operations Project (91 ECOP) (Project), in the amount of $19,069,353 with a Design Option amount not to exceed $7,274,182 plus a contingency amount of $2,634,354 for a total amount not to exceed $28,977,889;
2) Award Change Order No. 52 to Agreement No. 16-31-043-00 for the 91 ECOP with Kapsch TrafficCom USA Inc. (Kapsch) to provide design support services in support of the Project in the amount of $295,000 plus a contingency amount of $29,500 for a total amount not to exceed $324,500;
3) Approve Agreement No. 09-31-081-19, Amendment No. 18 to Agreement No. 09-31-081-00 with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. (Parsons) to provide additional project and construction management (PCM) services for the 91 ECOP in the amount of $2,792,077, with a Design Option amount not to exceed $3,437,195 plus a contingency amount of $622,927, for a total amount not to exceed $6,852,199;
4) Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 26-31-095-00 with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for its fair share contribution toward the project, estimated at $102,280,943;
5) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review and receipt of funding authorization, to execute the agreements on behalf of the Commission; and
6) Authorize the Executive Director or designee to approve Design Option and contingency work up to the total amount not to exceed as required for the Project.

ITEM 8 Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services at the Commuter Rail Stations and Toll Facilities

This item is for the Commission to:

1) Award Agreement No. 26-26-074-00 to Tropical Plaza Nursery, Inc., to provide landscape maintenance services at the commuter rail stations and toll facility, for a three-year term and two, one-year options to extend the agreement, in the amount of $5,724,961 plus a contingency amount of $572,496 for a total amount not to exceed $6,297,457;
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 the use of the contingency amount as may be required for these services; and
4) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute task orders issued to the contractor under the terms of the agreement.