

FACT SHEET: CALIFORNIA 2025 FSTIP FEDERAL PLANNING FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

On December 16, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) sent Caltrans' Director the approval letter and the Federal Planning Finding (FPF) for the 2025 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The Planning Finding included 8 federal recommendations for 2025, 2 carried over from the 2023 FSTIP and 3 commendations recognizing Caltrans' efforts.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Caltrans is developing a strategic framework to fulfill the intent of the FPFs by September 2026, ahead of the 2027 FSTIP submission. Failure to implement and communicate necessary actions to federal partners may pose a risk to losing federal highway and transit funding, project delays or cancellations and increased project oversight. To meet federal expectations, Caltrans seeks support and collaboration both from internal and external partners to address the FPFs in the federal planning and programming process. This partnership will help manage expectations, foster transparent discussions, and enhance awareness of state and federal requirements to ensure California conforms with federal regulations.

FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS 2025

- 1) Ensure Project Group Listings are Consistent with Federal Regulations (Completed)
- 2) Considering Transit Operators and Use of Group Project Listings for Administrative Flexibility (Completed)
- 3) Increase Stewardship of Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) (In Progress)
- 4) Increase Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination (In Progress)
- 5) Process Development for Programming Discretionary Grants (In Progress)
- 6) Strengthen Meaningful Tribal Government Involvement and Consultation in Transportation Planning and Programming (In Progress)
- 7) Revisit the Caltrans Public Participation Plan (PPP) to Improve Public Participation in Transportation Planning and Programming Processes (In Progress)
- 8) Review and Update Congestion Management Processes and Procedures as Defined by Transportation Planning Legislation and Regulations (In Progress)

FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS 2023

- 2) Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) and Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Implementation (Ongoing and In Progress)
- 3) Federal Land Management Agency Coordination (Ongoing and In Progress)

FEDERAL COMMENDATIONS 2025

- 1) Sustained Periodic Evaluation of Facilities Repeatedly Requiring Repair and Reconstruction Due to Emergency Events
- 2) Caltrans Implementation of Air Quality Conformity Process
- 3) Support with Implementing Discretionary Grants