The Caltrans Advance Mitigation Program (Program) was established by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 authorizing Caltrans to plan and implement advance mitigation solutions for its future transportation projects. This new business practice allows Caltrans to reduce delays by proactively obtaining environmental mitigation in advance of rather than during - transportation projects. Caltrans Headquarters administers the Program and supports Caltrans Districts interested in planning and delivering advance mitigation projects.

The primary goal of the Program is to address longer-term future environmental mitigation needs resulting in improved environmental, economic and project delivery outcomes. By consolidating the forecasted mitigation needs of multiple future transportation projects, Caltrans can potentially provide strategically placed and environmentally sound replacement habitat and shorten project delivery timelines, resulting in both time and cost savings. Ultimately, the Program aims to help Caltrans meet conservation goals in addition to regulatory requirements.

### Program Goals

- **Accelerate transportation project delivery**
- **Enhance communication with stakeholders and California Department of Fish & Wildlife**
- **Improve environmental outcomes**
- **Ensure the Program account is self-sustaining**

### Program Funding

For four years, Caltrans allocated a minimum of **$120 million by 2021** for expenditures from a revolving Advance Mitigation Account in the State Transportation Fund. Funds will be used by Caltrans Districts to implement advance mitigation projects to acquire and/or create credits and values. Transportation projects then reimburse the Program for mitigation it provides.

### Planning and Implementation Phases

1. Statewide Advance Mitigation Needs Assessment
2. Geographic Area of Interest Selection
3. Regional Advance Mitigation Needs Assessment
4. Project Scoping and initiation
5. Caltrans Director’s Approval
6. Start Advance Mitigation Project Delivery
7. Enter Into Instrument/Agreement
8. Implement Mitigation
9. Meet Instrument/Agreement Terms
10. Mitigation Available

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