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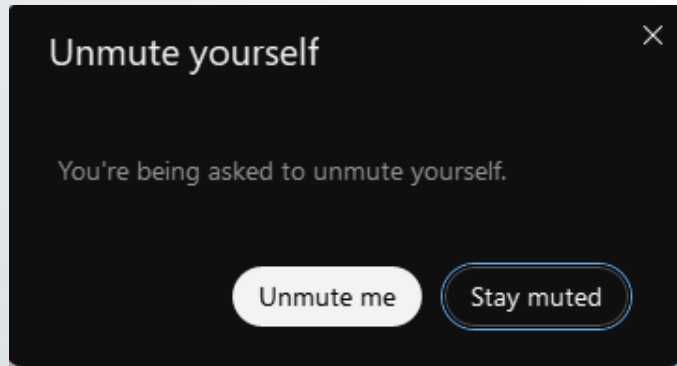
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Agenda

- **Welcome & Logistics**
- **Opening Remarks:**
 - **Chad Edison, CalSTA**
Chief Deputy Secretary for Rail and Transit
- **Presentations:**
 - **California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP)**
Gillian Gillet, Caltrans Data and Digital Services Division Chief
 - **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Programs**
Wendy King, Caltrans Office of Transit Grants and Contracts
 - **California Transit Association Federal Priorities**
Executive Director Michael Pimentel
 - **Metropolitan Transportation Commission Federal Priorities**
Assistant Director for Legislation and Public Affairs Georgia Gann Dohrmann
 - **Move LA Federal Priorities**
Executive Director Eli Lipmen
- **Discussion / Q&A**



OPENING REMARKS

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FOR RAIL AND TRANSIT



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

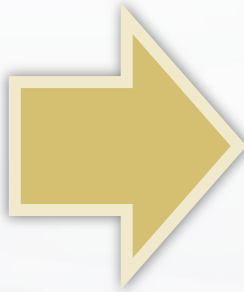


Workgroup Structure

- **Sub-Working Groups:**

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



IIJA Reauthorization Topics

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



Presentations

- **Cal-ITP Updates**

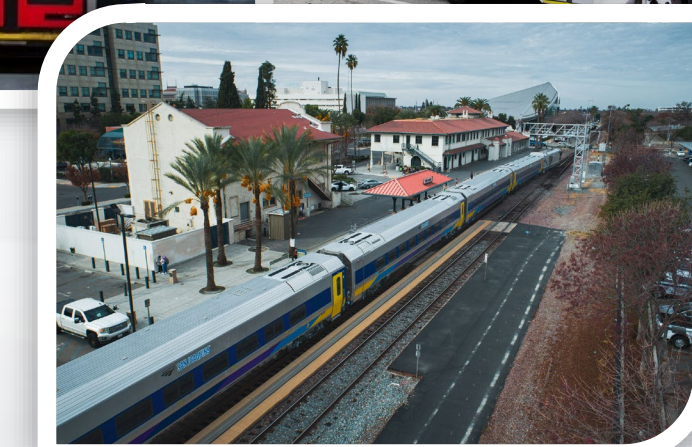
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- **FTA Programs**

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Wendy King, Office Chief

- **Federal Priorities:**

- California Transit Association
Michael Pimentel, Executive Director
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Georgia Gann Dohrmann, Asst. Dir. for Legislation & Public Affairs
- Move LA,
Eli Lipmen, Executive Director



Reauthorization Discussion

Caltrans Office of Transit Grants and Contracts

September 2025



Role of the State in FTA Funding

- FTA (Federal Transit Administration) funds are distributed through a combination of formula and competitive (discretionary) grants.
 - Funds are appropriated based on Rural, Small Urban and Large Urban areas
- Caltrans is the Designated Recipient for Rural and Small Urban funding
- Ensure Compliance with FTA regulations
- Technical Assistance
- Assist with Flexing FHWA funds to FTA



IIJA Funding Levels for Transit

- IIJA provides approximately \$20.5 billion nationwide in annual FTA funding
 - California agencies were awarded approximately \$3.5 billion last year
 - Approximately \$90 million of this was awarded through Caltrans
- California Transit Agencies received over \$600 million in FHWA Transferred funds last year
- The 2025 Needs Assessment completed by CTC identified a 10-year transit need of \$350 billion



AASHTO Transit Management Recommendations

1. Continuing sustainably funded support for public transit projects through the Highway Trust Fund's Mass Transit Account, with modest growth that keeps pace with anticipated inflation;
2. Providing a consistent 80 percent federal share for transit projects, including the federal share of operating assistance to rural and smaller urban public transit systems;
3. Increasing the portion of urban transit formula grants that are allocated to qualifying small transit intensive communities on the basis of their performance;
4. Reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens for transit providers, especially those in rural communities and smaller urban areas; and
5. Providing a greater share of formula-based bus and bus facility funds to states for use in their rural and smaller urban areas.

Additional Program Recommendations

General Recommendation:

- Allow the Use of State Cooperative Procurement Contracts to Procure Innovative Technology and Equipment

Recommendations for FTA 5310 Program Management:

- Remove 55% capital requirement for each 5310 funding apportionment
- Provide flexibility in funding apportionments
- Allow option for 100% federal match
- Relax buy America requirements for ADA accessible vehicles



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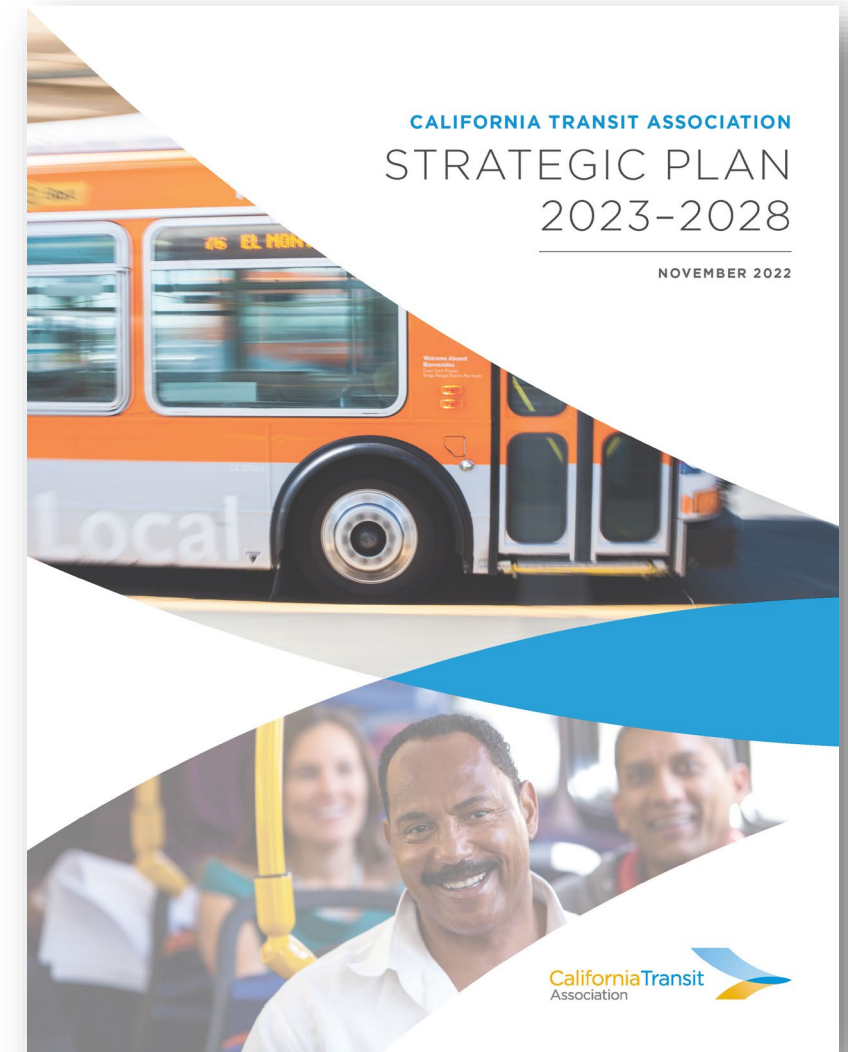
Sustaining Federal Investment in CA Transit and Rail

Prepared for IIJA Reauthorization Sub-Working Group on Transit and Rail

September 10, 2025



- Represents 220 transit-affiliated entities nationwide, including more than 85 transit agencies in CA.
- Advocates for policies and funding solutions that support and advance public transit in California.



Protect Investments in Public Transit & Rail

- **Core Funding**

- Maintain funding levels for federal transit programs of no less than the IIJA baseline at year five plus inflation.
- Ensure that federal transit programs funded from the Mass Transit Account continue to receive at least 20% of the Highway Trust Fund's federal surface transportation funding.
- Maintain federal funding for transit programs from the General Fund.
- Maintain the federal and local match requirements for transportation projects.

- **Zero-Emission and Near-Zero Emission**

- Continue to support funding for alternative-fueled buses in the Low or No Emissions Grant Program and Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program and expand project eligibility.

Extend Tax Incentives

- **Zero-Emission and Near-Zero Emission**

- Extend the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit.

- **Transit Passes**

- Extend transportation fringe benefits and restore the ability for employers to deduct the expense of providing transit passes to employees.

Streamline Programmatic Structure and Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

- **Buy America Requirements**

- Establish uniform Buy America requirements across US Department of Transportation's modal programs to ease compliance obligations.

- **Useful Life and Spare Ratio Requirements**

- Provide relief from the Federal Transit Administration's useful life and spare ratio requirements for zero-emission transit buses and cutaways.

- **Commercial Driver's License**

- Eliminate the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Commercial Driver's License Under-the-Hood testing requirement for bus operators.
- Create additional options for transit agency testers to meet the "10-test" rule in the FMCSA's Employer Testing Program.

Advocacy Approach



Support Public Transit in Surface Transportation Reauthorization

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which reauthorized surface transportation programs from Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026.

The IIJA provides unprecedented levels of investment in the nation's transportation infrastructure, including:

- \$108.2 billion for transit programs over five years, including \$91.2 billion of guaranteed funding (contract authority and advanced appropriations);
- \$102.1 billion for passenger and freight rail programs over five years, including \$66 billion of guaranteed funding (advanced appropriations); and
- \$1 billion for passenger ferry programs over five years.

This investment – now in its fourth year – is set to transform the nation's transportation landscape by enhancing connectivity nationwide, reducing congestion, and promoting sustainable transportation options. Moreover, the IIJA is expected to create millions of jobs across various sectors, including transportation construction, engineering, manufacturing, and operations.

As the United States Congress begins to develop the next surface transportation reauthorization bill, the California Transit Association requests that lawmakers:

- Enact a long-term reauthorization bill that maintains funding levels for all transit, passenger rail, and ferry programs of no less than the IIJA baseline at year five (inclusive of advanced appropriations) plus inflation.
- Ensure that federal transit programs funded from the Mass Transit Account continue to receive at least 20% of the Highway Trust Fund's federal surface transportation funding.
- Oppose any effort to reduce or eliminate federal funding for transit programs from the General Fund.
- Maintain the federal and local match requirements for transportation projects to ensure that local match requirements do not increase and permit a higher local match at the discretion of state or local grantees.
- Maintain tax-exempt status for bonds and restore the ability for state and local governments to issue tax-exempt Advance Refunding Bonds
- Extend the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit.

The California Transit Association: Champions of Public Transit

Public transit improves communities, stimulates economies, and helps protect our environment. At the California Transit Association, we believe that public transit is essential. We believe that transit leads to a better quality of life for riders, non-riders, and community stakeholders, as well as growth opportunities for businesses. The California Transit Association is a trade organization that represents 220 organizations, including public transit agencies, commuter rail agencies, transit allies and support groups, engineering firms, vehicle manufacturing, and transit industry suppliers. Our membership includes some of the nation's largest transit agencies operating in dense urban environments, as well as dozens of medium and small agencies serving suburban and rural areas. The California Transit Association is dedicated to:

- Advocating for the creation of transit-friendly policies
- Protecting and increasing transit funding
- Supporting a balanced transportation system



Securing \$5.1 billion in one-time funding from the State of California to address transit-related voter-term operations funding shortfalls and invest in major transit and rail capital projects



Building on existing state funding programs to create \$1.1 billion in transit bonds for transit agencies to \$1 billion annually



Establishing statutory exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act for clean transportation projects to streamline project delivery



Partnering with labor organizations and other groups to address transit safety issues impacting transit workers and riders

Transit in California

California is home to some of the most valuable companies, top research universities, and busiest ports in the world. With an estimated GDP of \$4.1 trillion, California is the largest state economy in the United States and the fourth-largest economy in the world. By 2050, California's population is expected to grow to 42 million, equivalent to adding the population of the City of Los Angeles, straining our existing transportation infrastructure. As four of the 20 most congested cities in the United States are located in California, increased support for California's public transit systems is crucial to the state's continued economic vitality amidst a growing population.

Fast Facts

Public transit in California and beyond:

- California systems carry more passengers than any other state except New York - in fact, about one out of every eight transit trips in the United States takes place in California
- Seven of the nation's 50 highest ridership transit systems are in California
- California transit systems maintain and operate nearly 25,000 transit vehicles and together operate the largest fleet of alternative-fueled transit vehicles in the nation

Robust public transit nationwide is key to a strong, energy-independent, national economy:

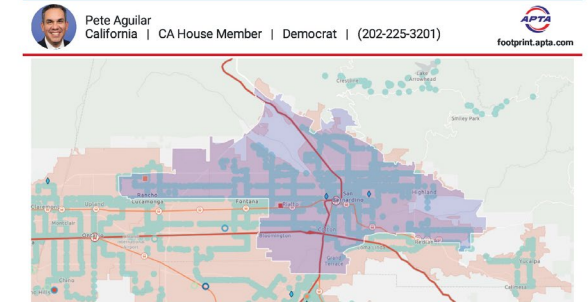
- Public transit generates \$5 in economic activity for every \$1 spent on public transit investment
- Public transit supports private-sector jobs at more than 2,000 suppliers in 46 states and the District of Columbia
- Public transit is essential to local economies, with 87% of all trips facilitating travel for work or shopping and recreational spending opportunities
- Public transit saves over 6 billion gallons of gasoline annually
- Public transit riders save on average \$13,000 in annual transportation expenses relative to drivers



“Who We Are” Brochure

Reauthorization Fact Sheet

Industry Impact Fact Sheets



Legend

Bus Manufacturers	Rail Manufacturers	Rural Public Transit Providers	Amtrak Stations
Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs
Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing
Major Supplier	Major Supplier	Major Supplier	Major Supplier
Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM
Rail Stations	Amtrak Routes	Rail Lines	Transit Agency
Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs
Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing
Major Supplier	Major Supplier	Major Supplier	Major Supplier
Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM
Bus Station Areas	Urbanized Area		
Parts and Materials Inputs	Parts and Materials Inputs		
Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing	Infrastructure, Station Equipment, and Remanufacturing		
Major Supplier	Major Supplier		
Assembler/OEM	Assembler/OEM		

Industry Summary

- 4 APTA Member Facilities
- 0 Bus Manufacturer Facilities
- 2 Rail Manufacturer Facilities

Federal Appropriations

\$130.2M
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 5-Year Total

\$90.2M
FAST Act 5 Year Total FY 2016 - FY 2020

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Move California: Federal Reauthorization Priorities

Eli Lipmen • 9.10.2025

Organizational Vision

Move California is creating a statewide Transit Justice movement led by transit riders and dedicated to building, maintaining, and operating abundant, safe, and affordable public and active transportation for Californians of every race, gender, identity, ability, and class.



Impact



Our Coalition

- 110 organizations join first Move CA coalition effort

Legislative Action

- +50,000 letters generated
 - +5,000 calls generated
 - Successfully won critical funding in the state budget
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Big Picture: A Radical Shift is needed in our Federal Transportation Program

Advancing the National Campaign for Transit Justice



Great transit service requires federal operating funds

Transit should have a level playing field with highways

Communities should be transit-ready

Small and rural communities deserve great transit.

TransitJustice.org

Fix It First



**Prioritize Environment with
Resilient Infrastructure**

Prioritize Union Jobs



Invest in Transportation Operations



Design for Safety and Accessibility Over Speed





Small and Rural Communities Deserve Great Transit



What's Next?

Build the Move California Network

Approve and implement transformative changes in the SB 125 Task Force Report

Position next Governor and California's Congressional Delegation as transit allies

DISCUSSION AND Q&A

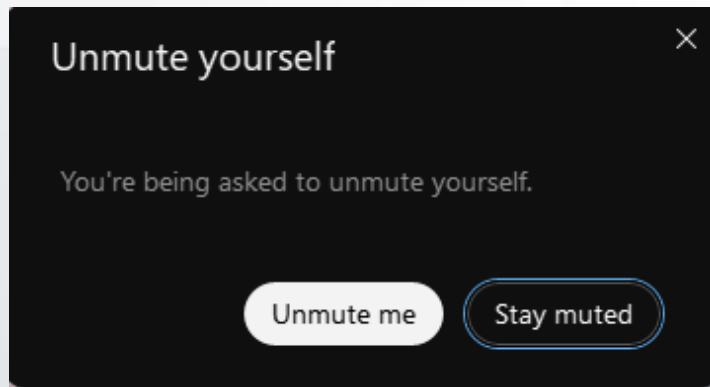
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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/federal-liaison/reauthorization>
- Building California:
<https://build.ca.gov>
- IIJA Annual Policy Narrative ([2022](#) | [2023](#) | [2024](#))

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