



MEETING AGENDA

Budget and Implementation Committee

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: August 24, 2026

Location: BOARD ROOM
County of Riverside Administration Center
4080 Lemon St, First Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

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Annual Budget Development and Oversight
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Countywide Communications and Outreach Programs
Countywide Strategic Plan
Legislation
Public Communications and Outreach Programs
Short Range Transit Plans

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA*

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

9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 24, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Each individual speaker is limited to speak three (3) continuous minutes or less. The Committee may, either at the direction of the Chair or by majority vote of the Committee, waive this three minute time limitation. Depending on the number of items on the Agenda and the number of speakers, the Chair may, at his/her discretion, reduce the time of each speaker to two (2) continuous minutes. Also, the Committee may terminate public comments if such comments become repetitious. In addition, the maximum time for public comment for any individual item or topic is thirty (30) minutes. Speakers may not yield their time to others without the consent of the Chair. Any written documents to be distributed or presented to the Committee shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. This policy applies to Public Comments and comments on Agenda Items.*

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5. **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Commissioner(s) requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 27, 2026

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6B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for the month ended July 31, 2026.

7. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file a state and federal legislative update.

8. METROLINK FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 OPERATING BUDGET - SECOND QUARTER FUNDING

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 25-25-097-00 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Second Quarter Funding for an additional amount of \$7,522,832, with a contingency of \$477,168, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000,000;

- 2) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute Amendment No. 25-25-097-02 on behalf of the Commission; and
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to approve the use of the contingency amount as may be required for the service.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 26-020, *"Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Approving the FY 2026/27 Project List for the California State of Good Repair Program;"*
- 2) Approve an allocation of \$5,179,576 related to Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 State of Good Repair (SGR) program funds to eligible Riverside County transit operators;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to review, approve and submit projects to Caltrans which are consistent with SGR program guidelines and to execute and submit required documents for the SGR program, including the Authorized Agent Form; and
- 4) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to approve administrative amendments to the FY 2026/27 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) for incorporation of the SGR funds, as necessary.

10. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for brief announcements or comments on items or matters of general interest.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Budget and Implementation Committee meeting is scheduled to be held at **9:30 a.m., September 28, 2026.**

AGENDA ITEM 6A

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Monday, July 27, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Budget and Implementation Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Valerie Vandever at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, First Floor, Riverside, California 92501 and at the teleconference sites: Council Chamber Conference Room, City of Palm Desert, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California 92260, and the Large Conference Room, French Valley Airport, 37600 Sky Canyon Dr., Murrieta, California 92563.

2. ROLL CALL

Members/Alternates Present

Steve Downs**
Ricky Estrada*
Kathleen Fitzpatrick**
Raymond Gregory**
Jan Harnik**
Bob Magee
David Ready**
James Stewart*
Valerie Vandever
Cindy Warren*
Chuck Washington*

*Joined the meeting at French Valley.

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Members Absent

Ulises Cabrera
Yxstian Gutierrez
Linda Molina
Jeremy Smith

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Vandever led the Budget and Implementation Committee in a flag salute.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

5. ADDITIONS / REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

- 6. CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Commissioner(s) requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

M/S/C (Fitzpatrick/Harnik) to approve the following Consent Calendar item(s):

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2026

6B. QUARTERLY SALES TAX ANALYSIS

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file the sales tax analysis for Quarter 1, 2026 (Q1 2026).

6C. SINGLE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY REPORT

- 1) Receive and file the Single Signature Authority report for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2026.

6D. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

- 1) Receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for the month ended May 31, 2026.

6E. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

- 1) Receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for the month ended June 30, 2026.

6F. QUARTERLY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT METRICS REPORT, APRIL – JUNE 2026

- 1) Receive and file the Quarterly Public Engagement Metrics Report for April through June 2026.

6G. QUARTERLY REPORTING OF EXECUTED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

- 1) Receive and file the Quarterly Report of Executed Contract Change Orders for Construction Contracts for the three-month period ending

June 30, 2026.

7. AMENDMENT TO SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY'S FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, provided an overview for the amendment to SunLine Transit Agency's (SunLine) Fiscal Year 2025/26 Short Range Transit Plan for an additional \$2 million increase in Local Transportation Funding (LTF).

Commissioner Harnik pointed out in the attached SunLine presentation when looking at the hydrogen boil off it is something new that they are using. The issue with losing the hydrogen she had not thought about at all, but to watch what has happened with the amount they lose in each of the processes to get it to the bus is really interesting. Then to look at what they had just done to diminish the amount of hydrogen boil off is equally interesting and SunLine is really taking a very active role in addressing this issue and has great results in it. They are doing everything they can to keep the costs down and to be really efficient and effective operators. She moved approval of staff recommendation.

M/S/C (Harnik/Downs) for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Approve a \$2,000,000 increase in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Local Transportation Funding (LTF) allocation for SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine) for a total amount not to exceed \$33,721,487; and**
- 2) Approve the amendment to SunLine's FY 2025/26 Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) reflecting the funding adjustment.**

8. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Tyler Madary, Legislative Affairs Manager, presented an update for the state and federal legislative activities.

Aaron Hake, Executive Director, stated in this staff report there are a lot of bills in Sacramento, and a lot of those bills are pretty long they are dense and sometimes there is this one line in a bill that can make all the difference to a funding program, a regulatory process, and their team looks at all that in detail. A lot of what was heard in Tyler Madary's report today is the work of him, Andrew Sall, Senior Management Analyst, and RCTC's lobbyist Mark Watts keeping an eye on all these bills. There was one in here that was about the city of Santa Monica and there was one line in there that would have given them priority in Active Transportation Programs if they met certain requirements over everyone else. By reaching out to our Senator, he thanked our Delegation on both sides of the isle, because when RCTC contacted them, they answered and got that provision struck. SB 1087 that Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is sponsoring with the other metropolitan planning organizations in the state is a really big deal to

reform and improve the planning process for their transportation plans across the state. There are provisions in there that are pretty complex that have to do with how projects get programmed in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and how they compete for SB 1 funding as there are some changes. SCAG and the Author has been listening to us as they have been making policy based practical arguments and putting forward solutions. What the Commissioners see here is our team not just saying they oppose or support this, staff come forward with language. They say this would work better if you do this, or this would be the impact on projects and on our funding if you did that, and they have had an excellent track record this session of engaging in these bills. Most of these bills are not grabbing headlines but should they get to the Governor's desk and him signing them would make a big difference. Our engagement really matters and the details matter. He referred to the federal reauthorization legislation bill BUILD America 250 Act whether or not that bill passes this Congress that provision they are trying to insert the amendment through Congresswoman Julie Brownley to bring their Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. These are federal formula funds this Commission used to be able to allocate to projects of the Commission's choice but are no longer able to do. We are on the same page with every other county in Southern California in the SCAG region. This is a great example of the region working together and we have key congressional members in each county. LA Metro is working with Riverside and San Bernardino is working with Ventura to try to get this done, it is their number one priority. There is something preventing the committee, there is some unease that somebody has that is preventing that amendment from getting into the bill and they are trying to work that out. Our goal is that the amendment gets into this bill whether it gets to the President's desk or not because that sets precedent for the next Congress. When the next Congress, regardless of who is in the minority and who is in the majority, if there is consensus on an item that has already passed Congress, it makes it that much easier to get into the next bill. That is why they put so much effort into Legislation that sort of has a questionable future because reaching an agreement at every step of the way kind of gets us there. He thanked Tyler Madary his team and to our Legislatures.

M/S/C for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file a state and federal legislative update.**

9. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Aaron Hake announced:

- There is continued construction progress at the Potrero Interchange and State Route 60.
- The Mid County Parkway (MCP) on Ramona Expressway is impressive the amount of work that has already occurred. He thanked those that came to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- The Interstate 15 SMART Freeway Project is operational, and they do not yet have data. It will take several months of aggregating data to see if there has been a change in driver behavior. At a future Commission meeting staff will provide a report on how that is working. He thanked our partners in all of those communities from the city of Temecula to the city of Beaumont to Nuevo Unincorporated county for their partnership as we go forward.
- RCTC got a \$25 million grant from the federal government for the 91 Eastbound Corridor Operations Project which is a big deal. He thanked Congresswoman Young Kim and Congressman Ken Calvert for securing that grant with the Secretary.
- Metrolink, the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that this Commission is a part of has adopted another continuing resolution for their Fiscal Year 27 Budget. There continues to be financial challenges at Metrolink they are working through. The Commissioners may see another item at the Commission about this and if there are any questions about Metrolink please contact Aaron Hake.
- At its August 12 Commission meeting we will be having the National Economist from the Associated General Contractors here. He is flying in from Washington, D.C. to speak to the Commission about project costs. A few months ago, there was a robust discussion among the Commissioners' interest in diving into why do projects cost what they cost, why have costs escalated, and what are the driving factors. There will be an interesting presentation on what is going on, and it will be the Commissioners' opportunity to ask questions.

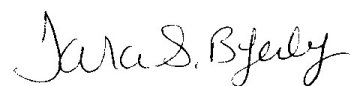
11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Budget and Implementation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara S. Byerly
Deputy Clerk of the Board

AGENDA ITEM 6B

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	August 24, 2026
TO:	Budget and Implementation Committee
FROM:	Maria Garcia, Financial Budget Manager Jennifer Fuller, Deputy Director of Finance
THROUGH:	Sergio Vidal, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT:	Monthly Investment Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for the month ended July 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission's investment report reflects investments primarily concentrated in the Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund as well as investments in mutual funds for sales tax revenue bonds debt service payments.

The Commission retained Payden & Rygel Investment Management to manage investments for its operating funds. The Commission approved the initial agreement in May 2013 through a competitive procurement and subsequently extended the agreement through the annual recurring contracts process, however the contract expired on June 30, 2026. As of the date of this report, funds were transferred to the County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund for investment management purposes on a go forward basis.

The monthly investment report for July 2026, as required by state law and Commission policy, reflects the investment activity associated with the 91 Project 2021 Financing and available operating cash. As of July 31, 2026, total cash and investments in the Commission's portfolio totaled approximately \$2.1 billion and were comprised of the following:

CASH AND INVESTMENTS PORTFOLIO	AMOUNTS ¹
Operating	\$ 1,520,586,947
Trust	377,614,197
Commission-managed	199,097,050
Total	\$ 2,097,298,194
Note: ¹ Unreconciled and unaudited	

As of July 31, 2026, the Commission's cash and investments adhere to both the Commission's investment policy adopted on December 10, 2025, and permitted investments described in the indenture for the Commission's sales tax revenue bonds and the master indenture for the Commission's toll revenue bonds. Additionally, the Commission has sufficient liquidity to meet its anticipated cash flow requirements for the next six months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information item. There is no fiscal impact.

Attachment: Investment Portfolio Report for July 31, 2026

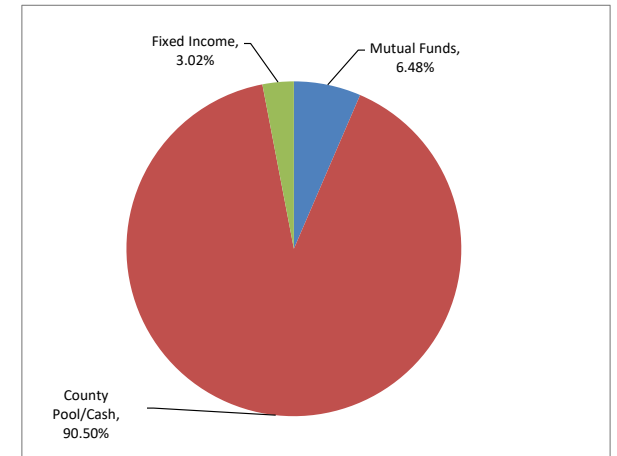
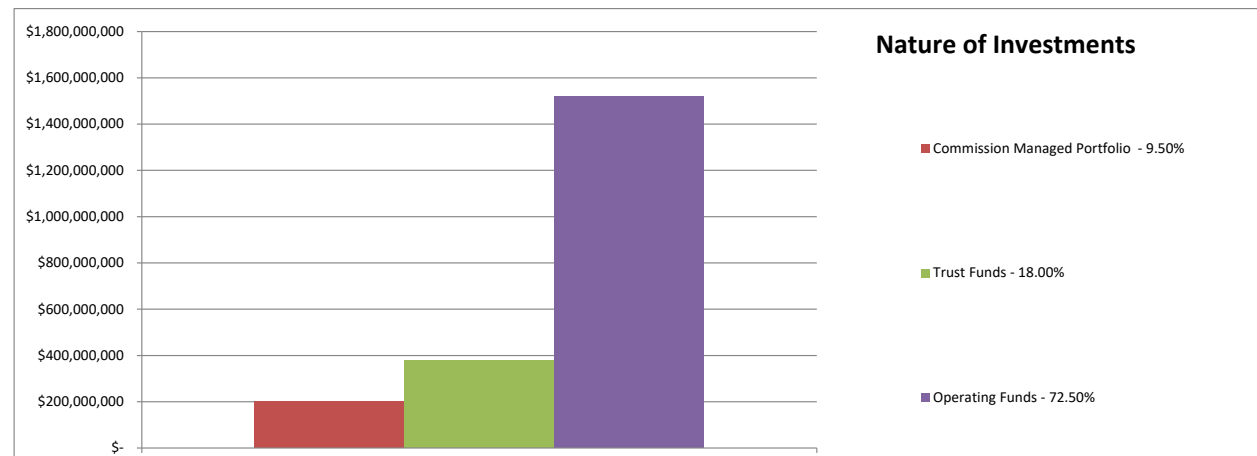
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Investment Portfolio Report
Period Ended: July 31, 2026

	STATEMENT BALANCE ¹	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	STATEMENTS	RATING Fitch ²	COUPON RATE	PAR VALUE	PURCHASE DATE	MATURITY DATE	YIELD TO MATURITY	PURCHASE COST	MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)
OPERATING FUNDS												
City National Bank Deposits	46,421,884	City National Bank	Available upon request	AA-	N/A				N/A			
County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund	1,474,165,063	County Treasurer	Available upon request	AAA+/S1								
Subtotal Operating Funds	1,520,586,947											
FUNDS HELD IN TRUST												
County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund:												
Local Transportation Fund	377,614,197	County Treasurer	Available upon request					Available upon request				
Subtotal Funds Held in Trust	377,614,197											
COMMISSION MANAGED PORTFOLIO												
US Bank Payden & Rygel Operating	-	US Bank	Available upon request					Available upon request				
2013 Series A & Series B Reserve Fund	13,488,833	US Bank	Available upon request					Available upon request				
2021 Series B Reserve Fund	41,506,521	US Bank	Available upon request					Available upon request				
2021 Series C Reserve Fund	8,268,767	US Bank	Available upon request					Available upon request				
First American Government Obligation Fund	135,832,929	US Bank	Available upon request	N/A	N/A			Available upon request	N/A			
Subtotal Commission Managed Portfolio	199,097,050											
TOTAL All Cash and Investments	2,097,298,194											

Notes:

¹ Unreconciled and unaudited

² As of latest available information



AGENDA ITEM 7

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	August 24, 2026
TO:	Budget and Implementation Committee
FROM:	Andrew Sall, Senior Management Analyst, Legislative Affairs Tyler Madary, Legislative Affairs Manager
THROUGH:	Aaron Hake, Executive Director
SUBJECT:	State and Federal Legislative Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Receive and file a state and federal legislative update.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State Update

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Update

As the conclusion of the 2026 Legislative Session approaches, RCTC is advocating for the Legislature and Governor to utilize state general funds to fully fund the commitments to Tier III Cap-and-Invest programs pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 840 (2025). California's Cap-and-Invest program was reauthorized in 2025, extending the program until 2045 and altering the programs that are funded by Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) revenues. This program authorizes up to \$400 million annually for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and up to \$200 million annually for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. However, recent declines in GGRF revenues and state policy changes are expected to reduce funding available for these programs and the approved state budget in June did not address these projected shortfalls.

Currently, RCTC receives approximately \$6 million in Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) formula funds annually, which are directed to transit agencies in Riverside County to fund discounted fares for youth, free rider days, service expansion, and the purchase of zero-emission infrastructure. TIRCP is a competitive grant program, under which RCTC has received awards of \$15.5 million for the Metrolink Double Track Project: Moreno Valley to Perris in 2023 and \$40.5 million for the Mead Valley Metrolink Station/Mobility Hub in 2024.

Similarly, the budget approved in June did not include the anticipated allocation of \$230 million in Zero Emission Transit Capital (ZETCP) funds, which was established under SB 125 in 2023.

RCTC anticipates receiving a combined \$25 million in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 to help transit operators purchase zero-emission buses and infrastructure to meet state regulatory goals.

On August 10, RCTC submitted a letter to the Governor and Legislature urging their support to fully fund the LCTOP, TIRCP, and ZETCP programs before the end of the legislative session on August 31. RCTC staff will keep the Committee informed of these efforts as negotiations unfold.

Senate Bill 1087 (Cabaldon) – Update

As previously reported, SB 1087 by Senator Christopher Cabaldon (Yolo) was amended on June 25 to address RCTC's concerns regarding unintended impacts to SB 1 gas tax programs and the Commission's competitiveness for these funding programs administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). RCTC maintains a Support if Amended position on the bill, as it modernizes the development and approval of Regional Transportation Plans (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) in a manner that makes the goals of SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) achievable. While bill sponsors anticipate additional amendments, they are not in print as of the publish date of this staff report. RCTC staff will review any forthcoming amendments and keep the Committee informed of their potential impact. SB 1087 passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 13.

Assembly Bill 2560 (Schultz) – Update

As previously reported, RCTC opposes Assembly Bill (AB) 2560 by Assemblymember Nick Schultz, as it seeks to codify the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure into state law. This bill reduces the flexibility of future state administrations to implement transportation policies and funding decisions to effectively respond to the timely and diverse needs of regions across California. AB 2560 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 13 and will not move forward this year.

Federal Update

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update

On July 21, the House approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) to extend government funding at Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 levels until December 4. Congress is required to approve FY 2027 appropriations legislation or a CR by September 30 to avoid a government shutdown.

On August 8, the Senate approved a separate CR that extends government funding until December 11. Notably, the Senate's CR also includes an extension of surface transportation programs, which are set to expire on September 30. The House-passed CR does not include an extension of surface transportation programs, which will be considered when the House reconvenes on August 31.

Meeting with USDOT Assistant Secretary Michael Rutherford

As a follow up to RCTC's advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. earlier this year, staff met with Michael Rutherford, the new Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on July 22 to discuss multimodal projects in Riverside County that support the movement of people and goods. RCTC staff discussed the status of the Coachella Valley Rail Project and grade separation projects along the planned corridor, including at Pennsylvania Avenue and Hargrave Street, among others, that will support the county's growing population and role in national goods movement. RCTC will continue to engage USDOT to advocate for projects and funding that enhance mobility in Riverside County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a policy and information item. There is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

- 1) Legislative Matrix – September 2026
- 2) Cap-and-Invest/SB 125 Funding Support Letter

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION - STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATRIX– SEPTEMBER 2026

RCTC Active Positions

Legislation/ Author	Description	Bill Status	Position	Date of Board Adoption
AB 334 (Petrie- Norris)	Current state law limits the sharing of toll customer data necessary for interoperability with other states, limiting toll operators' ability to collect toll revenue from out-of-state drivers in an efficient manner. The existing process is cumbersome, requires significant staff time, and may lead to penalties on customers that may otherwise be avoided. AB 334 enables toll operators in California, such as RCTC, to participate in a future national interoperability program, enhancing service to customers and streamlining the transaction process.	Ordered to Senate Inactive File on 9/13/2025. Two-year bill.	<i>Support</i>	4/9/2025
AB 1145 (Gonzalez)	Requires Caltrans, in reviewing a proposed ordinance or resolution submitted by a local authority to regulate traffic on a state highway, to consider the cost compared to an alternative solution. As a result, AB 1145 seeks to improve safety on highways, including on State Route 74 in Riverside County.	On the Assembly Floor pending concurrence. 8/11/2026.	<i>Support</i>	7/11/2025
AB 2059 (Wilson)	Provides direct relief from vehicle miles traveled (VMT) mitigation requirements if at least 80 percent of a transportation project lies within one or more nonmetropolitan counties. Addition of one or more general lanes on the state highway system are excepted from this relief unless there is a demonstrated safety or evacuation need for the project.	Passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on 8/13/2026. Pending on the Senate Floor.	<i>Support if Amended Based on Platform</i>	4/14/2026
SB 1087 (Cabaldon)	Modernizes the development and approval of Regional Transportation Plans (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) with intention to make the goals of SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) achievable.	Passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 8/13/2026. Pending on the Assembly Floor.	<i>Support if Amended Based on Platform</i>	4/15/2026

RCTC Prior Positions

Legislation/ Author	Description	Bill Status	Position	Date of Original Board Adoption
AB 1740 (Chavez Zbur)	Prior to amendments, granted priority to the City of Santa Monica's Active Transportation Program applications above all others in the state.	Passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on 8/13/2026. Pending on the Senate Floor.	<i>Oppose Unless Amended Based on Platform Prior to Amendments on 7/2/2026</i>	6/24/2026
AB 1678 (Harabedian)	Reduced the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's oversight and discretion on a project within its own jurisdiction, setting a concerning precedent for self-help counties such as Riverside County that have an obligation to deliver promised transportation improvements.	Failed deadline. 4/24/2026.	<i>Oppose Based on Platform</i>	4/10/2026
AB 1855 (Gonzalez)	Expanded California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for certain passenger rail projects, including the Coachella Valley Rail Project.	Failed deadline. 4/24/2026.	<i>Sponsor</i>	3/11/2026
AB 2168 (Wicks)	Prior to amendments, directed the California Transportation Commission on or after January 1, 2028, to develop Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines with recommendations to maximize commitments of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) formula funds to ATP projects. AB 2168 also requires point reductions for applicants who failed to use previously awarded funds in a timely manner.	Pending on the Senate Floor. 8/4/2026.	<i>Oppose Unless Amended Based on Platform Prior to Amendments on 6/22/2026</i>	4/17/2026
AB 2560 (Schultz)	Codified the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure into state law, reducing the flexibility of future state administrations to implement transportation policies and funding decisions.	Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 8/13/2026.	<i>Oppose Based on Platform</i>	4/10/2026
SB 512 (Pérez)	Provided statutory clarity confirming that transportation agencies with existing sales tax authority may administer a voter-approved transactions and use tax as determined by a citizens' initiative.	Vetoed by Governor on 10/13/2025.	<i>Support Based on Platform</i>	7/9/2025

Legislation/ Author	Description	Bill Status	Position	Date of Original Board Adoption
SB 1423 (Stern)	Prior to amendments, removed local control and discretion by changing how Interregional Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Improvement Program funds can be allocated, requiring 50 percent of funds to be programmed on safe streets projects.	Passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 8/13/2026. Pending on the Assembly Floor.	<i>Opposed Based on Platform Prior to Amendments on 4/23/2026</i>	4/15/2026



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August 10, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
 Governor, State of California
 1021 O Street, Suite 9000
 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Monique Limón
 Senate President Pro Tempore
 1021 O Street, Suite 8518
 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas
 Speaker of the Assembly
 1021 O Street, Suite 8330
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: RCTC Support for Protecting Cap-and-Invest and SB 125 Funding Commitments

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem Limón, and Speaker Rivas:

On behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), I write to request your support to utilize state general funds as needed to fully fund the commitments to Tier III Cap-and-Invest programs pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 840 (2025) and the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) established under SB 125 (2023).

RCTC appreciates your leadership to reauthorize the Cap-and-Invest program in 2025 and establish consistent, stable funding for vital transportation programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), including the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). However, declines in GGRF revenues and recent administrative policy changes have significantly reduced funding available for these key programs.

Notably, RCTC receives more than \$6 million annually through the LCTOP program, which RCTC directs to transit agencies to fund discounted fares for youth, free rider days, service expansion, and the purchase of zero-emission infrastructure. TIRCP funding supports passenger rail investments across the state, including two projects in rapidly growing areas of Riverside County that were collectively awarded \$56 million in 2023 and 2024.

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget approved in June did not include the anticipated allocation of \$230 million in ZETCP funds and calls into question the status of funding next year. RCTC anticipates receiving \$25 million in ZETCP funding over both fiscal years to fund the acquisition of zero-emission buses and infrastructure transit operators need to meet state climate and Innovative Clean Transit regulation goals.

Communities across Riverside County depend on the transit projects and programs made possible with LCTOP, TIRCP, and ZETCP – and these are at risk unless immediate action is taken before the end of the legislative session. For these reasons, RCTC urges the Legislature and Administration to honor the commitments made when SB 840 and SB 125 were approved. Should you have any questions, please contact Legislative Affairs Manager Tyler Madary at tmadary@rctc.org or (951) 787-7141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron Hake".

Aaron Hake
 Executive Director

CC: Riverside County Legislative Delegation

AGENDA ITEM 8

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	August 24, 2026
TO:	Budget and Implementation Committee
FROM:	Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Metrolink Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget - Second Quarter Funding

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 25-25-097-00 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Second Quarter Funding for an additional amount of \$7,522,832, with a contingency of \$477,168, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000,000;
- 2) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute Amendment No. 25-25-097-02 on behalf of the Commission; and
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to approve the use of the contingency amount as may be required for the service.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Metrolink is the brand name for the services operated by SCRRA. The Commission is one of the five member agencies that comprises the SCRRA joint powers authority (JPA). All member agencies must formally commit to fund their proportionate shares of commuter rail operating and capital costs on an annual basis. Typically, each member agency must approve the budget before adoption of a final budget by the SCRRA Board of Directors, no later than June 30. Per the JPA, SCRRA is required to submit the budget request transmittal by May 1; however, due to lower-than-expected revenues and cost increases, Metrolink required more time to develop the FY 2026/27 Budget and requested a three-month extension. During the extension period, the SCRRA Board of Directors put forward a continuing apportionments resolution to member agencies to fund Metrolink operations and services for the first quarter of the FY 2026/27. On June 10, 2026, the Commission approved the continuing apportionments resolution as the first amendment to the SCRRA FY26 funding agreement to extend the agreement for the first quarter from July 1 to September 30 at the prior year fiscal funding levels.

Member agencies have been working with Metrolink to identify a budget path for the current fiscal year. These discussions have not yet resulted in a final budget and additional time is needed to resolve the budget challenges. As a result, on July 24, 2026, the Metrolink Board of Directors approved a three-month extension of the continuing apportionments resolution for the second quarter of their FY 2026/27 operating budget.

To continue Metrolink service at current levels from October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, staff recommends the Commission's approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 25-25-097-00 (Attachment 1) with the SCRRRA for FY 2026/27 Second Quarter Funding. This will extend the term of the current memorandum of understanding (MOU) funding agreement. In addition, it will increase the contract amount by \$7,522,832, with a contingency of \$477,168, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

Metrolink's budget excludes the Commission's expenses for the nine RCTC-owned stations. These expenses are included in the Commission's adoption of the FY 2026/27 Budget and cover station operations and maintenance, right of way, and other station capital projects.

Staff will continue to work closely with Metrolink to develop a fiscally responsible budget that provides the most train service possible for Riverside County residents. Staff expects to return to the Commission before the end of second quarter with Metrolink's full FY 2026/27 operating and capital budget request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient appropriation in the FY 2026/27 Budget for this. Specifically, funding for SCRRRA operations is included in the Commission's proposed FY 2026/27 Budget and will come from Local Transportation Funds (LTF), as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. FY 2026/27 SCRRRA Operating Subsidy by Revenue Source, Quarter 2

Revenue Source	Amount
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)*	\$ 7,522,832
RCTC Subsidy Total	\$ 7,522,832
Added Contingency – LTF Funds	\$477,168
Revised Total	\$8,000,000

*Funding for LTF is generated from the state ¼ cent sales tax

Approval of second-quarter funding will bring total funding for July through December 2026 to \$18,000,000.

Financial Information					
In Fiscal Year Budget:	Yes	Year:	FY 2026/27	Amount:	FY27 Ops \$ 8,000,000
Source of Funds:	Operating: LTF - Western County Rail			Budget Adjustment:	No
GL/Project Accounting No.:	254199 86101 00000 0000 1030 25 86101			\$ 8,000,000	
Fiscal Procedures Approved:				Date:	08/12/2026

Attachment: Draft MOU No. 25-25-097-02 for FY 2026/27 SCRRRA Second Quarter Funding

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 25-25-097-00
BETWEEN THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
FOR
FY 2026-27 SECOND QUARTER FUNDING**

This Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-25-097-00 ("Second Amendment") is entered into effective October 1, 2026, by and between the Riverside County Transportation Commission ("RCTC") and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority ("SCRRA"), collectively referred to herein as the "PARTIES."

RECITALS

A. The PARTIES entered into Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-25-097-00 ("MOU") for FY 2025-26 annual funding for SCRRA operating and capital costs.

B. The MOU provides that it may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the PARTIES.

C. The PARTIES desire to extend certain funding provisions of the MOU for the second quarter of FY 2026-27, covering the period from October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, while SCRRA finalizes and provides updated operating and capital budget information for FY 2026-27.

D. The PARTIES desire to provide interim funding in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) to ensure continuity of commuter rail operations and related services benefiting Riverside County pending approval of a subsequent annual funding agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. Extension of Funding

The terms and conditions of MOU No. 25-25-097-00 are hereby extended solely for the period of October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 ("Extension Period"), unless otherwise modified herein.

2. Interim Funding Amount

During the Extension Period, RCTC shall provide SCRRA interim funding for operating and related eligible costs in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000), inclusive of contingency funding, pursuant to the invoicing, reimbursement, and budget procedures set forth in the MOU.

SCRRA shall continue to provide quarterly invoices and supporting documentation consistent with the requirements of the MOU.

3. Purpose of Amendment

The PARTIES acknowledge that this Second Amendment is intended to provide interim funding continuity while SCRRA finalizes updated FY 2026-27 budget information and while the PARTIES negotiate and consider a subsequent annual funding agreement.

4. Continuing Effect

Except as expressly modified by this Second Amendment, all terms and conditions of MOU No. 25-25-097-00 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

5. Authority

The persons executing this Second Amendment represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute this Second Amendment on behalf of their respective PARTY.

6. Counterparts; Electronic Signatures

This Second Amendment may be executed in counterparts and by electronic signature, each of which shall be deemed an original and together shall constitute one instrument.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have caused this Second Amendment to MOU No. 25-25-097-00 to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed and Approved as to Form:

Reviewed and Approved as to Form:

SCRRA General Legal Counsel

RCTC General Legal Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 9

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	August 24, 2026
TO:	Budget and Implementation Committee
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2026/27 State of Good Repair Program Allocations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to recommend the Commission take the following action(s):

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 26-020, *“Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Approving the FY 2026/27 Project List for the California State of Good Repair Program;”*
- 2) Approve an allocation of \$5,179,576 related to Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 State of Good Repair (SGR) program funds to eligible Riverside County transit operators;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to review, approve and submit projects to Caltrans which are consistent with SGR program guidelines and to execute and submit required documents for the SGR program, including the Authorized Agent Form; and
- 4) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to approve administrative amendments to the FY 2026/27 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs) for incorporation of the SGR funds, as necessary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The SGR program was established through Senate Bill (SB) 1 in April 2017 and is funded from a portion of the Transportation Improvement Fee on vehicle registrations. SGR provides approximately \$105 million annually to transit operators in California for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects. Funds are apportioned similar to the State Transit Assistance program formula, utilizing two categories for funding: population and transit operator revenues. Apportionments by population are discretionary and fall under Public Utilities Code (PUC) 99313, and apportionments based on transit operator revenues are non-discretionary and fall under PUC 99314. Apportionments for both PUC 99313 and 99314 are determined by the State Controller’s Office (SCO).

The total estimated amount of SGR funds available to Riverside County for FY 2026/27 is \$5,179,576. Of this amount, \$4,454,059 is apportioned by population under PUC 99313 to the Commission for sub-allocation. PUC 99314 provides \$725,517 directly to the transit operators as determined by the SCO.

As the regional transportation planning agency for Riverside County, the Commission has the following responsibilities:

- Receive and allocate SGR funds to transit operators based on local needs (PUC 99313) and based on formula amounts published by the SCO (PUC 99314);
- Via board resolution, approve the annual list of SGR projects submitted by the public transit operators and ensure funds are expended on SGR-eligible activities;
- Complete an updated authorized agent form; and
- Comply with all relevant state laws, regulations, and policies for funding.

In order to receive funding for FY 2026/27, the Commission is required to submit to Caltrans a resolution by September 1, 2026, confirming the Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive, distribute, concur, and approve the list of projects, which are to be funded under the SGR program. Initial SGR funding estimates were released in January 2026 by the SCO and were included in the Commission's FY 2026/27 Budget accordingly. Revised SGR funding amounts were released by the SCO on July 31, 2026. Due to the board meeting schedule, Caltrans approved the Commission's request to submit an adopted resolution and approved project list by September 30. To meet this requirement, staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 26-020 (Attachment 1), *"Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Approving the FY 2026/27 Project List for the California State of Good Repair Program."*

Staff also recommend approving an allocation of \$5,179,576 of FY 2026/27 SGR funds to eligible transit operators and their proposed projects (Attachment 2). Staff have reviewed the PUC 99313 distribution based on transit operators needs. Staff expect that transit operators will program these funds in their FY 2027/28 SRTP, but they may request an amendment to their FY 2026/27 SRTP if needed.

It is important to note that the funding allocation is an estimate provided by the SCO. Actual funds received are based on the Transportation Improvement Fee collected on vehicle registrations. Most funding sources the Commission oversees have a fund balance, which provides stability in changes to economic conditions and allows projects and programs to move forward even during economic uncertainty. Caltrans requires all SGR funds to be programmed and allocated annually, and operators are encouraged to use these funds as expeditiously as possible. While Caltrans prefers this type of programming, it can leave little to no fund balance, which can affect project estimates.

Staff included the January 2026 SCO estimates for SGR funding allocations concurrently with the annual SRTP allocation process approved by the Commission in June. Staff did not include the resolution during that process anticipating a revised estimate in July from the SCO and subsequent board authorization. The July 2026 estimate provided by the SCO shows an increase of 0.3 percent or \$18,300 above the January 2026 estimate that was included in the FY 2026/27 Budget, along with anticipated interest. As such, staff do not require a budget adjustment at this time, as the amounts are within the current adopted budget. Any decreases in funding allocations will be within the approved amount the Commission authorizes and can be

amended administratively. Any increases in funding allocations to the transit operators beyond this amount will be brought back to the Commission as a formal amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the Commission at this time. Funds are distributed to the Commission quarterly from the SCO with the final payment expected in September 2027.

Attachments:

- 1) Resolution No. 26-020
- 2) SGR FY 2026/27 Allocations by Operator

RESOLUTION NO. 26-020
RESOLUTION OF THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
APPROVING THE FY 2026/27 PROJECT LIST
FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act 2017, established the State of Good Repair (SGR) program to fund eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital project activities that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive and distribute State Transit Assistance – SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) for eligible transit capital projects;

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission distributes SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) under its regional jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission concurs with and approves the attached project list for the SGR Program funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Transportation Commission hereby approves the SB 1 SGR Project List for FY 2026/27; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Riverside County Transportation Commission that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee is hereby authorized to submit a request for Scheduled Allocation of the SB 1 SGR funds and to execute the related grant applications, forms and agreements, including the Authorized Agent Form.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2026.

Raymond Gregory, Chair
Riverside County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

Lisa Mobley, Clerk of the Board
Riverside County Transportation Commission

 FY 2026/27 State of Good Repair (SGR) Funding Allocation					
Agency	PUC 99313*	PUC 99314*	Total SGR Allocation	Project Number	Proposed Project Description
City of Banning	\$ 67,879	\$ 2,121	\$ 70,000	28-TBD	Capitalized Preventative Maintenance
City of Beaumont	58,164	5,836	64,000	28-TBD	Fleet and Facility Improvements
City of Corona	97,183	2,817	100,000	28-TBD	Bus Stop Improvements
City of Riverside	58,055	3,945	62,000	28-TBD	Capitalized Preventative Maintenance
Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency	73,293	1,707	75,000	28-TBD	Maintenance Infrastructure: SGR Equipment and Facility Upgrades.
RCTC	714,450	385,550	1,100,000	28-TBD	Rail Stations - Capital Rehabilitation
Riverside Transit Agency	2,237,227	171,349	2,408,576	28-TBD	Facility, Maintenance, Safety and Revenue/Support Vehicle Replacements,
SunLine Transit Agency	1,147,808	152,192	1,300,000	28-TBD	Utility Storage Building
Grand Totals	\$ 4,454,059	\$ 725,517	\$ 5,179,576		

*Based on SCO Revised Estimate of July 31, 2026