



Transportation Co-op Committee (TCC)

Meeting Notes – May 4, 2026

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Reconvened the TCC
- The core purpose of the TCC as a statewide coordination and collaboration forum

Legislative Update:

BASICS Act (Reauthorization)

Discussion emphasized the importance of maintaining California's 60/40 state-to-local split for federal formula funds as Congress advances the BASICS Act.

- California currently follows a 60% state / 40% local distribution per CTC Resolution G-22-49. Preserving flexibility is essential as federal language evolves.
- Additional formula funding would make it easier to exchange state funds and increase local usability.
- AASHTO has signaled preference for a 95% state share nationally, but California remains committed to the 60/40 model.
- The federal bill is still being marked up; nothing currently prevents California from continuing its approach.
- Stakeholders are broadly advocating to reduce discretionary grants and increase formula-based funding, citing greater efficiency and “fix-it-first” priorities.
- NOFOs will continue to be released even after IIJA ends.

Grant Delivery and Process Challenges

New staff across agencies report uncertainty around delays in grant delivery.

Challenges appear at multiple levels — FHWA, CTC, Caltrans, and local partners.

- Need for a clear feedback loop to identify where delays occur (federal requirements, state processes, or local capacity).
- A structured training approach is needed to build capacity for new staff.



Transportation Co-op Committee (TCC)

Meeting Notes – May 4, 2026

RSTP Exchange Issues and Opportunities

The committee discussed how the RSTP exchange process operates today and how it may need to evolve.

- Many partners assume RSTP is simple, but understanding varies significantly across regions.
- Small and mid-sized counties often struggle due to limited administrative capacity and lack of direct municipal funding.
- Disparities persist — for example, structurally deficient bridge percentages are far higher for cities (12%) than for the state (2.8%).
- Some cities face resistance in accessing federal-to-state-to-local funds and need a clearer resource guide to address unequal outcomes.

Greater RSTP Exchange – High Priority Concept

- Expanding the exchange could increase local flexibility while maintaining Caltrans oversight.
- CALTRANS would maintain control of the exchange process, but locals would have a structured to do list by:
 - County
 - City
 - Agency type
- Locals would benefit from a clear, structured “to-do list” by county, city, or agency type.
- **ACTION** – Add RSTP under Funding Task List (Linda Jones)
 - Identify information flow and routing: Specify recipients for RSTP findings and recommendations (TCC leadership, CEAC liaison, Caltrans program leads, and local agency partners), and document how items will be shared and tracked
- **ACTION:** Add Equity and Resource Needs for Smaller Jurisdictions to Task List under Funding (Linda Jones)
 - Smaller and mid-sized cities lack the capacity to compete with larger regions.
 - City League emphasized that municipalities do not receive direct funding and often struggle to access state-controlled programs.
 - Resource guide is needed to highlight inequities, support smaller entities, and clarify requirements.



Transportation Co-op Committee (TCC)

Meeting Notes – May 4, 2026

Meeting Logistics & Optimization

TCC meeting logistics were discussed to help clarify structure, coordination, and meeting cadence. The group decided to formalize expectations, streamline processes, and establish supporting workgroups to improve outcomes.

Meeting Logistics and Cadence:

- Quarterly in person meetings
- Airport locations: 9:30 AM–3:00 PM
- Non-airport locations: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
- Mondays or Fridays
- Use roundtable formats for focused discussions (e.g., maintenance agreements, FEMA, cross-cutting topics)
- Ensure substantial progress continues between quarterly meetings
- **ACTION** – Schedule to calendar meetings extended through 2026 - Complete
- **ACTION** – Confirm 2026/2027 airport meeting space (Matt Randall)
- **ACTION** – Verify pre-scheduling requirements for airport vs. non-airport locations: Confirm whether each venue type requires reservations for all 2026 meetings and align this with calendar holds being sent out (Matt Randall)

Increase City Representation

- **ACTION** – Maintain an updated city rep roster
- **ACTION** – Shore up City representation (Damon Concklin)

Agenda Planning

- **ACTION** – Establish an Agenda Planning Committee (Dee Lam)
- **ACTION** – Establish a recurring agenda committee call (Dee Lam)
- **ACTION** – Build future agenda topics around the following areas (agenda committee)
- **ACTION** – Build future agenda topics around the following areas:
 - Priority issues
 - Authorizations
 - Maintenance agreements
 - Streamlining opportunities
 - Committee updates
 - Deliverables and timelines



Transportation Co-op Committee (TCC)

Meeting Notes – May 4, 2026

- RSTP exchange framework:
 - Identify where misunderstandings and process inconsistencies arise
 - Assess whether the process should be modernized, clarified, or expanded.
- Maintenance Agreements (Major Workstream):
 - Develop a statewide shared understanding of maintenance responsibilities
 - Identify key staff participants
 - Compile ~10 case examples of main-street/state-highway projects with maintenance agreements (useful for DLA PR case studies)
 - Include maintenance agreements in quarterly agenda planning
 - Consider whether any existing processes should be modernized, clarified, or expanded

Committee Coordination and Next Steps

- Inform TCC of other Committee Memberships (Bridge, RTPA, and others) and action items to avoid overlap. (Include in survey)

Administrative Follow up

- **ACTION:** Develop and send a survey to TCC members to include the following (Linda Jones):
 - Prioritize future team tasks (Funding, Environmental, Right of Way, Design, Construction)
 - Ask members which working groups they want to join
 - Other committee membership information request

Next Meeting

- **Monday, August 10, 2026**