California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) Meeting
Summary Meeting Notes
May 21, 2026

Next CFPG Meeting: August 13, 2026

Action Items:
- New HSIP list for 2027 FTIP needs to be released to MPOs.

Decision Points:
- None

Item #1 Welcome: Introductions, Housekeeping and MPO Roll Call (Noe Puente, Caltrans)

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1) Jennifer Ashby-Camp, OFPDM FTIP Coordinator, provided a warm welcome, highlighting the importance of collaboration and open communication.

Item #2 Federal Partner Updates (Kien Le, Caltrans)
1) Caltrans thanked our federal partners for their participation in the quarterly FHWA, FTA & Caltrans quarterly meeting.
2) Caltrans reminded MPOs that STBG and CMAQ estimates for FFYs 2026–2029 were distributed on February 26, 2026, for the 2027 cycle.
3) Caltrans FTIP Coordinators will be scheduling meetings during FTIP public review period to discuss formal & informal comments. This will streamline the review process and was a result of MPOs' recommendations during the survey process.
4) Caltrans has been actively coordinating with internal divisions and regional partners to address the 2025 federal planning findings. Caltrans will be submitting a comprehensive response in fall of 2026.
5) CTIPS upgrade is currently at stage 2 of the PAL process. A document will be circulated for final approval before submittal to Caltrans IT.

6) CTIPS team has been working to implement additional changes to the toll credit feature.
7) There are two different FY year lists of TTIP & FLH TIP projects that need to be added to the 2025 and 2027 FTIPs using the best practices instructions.
8) Caltrans met with all 21 rural non-MPO counties to review the 2027 rural non-MPO FSTIP schedule. The draft project list will be released to RTPAs and Caltrans Districts for review. Comments are due September 14, 2026, so they can be incorporated before the 21-day public review period beginning October 9, 2026.

Item #3 Caltrans Office of Federal Laison Updates (Andrew Carhart, Caltrans) – Presentation Link

1) FY 27 Budget request going through committee mark ups in the coming days/weeks. Complete markup expected by the end of July 2026.
2) Draft text for the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill released under HR 8870.
3) Multiple NOFOs expected to be released from FHWA in coming weeks.
4) Presentation provided information on California's Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles document. Request for organization support and signatory participation, signatories accepted through July 31, 2026.
5) Reauthorization bill may be delayed, potentially requiring an extension of the IIJA into the next federal fiscal year.

Item #4 Caltrans' Division of Transportation Planning Office of Regional and Community Planning Program Status (Brenda Caruso, Caltrans)

1) Overall Work Programs for the current fiscal year (25/26) Q4 progress reports due August 30th.
2) For next fiscal year (26/27) OWPs Caltrans submitted recommendation memo to FHWA & FTA for approval of all 18 MPOs.
3) RTPA OWPs are due June 1, 2026.

Item #5 2027 FTIP/FSTIP Preparation (Peter Kang, Caltrans) – Presentation Link

1) Caltrans provided an overview of
    a. Timelines for 2025 FTIP amendments and 2027 FTIP development.
    b. Data sets to incorporate into the 2025 & 2027 FTIPs.
    c. Important submission requirements and expectations.
2) Two timelines to consider: 2025 FTIP amendment timeline and 2027 FTIP development timeline, both run parallel to each other.
3) Include FY 25 TTIP & FY 26 FLH TIP in the 2027 FTIP and clearly identify FY. MPOs can coordinate with Jennifer Ashby-Camp with questions.
4) MPOs must follow the September 8, 2025, template for grouped projects.

5) Caltrans discussed new MPO certification Letter requirement for final FTIP package submittal.
6) Caltrans discussed submittal of MPOs Performance Measures spreadsheet and narrative by August 31, 2026.
7) MPOs may submit 2027 FTIP amendments, but Caltrans will not review or approve them until FHWA formally approves the 2027 FTIP in December 2026; all amendments will remain in queue until then.

Item #6 California Air Resources Board Update (Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB)

1) CARB provided a brief overview of the EMFAC model's current situation after the multiple adjustment factors submitted to EPA. New adjustment factor recently approved by US EPA is specific for heavy duty vehicles over 14,000 pounds.
2) New emissions budget for the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast, and Coachella Valley has been released for public comment and is scheduled for board consideration on May 28, 2026.

Item #7 Caltrans' Division of Transportation Planning Office of Air Quality Conformity Program Status (Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans)

1) Update on the regional conformity analysis process for the 2027 FTIPs. Need to be approved by December 12, 2026, or MPO enters conformity lapsed grace period.
2) Project level conformity determinations are taking anywhere from 30 to 60 days to obtain FHWA approval.
3) Current challenge is inconsistencies among various project documentation so consistency on the details of each document is important.
4) Currently working with NTI to get a refresher course training on air quality basics, information will be sent when details are identified.

Item #8 Caltrans Division of Local Assistance (DLA) Program Status (Abhijit Bagde/Vaik Renganathan, Caltrans) – Presentation Link

1) Two ER applications due dates: July 31, 2026 for CA26-1 and CA26-2.
2) 2019 HIP funds available for obligation, eligibility criteria need to be met.
3) OA Management overview, below 35% push projects for obligation.
4) Reminder to update Smartsheet to be added to the obligation plan.
5) June 17, 2026 deadline for projects that will be obligated in this FFY. FTA transfer due date is June 30th.

Item #9 Wrap Up (Noe Puente, Caltrans)

1) SANDAG, brought up if there is a way to expand what counts as revenue to support a discussion on de-obligations.