

# Active Transportation and Livable Communities Group Purpose and Participants

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## Purpose

The Active Transportation and Livable Communities (ATLC) group includes California Department of Transportation management and external stakeholder representatives. The ATLC group meets quarterly to discuss and recommend solutions and action items pertaining to active transportation and livable community concepts.

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The Division of Transportation Planning works to implement statewide transportation policy through coordination and development of transportation plans and their resulting transportation projects. The goal is to provide a multi-modal transportation system that increases system capacity and consumer choice, improves safety, enhances quality of life, and supports economic vitality.

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The Office of Community Planning (OCP) works to address a statewide need for community-sensitive approaches to transportation decision-making. A primary goal of OCP is to enhance the Department's leadership role in the development of community-based transportation planning, including engaging the public. The OCP also allows for the development of transportation projects that enjoy public support, and are easier to develop and deliver because of consistency with community values.

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The Division of Local Assistance assists local agencies in taking advantage of state and federal funded transportation programs. The District Local Assistance Offices, coordinated by the Division of Local Assistance in Sacramento, process project funding applications, federal documents, and serve as the primary contact for local agencies.

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The Local Assistance Program (LA Program) oversees more than \$1 billion 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 Federal and State programs designed to assist the transportation needs of local agencies. Annually, over 1,200 new projects are authorized through the LA Program of which approximately 700 are construction projects. The LA Program, made up of the Division of Local Assistance in Headquarters and 12 District Local Assistance Offices, assist Local and Regional Agencies by ensuring specific program requirements are met, project applications are processed, and projects are delivered.

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The Division of Mass Transportation (DMT) is responsible for the administration of State and Federal Grant Programs that provide funding for operating assistance and capital improvement projects. DMT provides technical assistance to agencies responsible for public transportation services including buses; demand-responsive accessible services for the elderly and disabled; rural transit; commuter and urban rail services; and waterborne ferry operations. DMT is also the lead on department activities related to Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

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Project Delivery's role is to facilitate the delivery of capital projects on the State Highway systems that will improve the movement of people, goods, and services across California.

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The Design Program's primary goal is to provide the procedures, policy, standards, guidance, technical assistance, and training needed to facilitate California transportation improvements and system integrity.

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The Maintenance Program's goal is to protect public safety and preserve California's highway system by maintaining and repairing the system and responding to emergencies so travelers and goods reach their destinations safely and efficiently.

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The Legislative Affairs office analyzes proposed legislation and recommends positions for the Department. The office also responds to inquiries from legislators, legislative staff, and local government officials; coordinates with other State and local transportation interests; and develops legislative proposals.

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The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provides leadership, policies, and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians.

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The California Center for Physical Activity works to create opportunities for everyday physical activity by connecting partners to active living resources and helping develop more walkable and bikeable communities.

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Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization established in 1986 to take advantage of the opportunity presented by widespread railway abandonment to create public, multi-use trails for transportation and recreation. RTC's mission is to enrich America's communities and countryside by creating a nationwide network of public trails from abandoned rail lines and connecting corridors. The main RTC office is in Washington, D.C., and it operates the National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC) on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, which monitors the Transportation Enhancement programs in all 50 states. The Western Regional Office in San Francisco, one of RTC's Field Offices in six states, offers trail advocacy and technical assistance services to communities across the Western region.

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The Local Government Commission (LGC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization working to build livable communities. The LGC is composed of forward-thinking elected officials, city and county staff, and other interested individuals. The LGC exists to inspire and promote the leadership of local elected officials and others to address the problems of our day through the implementation of innovative policies and programs leading to the efficient use of civic, environmental, and economic resources. The mission of LGC is to provide local elected leaders a forum for sharing ideas, receiving inspiration, and providing technical support to create and implement innovative policies and programs that foster a sustainable environment, a strong economy, and social equity through civic involvement.

### 6. California Bicycle Coalition

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The nonprofit California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) represents the interests of California's 7,000,000 bicyclists and its 3,000 dues-paying members. CBC is a co-sponsor of the Safe Routes to School Bill of 2001 and annually organizes the California Bike Commute. CBC develops and promotes legislation and represents bicyclists and the bike industry at the Capitol in Sacramento, and works with state agencies like the Department of Health Services and Caltrans to advance pro-bicycling policies. CBC also provides technical support to local bicycle advocacy coalitions and individual activists throughout the state.

## 7. California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)

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In 1992, the California Department of Transportation (Department) created CBAC to advise the Department on bicycle transportation issues. Committee membership includes representatives from bicycle advocacy groups, local and regional government, the California State Automobile Association, the Automobile Club of Southern California, and law enforcement. The committee often provides input to Department studies, policies, and design standards.

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WALKSacramento works to support and create walkable communities in the greater Sacramento area – for health, for transportation, and for quality of life. Walkable Communities = Communities of Walkers.

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America Walks is a national coalition of local advocacy groups dedicated to promoting walkable communities. America Walks works to foster the development of community-based pedestrian advocacy groups dedicated to promoting walking, and, when appropriate, to act as a collective voice for walking advocates. To do this, America Walks provides a support network for local pedestrian advocacy groups. America Walks offers advice to these groups about getting started and how to effectively engage public officials and engineering and design professionals.

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The Planning and Conservation League is a statewide, nonprofit lobbying organization, an alliance of individuals and conservation organizations united to protect California's environment through legislative and administrative action. The PCL Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1972, whose mission is to protect the California environment and ensure that California continues to be an attractive, livable and equitable state by engaging in cutting-edge environmental public policy research and educating and empowering local communities to participate in local and state environmental decision making processes.

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The California Healthy Cities and Communities is one of the services provided by the Center for Civic Partnerships. California Healthy Cities and Communities is a resource for people who like working to create a healthier community where they live, and their vision is that every person in California can live a healthy, productive life in a clean, safe environment. They accomplish this by working with local leaders to improve the quality of life in California communities. Their multi-disciplinary staff includes persons with expertise in public health, public administration, community and organizational development, communications and anthropology.

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The Urban Land Institute provides responsible leadership in the use of land to enhance the total environment. Founded in 1936, this nonprofit, multidisciplinary real estate forum facilitates the open exchange of ideas, information and experience among local, national and international industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to "creating better places." The mission of ULI is to provide responsible leadership in the use of land to enhance the total environment. ULI is a trusted idea place where leaders come to grow professionally and personally through sharing, mentoring, and problem solving, and ULI members commit to the best in land use policy and practice.

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The AQMD's overall mission is to achieve clean air goals by leading the region in protecting public health and the environment through innovative and effective programs, dedicated staff, community involvement, and public education. The AQMD's work involves interaction with local, state and federal government agencies, the business community, environmental groups, and private citizens.

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Founded in 1965, our primary functions are to provide legislative advocacy, member outreach and educational support. We are proud to have a diversified membership of over 200 individuals and organizations, ranging from local governments to industry suppliers and manufacturers to public transit operators. Please read on for the latest in Association services, special events and government action which may affect the world of transit, and feel free to E-mail us with any questions or points of interest!

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CalACT is the largest state transit association in the United States, with nearly 300 members dedicated to promoting professional excellence, stimulating ideas and advocating for effective community transportation.

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The California Energy Commission (CEC) provides leadership, policies, and programs with respect to energy planning, power plant licensing, energy efficiency, research, fuels and transportation, and land use planning.

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