



# CALTRANS OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL LIAISON

IIJA REAUTHORIZATION SUB-WORKING GROUP  
FIX-IT-FIRST & CLIMATE ACTION



# WELCOME & LOGISTICS

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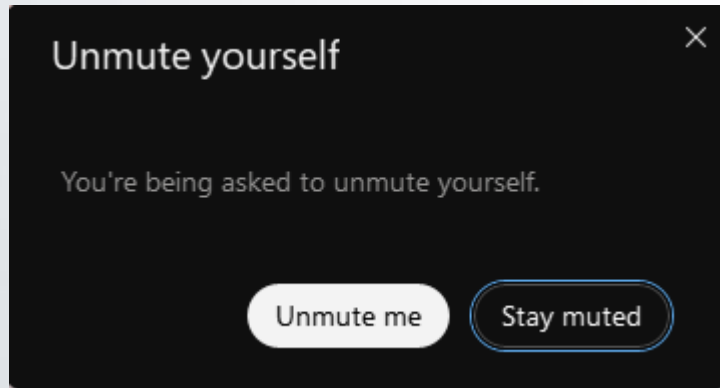


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# Agenda



- **Welcome & Logistics**

- **Opening Remarks:**

- Workgroup Purpose and Outcomes

Nicole Longoria, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Federal Liaison

- **Presentations:**

- Emergency Relief Program

Raul Lerma, Caltrans Office of Federal Resources

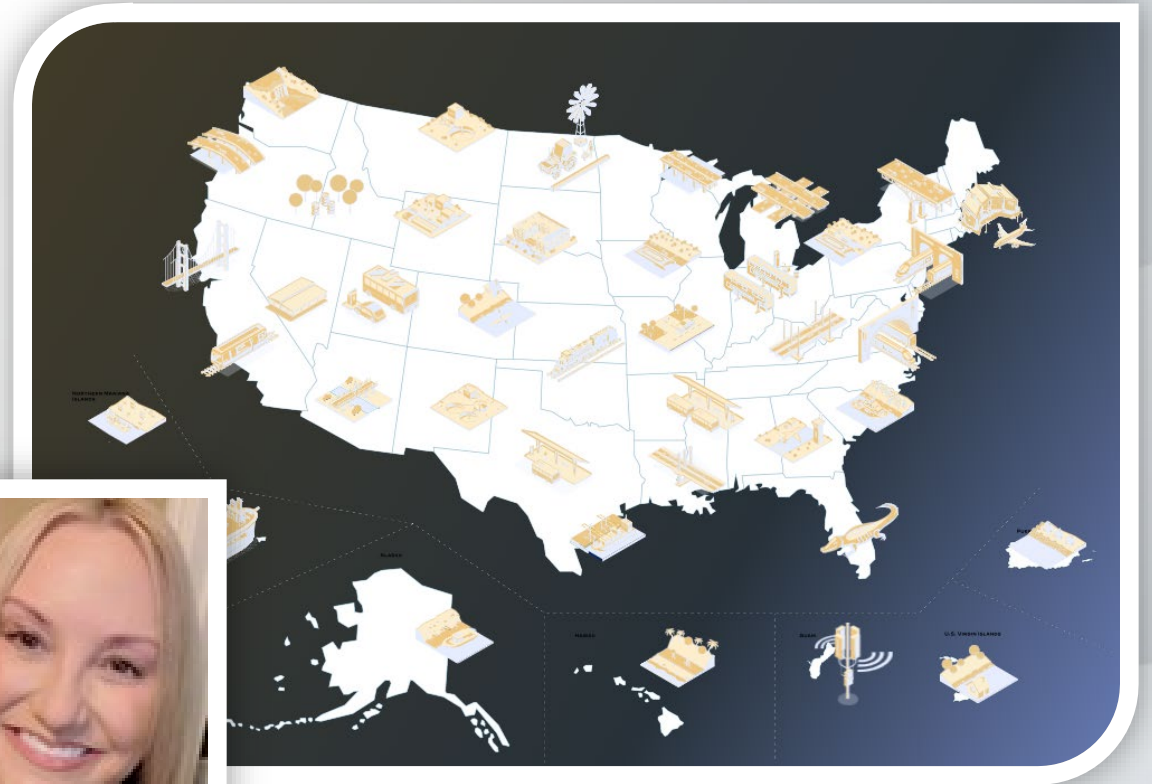
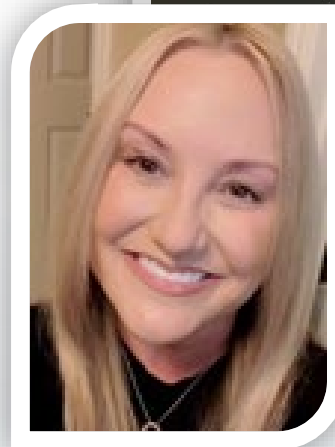
- PROTECT Program

Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Office of Air Quality and Climate Change

- **Discussion / Q&A**

# OPENING REMARKS

NICOLE LONGORIA  
CALTRANS FEDERAL LIAISON



# IIJA Implementation



- **\$53.9 billion** announced in IIJA formula and discretionary funding
- **\$11.48 billion** awarded for competitive grants (888 projects)
- **170,833** jobs created
- **\$13.14 billion** invested in California transportation projects
- **\$1.9 billion** allocated to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises



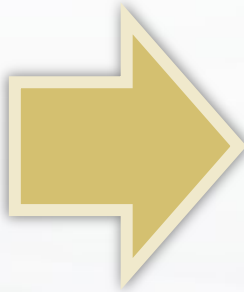
# Workgroup Structure



## • Sub-Workgroups:

### IIJA Implementation Topics

1. Safety
2. Fix-it-First
3. Reimagining Highway Investments
4. Climate Resilience and Adaptation
5. Active Transportation
6. Transition to Zero Emissions
7. Local Hire/Contracting
8. Transit and Commuter Rail
9. Intercity Passenger Rail
10. Freight/Goods Movement
11. Funding Split between State/Locals
12. Equity and Tribal Government



### Proposed IIJA Reauthorization Topics

- Active Transportation & Safety
- Economic Prosperity & Goods Movement
- Equity & Workforce Development
- Federal Transportation Funding
- Fix-it-First & Climate Action
- Transit & Rail
- Zero-Emission Infrastructure

# Outcomes and Goals



- **Outcomes:**

- Coordinated federal advocacy on behalf of the State of California.
- Federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation that reflects California's unique values and objectives.

- **Goals:**

- All voices are heard and recognized.
- Group actions are developed by consensus and for the benefit of California's entire transportation system.

- **Possible Products:**

- Consensus Principles Document / Strategic Advocacy Plan / Legislative Platform
- Draft Legislation / Regulations / Guidance / Standards
- White Papers / Research Topics

# IIJA Reauthorization Timeline



**IIJA  
Enacted**

Nov. 2021

**Outreach &  
Coordination  
Meetings**

July 2024  
(ongoing)

**Advocacy  
Priorities &  
White Papers**

Mid 2025 to  
Late 2025

**Introduction of  
Reauthorizing  
Legislation**

Late 2025 to  
Early 2026

**IIJA  
Implementation  
Meetings**

Dec. 2021 to  
June 2023

**IIJA  
Reauthorization  
Workgroup  
Meetings**

Jan. 2025

**Draft  
Legislation**

Late 2025

**IIJA  
Authorization  
Ends**

Sep. 2026



# PRESENTATIONS

- **Emergency Relief Program**

Raul Lerma,  
Caltrans Office of Federal Resources

- **PROTECT Program**

Lucas Sanchez,  
Office of Air Quality and Climate Change





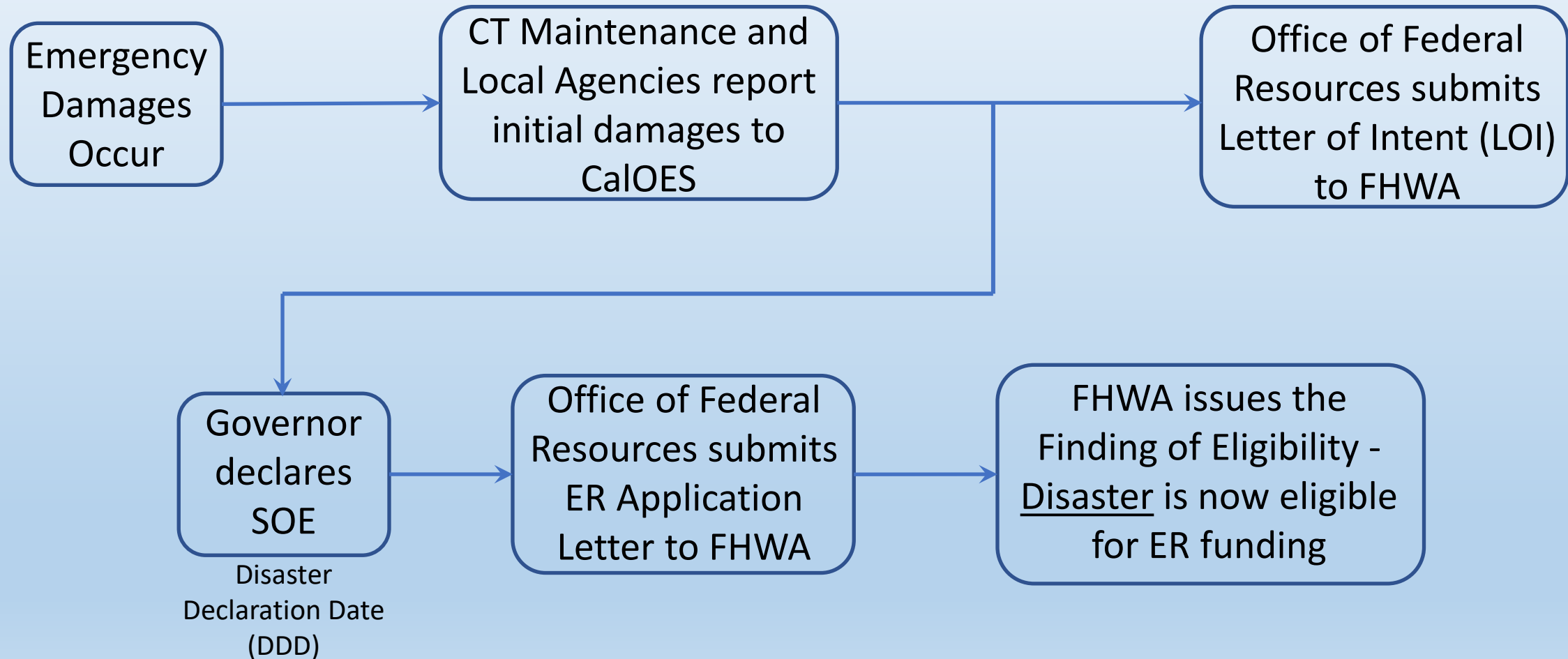
# Emergency Relief Program

Raul Lerma, Branch Chief, Program Management Branch

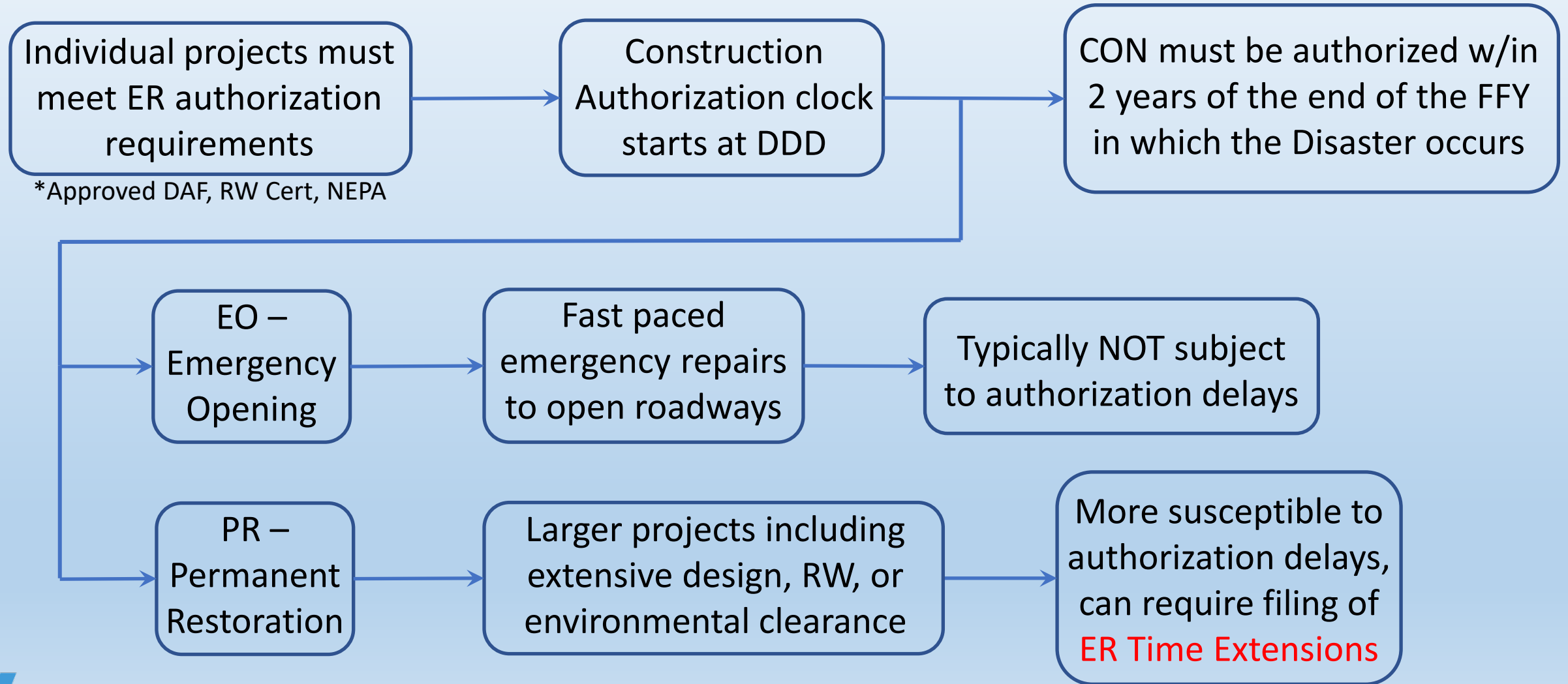
# Emergency Relief Funding – Overview

- Disaster Eligibility Process
  - ❑ OFR, HQ Maint, DLA, CalOES
- Project Eligibility Process
  - ❑ ER Time Extensions
- ER Allocation & Funding Process
  - ❑ ER Allocation History

# Emergency Relief Funding – Disaster Eligibility Process



# Emergency Relief Funding – Project Eligibility Process

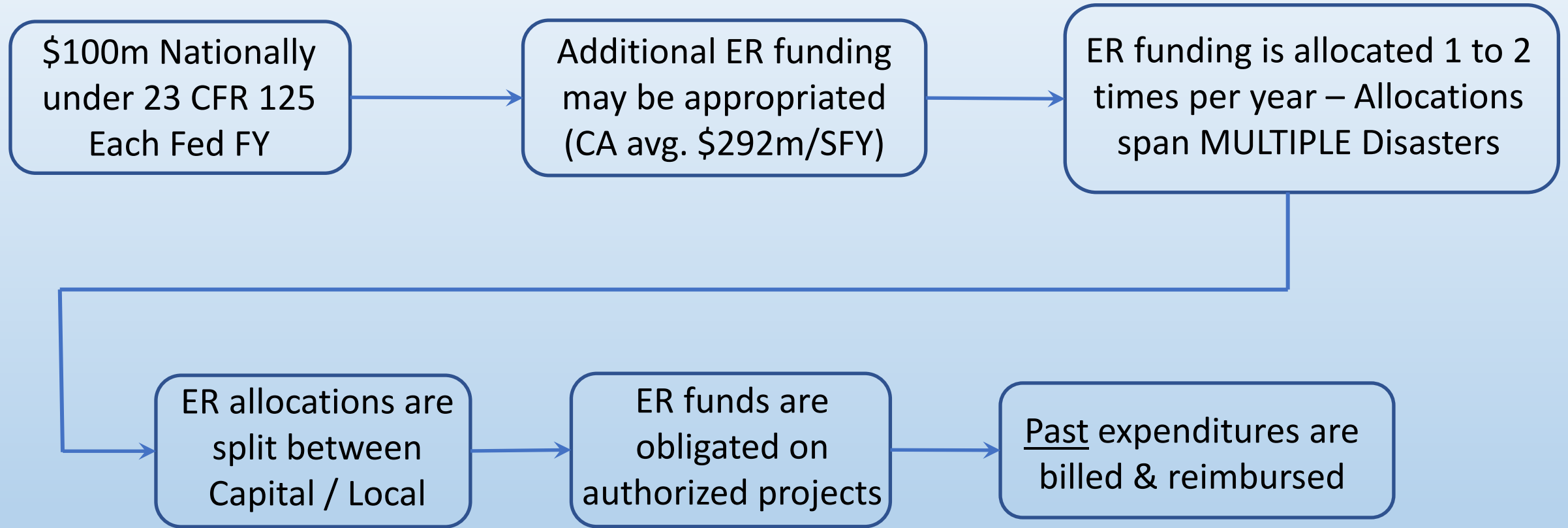


# Emergency Relief Funding – ER Time Extension

- ER projects not authorized for CON w/in the 2 years are at risk of losing ER funds
- ER projects on the TE list require extensive justification by PM, DPC, and Maint/DLA

ER Time Extension		Project Count / Estimate (\$M)				ER Time Ext Request	
FFY	No. of Disasters	State		Local		Total	Total Rejected
FFY20	7	42	\$427.1	175	\$108.1	\$535.2	\$20,500,000
FFY21	9	31	\$291.5	111	\$64.2	\$355.7	\$16,230,000
FFY22	11	46	\$356.0	91	\$83.8	\$439.8	\$141,000
FFY23	12	33	\$229.3	72	\$75.9	\$305.2	\$0
FFY24	14	29	\$205.5	45	\$71.2	\$276.7	N/A
FFY25	13	31	\$182.5	39	\$65.7	\$248.2	N/A

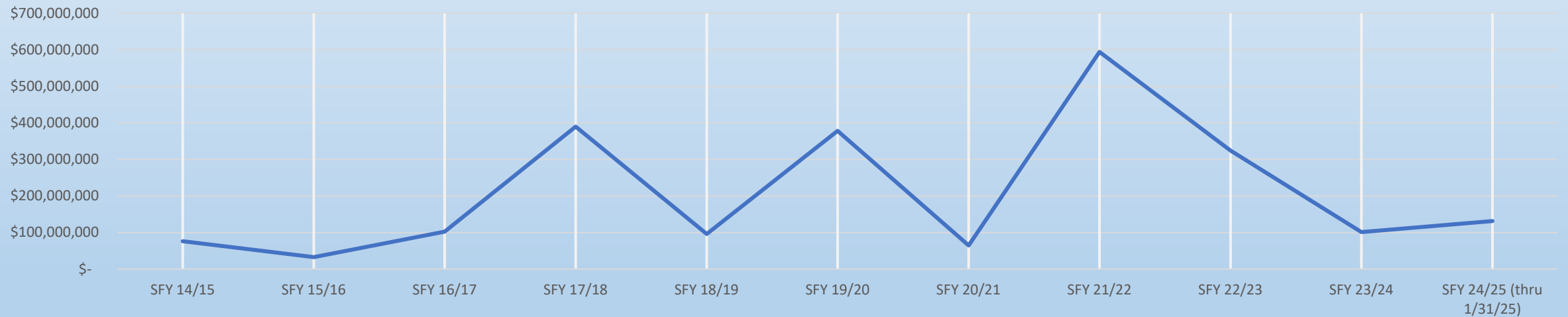
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	ER Allocations by State FY											Last 5yr Average
	SFY 14/15	SFY 15/16	SFY 16/17	SFY 17/18	SFY 18/19	SFY 19/20	SFY 20/21	SFY 21/22	SFY 22/23	SFY 23/24	SFY 24/25 (thru 1/31/25)	FY 19/20-23/24
Total ER Allocations \$	76,265,597	\$ 33,103,324	\$ 102,509,404	\$ 389,572,856	\$95,914,497	\$ 378,030,120	\$64,528,508	\$ 593,936,607	\$ 324,280,622	\$ 101,194,233	\$ 131,490,732	\$ 292,394,018

ER Allocations by State FY



# PROTECT Program Overview

PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-  
SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT)

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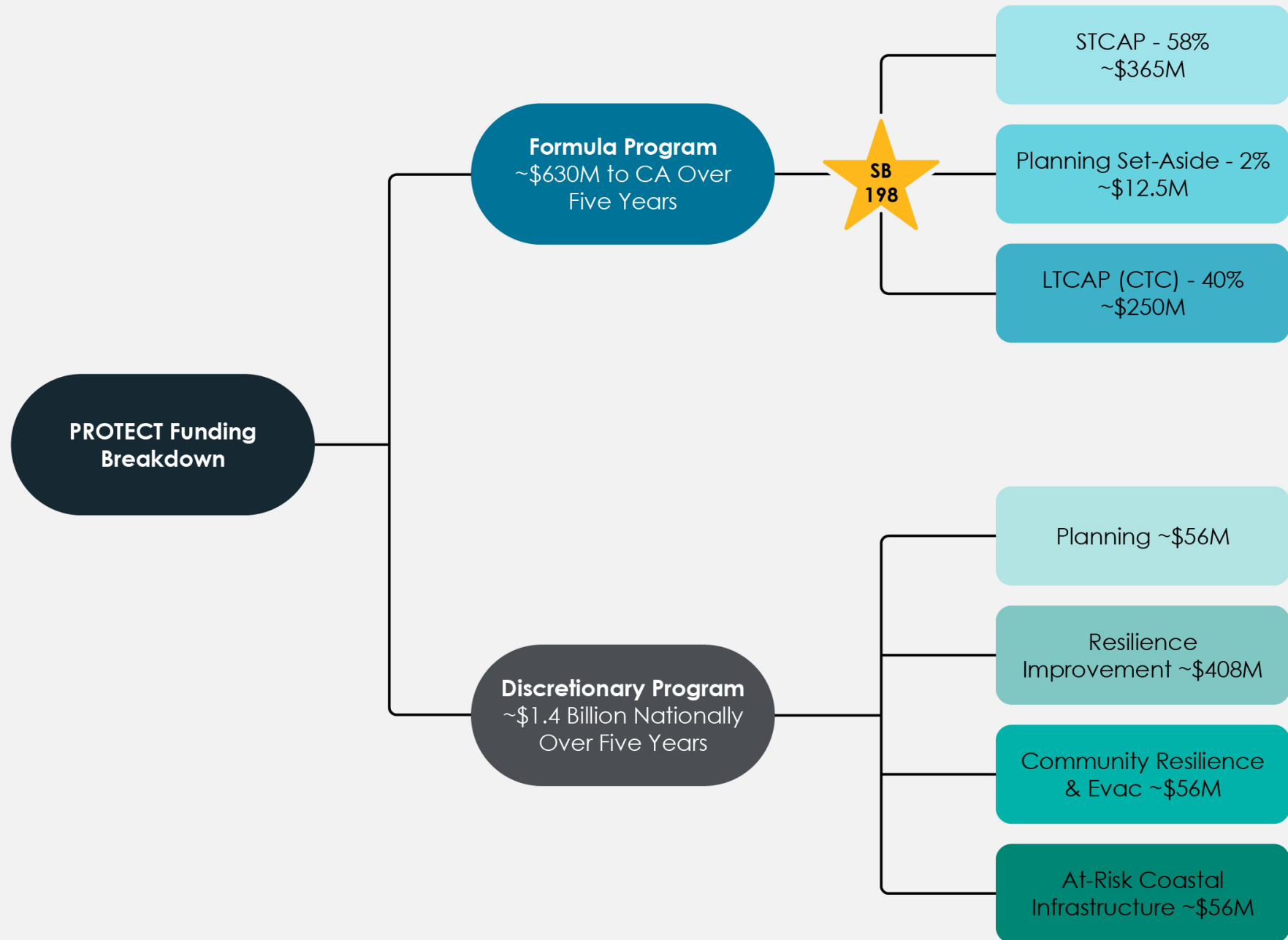
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## Background

PROTECT's purpose is to make the transportation system more *resilient to natural hazards*, including climate change.

- Federal formula funds
  - (Caltrans) State Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Program (**STCAP – 60% of formula funds**) Funds are allocated
  - (CTC) Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Project Program (**LTCAP – 40% of formula funds**) Funds soon to be allocated
- Federal Discretionary Grants





## STCAP Snapshot

- Funded the addition of climate resilience improvements to over 40 SHOPP projects
- Funded 14 Adaptation Planning Studies to advance priority locations to PIDs

## LTCAP Snapshot

- LTCAP provides funding to local and regional agencies on a competitive basis
- Cycle One provided nearly \$310 million to support 15 projects
- Staff recommendations for Cycle Two are expected to be adopted in March 2025



## Discretionary Grants

- Nearly \$60 million awarded to CA Agencies in Cycle One
- Cycle Two is paused till further notice
  - On 2/11/25 an update was posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) saying FHWA is reviewing the NOFO and that any updates, re-opening, or re-posting would be made available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
  - Applicants may need to adjust content/materials to respond to revised NOFO.



## Status of Program (As of 2/18/25)

- Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Discretionary Grants funding opportunity paused till further notice.
  - Unobligated formula funds may be impacted (TBD).
  - It is not certain if future PROTECT funds will be authorized through the next federal infrastructure bill.
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## CONTACTS:

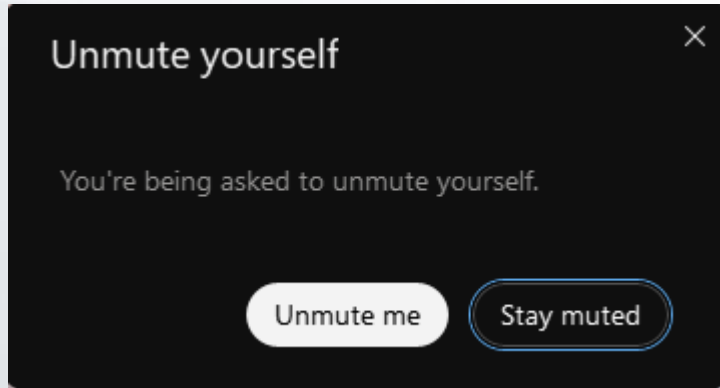
- [Resilience.improvement@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Resilience.improvement@dot.ca.gov)

# DISCUSSION AND Q&A

ISSUES AND TOPICS FOR FEDERAL  
ADVOCACY



# Open Discussion



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- Caltrans' IIJA Reauthorization website:  
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- Building California website:  
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