

2025 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP)

Federal Planning Finding Recommendations



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Roadmap

PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION

Share the federal recommendations with our statewide partners

IMPORTANCE OF FEDERAL PLANNING FINDINGS

FPFs ensure an adequate planning and programming process statewide to support transportation improvements

TIMELINE

Address all FPFs by September 2026 prior to the 2027 FSTIP submittal

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Corrective Actions, risks to federal highway and transit funding, project delays/cancellations and increased project oversight

DESIRED OUTCOME OF THE PRESENTATION

Support and collaboration from our internal and external partners to address the FPFs

2025 FSTIP Timeline



MPOs submitted final FTIPs to Caltrans by the end of September



Caltrans submitted the final CA FSTIP to FHWA & FTA by mid-November



FHWA & FTA provided CA FSTIP approval on December 16 (statute)



Federal Planning Findings are issued concurrently with FSTIP approval



2025 FSTIP supersedes the 2023 FSTIP



Next FSTIP submittal for CA 2027 FSTIP is November 2026

Overview of 2023 FPF Recommendations (Carry-over)

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Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) and Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Implementation (Ongoing)

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Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination (Ongoing)

List of the 2025 FPF Recommendations



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

2025 FPF #1: Ensure Project Group Listings are Consistent with Federal Regulations

Caltrans' Understanding

- Listings are grouped inconsistently across agencies and not according to federal regulations.

Possible Strategy

- Caltrans to develop guidance that aligns with federal regulations and a strategy to implement guidance consistently.

2025 FPF #2: Considering Transit Operators and Use of Group Project Listings for Administrative Flexibility

Caltrans' Understanding

- Caltrans and MPOs should review the use of group listings and identify risks of non-compliance.

Possible Strategy

- MPOs will work with FTA on mitigating risk of non-compliance.

2025 FPF #3: Increase Stewardship of Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)

Caltrans' Understanding

- Progress made toward achieving TPM targets is not on track at the Statewide and MPOs levels.

Possible Strategy

- Caltrans to devise a program working more closely with MPOs to integrate the PBPP process further in their project planning and programming processes and to more actively assess and revise TPM targets.

2025 FPF #4: Increase Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA Coordination)

Caltrans' Understanding

- FLMA consultation and coordination is limited at the statewide and regional levels.

Possible Strategy

- Caltrans work with FLH and MPOs to update PPPs with improved FLMA coordination procedures for project planning and programming and create statewide and regional FLMA databases.

2025 FPF #5: Process Development for Programming Discretionary Grants

Caltrans' Understanding

Certain projects awarded federal transportation competitive grants are not listed in FTIPs and the FSTIP, which adversely impacts the FHWA-local or 'direct' recipient grant agreement execution process.

Possible Strategy

Caltrans, MPOs and federal partners will collaborate to increase awareness of awarded competitive grant projects that must be programmed in the FTIPs and the FSTIP.

2025 FPF #6: Strengthen Meaningful Tribal Government Involvement and Consultation in Transportation Planning and Programming

Caltrans' Understanding

Caltrans and MPOs need to improve Tribal government coordination in transportation planning and programming processes.

Possible Strategy

Caltrans will work with MPOs to improve the tribal government consultation process that is distinct from PPPs including clear strategies, processes, and other improvements.

2025 FPF #7: Revisit the Caltrans Public Participation Plan to Improve Public Participation in Transportation Planning and Programming Processes

Caltrans' Understanding

Caltrans needs to review public engagement process based on internal and external feedback and explore best practices to ensure project listings in FTIPs and the FSTIP and other complex data can be more legible and accessible for all.

Possible Strategy

Caltrans will clarify their PPP guidance to MPOs and will produce statewide planning and programming documents that are legible and accessible to all.

2025 FPF #8: Review and Update Congestion Management Processes and Procedures as Defined by Transportation Planning Legislation and Regulations

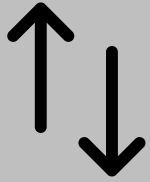
Caltrans' Understanding

Inconsistency statewide with proposed tolling and managed lanes projects in TMAs.

Possible Strategy

Caltrans to review and update policies and procedures for congestion management.

Key Takeaways



California needs to improve
to meet federal regulations
and requirements



Caltrans requests and
needs support and
cooperation from all
partners

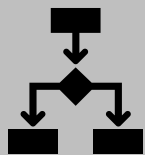


Strengthen our partnerships
and work in good faith to
achieve positive outcomes

Next Steps



The CFPG forum is an opportunity for Caltrans to work in partnership with the MPOs, better align the State and MPOs with our federal partners and transparently engage in discussions to increase awareness of state and federal requirements.



Caltrans is leveraging the CFPG meetings to provide statewide leadership and guidance to our partners to drive business outcomes based on the FPFs and Caltrans' intent to comply with federal requirements.



Caltrans is developing an action plan in collaboration with internal and external partners to meet the intent of all 2025 and 2023 FPF recommendations by September 2026 ahead of the 2027 FSTIP submission.

Questions



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