

California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) Meeting
Summary Meeting Notes
August 13, 2026

Next CFPG Meeting: December 10, 2026

Action Items:

- None

Decision Points:

- None

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

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- 1) Noe Puente, 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 the MPOs for their work on the new 2027 FTIPs.
- 2) Vaik Renga, a Caltrans FTIP coordinator, has been promoted to the Division of Traffic Operations, we will back fill his position
- 3) OFPDM received 15 Draft FTIP Submittals and the work quality has been good.
- 4) Individual OFPDM FTIP coordinators have been meeting with their assigned MPOs after their reviews to provide the comments.
- 5) Reminder that Final Submittal for 2027 FTIP is on September 30th
- 6) CTIPS Update: Caltrans team has been working diligently on Toll Credit enhancement
 - a. Plan to deploy in Toll Credit feature to Test in August
 - b. Plan to deploy Toll Credit feature Production in December
 - c. Target for MPO that use FASS feature for Toll Credit in January

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- 7) Share potentially delay concern for the eight (8) San Joaquin Valley MPO regional conformity analysis, and their FTIPs, due to Emission Budget by EPA not finalized through federal regulations.

Item #3 Caltrans Office of Federal Liaison Updates (Ryan Greenway, Caltrans)

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- 1) Congress is currently weighing both multiyear surface transportation reauthorization and short-term extensions as negotiation continue.
- 2) Deliberations have been complicated by the highway trust fund funding constraints.
- 3) The expiration of the unique advanced appropriation and broader fiscal considerations tied to the federal fiscal year 2027 appropriations process.
- 4) Current legislative proposal – On bill HR8870, the house transportation infrastructure committee approved its five-year \$580 billion surface transportation bill by 62 to 2 votes in May 2026. Bill prioritizes highway and bridge investments but would reduce funding for several transit and passenger rail programs.
- 5) A multi-year surface transportation bill is stalled since the chamber has recessed.
- 6) US Senate Transportation leadership introduced both the short-term transportation extension and continuing resolution that would extend federal funding from September 30th to December 11th. Senate short-term transportation extension and continuing resolution does not extend supplemental IGA advance appropriations funding that expires this year.
- 7) It's estimated that California would receive \$1.1 billion less funding for federal fiscal year 2027.
- 8) We are finalizing California federal surface transportation reauthorization principles document.
- 9) There're some federal funding opportunities – FAA Aviation Research Grants and others

Item #4a Caltrans' Division of Local Assistance (DLA) Program Status (Tanzeeba Kishwar, Caltrans)

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- 1) For the federal fiscal year 2026, our obligation authority is \$1.51 billion, OA balance is \$436 million, delivered 67.4% of OA, and obligation remains below last year's pace of 88.3%.
- 2) Local Assistance requested \$135M August Redistribution and submitted it to FHWA.

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- 3) Based on current submittals, there's indication that our projected federal fiscal year delivery will be approximately \$172M above annual obligation authority.
- 4) About 37 million will be in AR request.
- 5) Project priority remains first-come, first-served based on the date received by HQ.
- 6) No de-obligations are allowed, and agencies are encourage to submit invoices promptly to avoid projects becoming inactive.
- 7) Key Upcoming Deadline – deadline to submit FDA to federal highway

Item #4b Office of Federal Program Updates (Bob Baca, Caltrans)

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- 1) New Program Manager for Highway Bridge Program is Seng Lo.
- 2) Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 13, \$370 million in grant funds to be awarded
- 3) Emergency Relief Program – Gann Fire in Calivas County on August 2, 2026
- 4) Take Photo of damages before repairs
- 5) ER has two years to reach construction authorization
- 6) Time extensions are approved in one-year increments and must be approved by FHWA
- 7) 2023 awarded Projects must be obligated by 9/30/2026
- 8) Keep submitting your request to DLAEs
- 9) Carbon Reduction Program – 69% fund has been obligated and still have \$118.6 M, Y607 Small Urban Fund Depleted, Y608 Rural Funds available
- 10) Competitive Grant Program – requires specific agreements and need designated recipient agreement to invoice the funds, list of Competitive Grant Programs Acronyms

Item #5 Office of Transit Planning Related Topic (Joshua Pulverman, Caltrans)

Link:

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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/office-of-transit-planning/california-transit-advisory-committee>

- 1) FTA 5310 – FYY 2024 and 2025 grant applications are moving through the FTA review process, FTA 5311 – Currently being reviewed, FTA 5339 – 18 applications requesting for 12 million but only 8 million funds are available.
- 2) Governor Newsom signed Executive Order (EO) N-7-26 – 22 required actions, working diligently in meeting these goals.
- 3) Introducing California Transit Advisory Committee (CALTAC) – 20 members, support implementation of DP-40, first meeting on September 3rd, 2026.

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**Item #6 Caltrans' Division of Transportation Planning Office of Air Quality
Conformity Program Status** (Kevin Rios/Rodney Tavitias, Caltrans)

- 1) Meeting with federal partner for 2027 FSTIP schedule
- 2) 2024 Cleaner Act Rule – California district court is requiring EPA to designate areas with stricter 2.5 standards.
- 3) Federal Partners need to have project description to be consistent for it to be approvable.

Item #7 Wrap Up (Noe Puente, Caltrans)

- 1) Next CFPG meeting will be in the next federal fiscal year and when the FTIP approval is received from FHWA and FTA.