

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Fact Sheet

Background and Funding: The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program is one of several programs funded as part of 2014-15 State of California budget (by Senate Bill 852 and Senate Bill 862) that have a goal of reduced greenhouse gas emissions and achievement of other benefits. These programs are funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resource Board's Cap-and-Trade Program, with proceeds deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program will receive \$200 million in 2015-16 and 10 percent of annual state Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds beginning in 2015-16.

Legislative History: Prior legislation established state goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and created tools to achieve these reductions.

- Assembly Bill 32 (2006) set greenhouse gas reduction targets and authorized the Cap-and-Trade Program at the Air Resources Board
- Senate Bill 375 (2008) and Senate Bill 391 (2009) require sustainable communities strategies be included in regional transportation plans and the statewide transportation plan
- Assembly Bill 3034 (2008) placed Proposition 1A before voters, which provides bond funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through rail investments, including the high-speed rail project
- Senate Bill 9 (2015) provides funding for transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter and urban rail systems and bus and ferry transit systems. Requires CalSTA to adopt a 5-year program of projects and require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to allocate funding to eligible applicants pursuant to the program of projects.



Program Goals and Eligible Projects: Program goals include the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, expanded rail service to increase ridership, the integration of different rail and bus systems, and improved rail safety. Eligible projects include rail and bus capital projects, and operational improvements that result in increased ridership and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Disadvantaged-Community Benefits: Legislation Passed in 2011, Senate Bill 535, requires that programs funded from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund result in benefits to disadvantaged communities. The designation of "disadvantaged communities" is assigned to the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the establishment of guidelines for qualifying expenditures is assigned to the California Air Resources Board. The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program will target grants so that at least 25 percent of program expenditures will benefit disadvantaged communities.

Roles and Responsibilities of State Agencies: CalSTA will work with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to implement this program. Once guidelines are finalized, CalSTA and Caltrans will solicit applications and select projects. The CTC will award the program of projects and manage project allocations.

Program Status and Updates: In fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16, TIRCP awarded 14 projects for a total of \$224 million through a competitive grant process. For fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18 through a call for projects 41 projects were received. TIRCP awarded 14 projects for a total of \$391 million through a competitive grant process.



TIRCP Timeline:

CalSTA publishes final 2016 program guidelines	February 4, 2016
Call for projects	February 5, 2016
Optional meeting to discuss project concepts and quantification with CalSTA staff	February 22-26, 2016
Project applications due to Caltrans	April 5, 2016
Second round awarded list announcements	August 16, 2016
Public workshops	Winter 2018
CalSTA publishes final 2018 program guidelines	Winter 2018

For more information on the TIRCP please visit our program webpage: <http://dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/tircp.html>

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