

# California Freight Advisory Committee

# Meeting Minutes

## Details

**Date:** July 1, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual – MS Teams

**Meeting Objectives:** The objective of the meeting is to provide updates and discuss State freight planning efforts.

## Attendees

**Facilitator:** Caltrans

**Scribe:** Mayra Jimon

**Attendees:** See attachment:

*CFAC Meeting-Attendee List*

## Agenda Items

### Agenda Item # 1: Welcome and HousekeepingMarlon Flournoy, CFAC Chair, Deputy Director, Planning and Modal

The California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 14 and aligns with the objectives of the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to engage public and private freight stakeholders, as well as members of the public, in shaping the California Freight Mobility Plan and the development of freight transportation initiatives.

### **Agenda Item # 2: California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update****Kalin Pacheco, Office Chief Strategic Freight Planning;** Kiran Parmar, California Freight Mobility Plan Manager (Acting), Strategic Freight Planning; Ryan Mottau, Community Engagement Consultant, MIG Inc.**Presentation: California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update**

The last CFMP update was in 2023. Background and requirements reported. In 2013, AB 14 required a State Freight Plan. In 2015, fiscal constraint and a five-year update cycle became required of all states. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) mandates a freight plan every 4 years and includes 17 required elements. The content and structure changes for 2027 are as follows: Narrow and refine CFMP goals and objectives, create achievable and measurable goals, develop an implementation plan, and identify performance measures.

Outreach and major milestones presented. A public/industry survey went live in the beginning in June, and it will remain open until July 15th. Outreach and survey materials were shared last week via Maptionnaire. A full draft is anticipated to be completed by December 2026. Caltrans plans to submit the plan by June 2027 to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Final circulation is expected in September 2027.

Freight modal sections. Overview of each freight mode. Highways, Railways, Ports, and Pipelines. Each modal section will provide an overview highlighting freight networks and facilities, conditions and performance, freight flows and demands, ﻿﻿safety and environmental needs, and ﻿﻿workforce needs.

Industry and public surveys current response and overview data presented. QR code and link to the survey were shared with the group.



<https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/2he8c3lic9l9?&utm_source=general&utm_medium=industry>

Paul Bingham: Of the 18 completed industry surveys, was the distribution of categories similar to those greater numbers in slide 7?

* Ryan Mottau: The distribution across the categories is similar if you look only at the submitted 18 responses or the full set of respondents who answered that question (32).

Maurissa Brown: Has Caltrans sent the survey to the various air district coordinators of CARB AB 617 communities?

* Ryan Mottau: All the air districts are on our distribution list, and we have also reached out to several other community-based environmental justice organizations.

Letitia Austin: How was the survey for the community results disseminated?

* Ryan Mottau: The main distribution was Caltrans District and HQ social media feeds, email blast to identified interested parties. Attending community and committee meetings.

Paul Bingham: What about outreach via industry trade press and websites that the industry gets information from?

* Ryan Mottau: on the industry side, we utilized LinkedIn, Facebook groups, professional associations, and unions identified in the communication plan.

 Revised CFMP Vision presented:

*~~“As the largest national gateway for international trade and domestic commerce,~~ California strives to have the world’s most innovative, economically competitive, multimodal freight system ~~that is efficient, reliable, modern, integrated, resilient, safe, and sustainable, where the benefits of freight are realized by all while~~ supporting healthy communities and a thriving environment.”*

Draft CFMP Vision Example shared: *"California envisions a safe, resilient, and integrated multimodal freight system-one that boosts the economy, supports public health and the environment, and protects the state's people and assets to ensure the benefits of freight are shared by all."*

Current CMFP Objectives presented for each goal along with examples for each new goal. Proposed CMFP 2027 Goals presented. Multimodal Mobility & Connectivity, Economic Prosperity, Public Health & Environmental Stewardship, safety & resiliency, Asset Management. The next plan proposes to refine the CFMP strategies list. Caltrans is evaluating the 29 strategies currently identified.

Rob Ball: The Vision statement misses the need to get California's domestic products to market and export.  This has the biggest potential benefit to state GDP and will help fund future transportation investment.

Rob Ball, Multi-modal mobility objectives:  The rail focus on these goals is necessary.  Shipping by rail is 10 times more energy efficient and 7 times less polluting.  All other modes need to feed to rail.  Not all modes are equal.

Michael McCarthy: When will Caltrans provide the vision, goals, and objectives for CFAC members to review to provide feedback?

* Kiran Parmar: We will share out via email shortly after this meeting.

### Agenda Item 3: Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Cycle 4 and 5Beverley Newman-Burckhard, Associate Deputy Director, CTC Presentation: 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

The California Transportation Commission adopted the 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. TCEP was created by Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Ch. 5, Stats. 2017) to fund freight infrastructure improvements on corridors with high volumes of freight. TCEP receives approximately $400 million in funding per year.

An overview of Program funding was provided. TCEP Recommendation Highlights shared. Move goods efficiently, advance Medium and Heavy duty zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, improve safety, elevate community voices, improve public health, and leverage federal/state/local funds.

2026 TCEP (Cycle 5) guidelines are currently in development; adoption of the guidelines is expected in Summer 2026. The call for projects will be released thereafter.

Maurissa Brown: Can you clarify how much total money is awarded each year? Your slides state TCEP receives $400M each year, and then $3.1B for 26 projects for 2024. Thank you!

* Beverley Newman-Burckhard: $3.1 billion was the total project costs (TCEP funds + all other fund types). The total TCEP funding was $995.5 million for the 2-year program. Sorry for the confusion!

Michael McCarty: How does the existing 2023 CFMP guide funding decisions for TCEP, if at all?  Is it used for scoring?

* Matthew Yosgott: Our evaluation criteria is based on the TCEP guidelines based in statute. The 2023 CFMP has similar objectives to TCEP guidelines, though they are not taken directly for project evaluation.

### Agenda Item #4: Break

### Agenda Item #5: Agency Roundtable Updates

**CalSTA, CTC, Go-Biz, Caltrans**

**CalSTA:** N'guessan Affi, Freight Policy Manager

* For the past two months, CalSTA has been proactively working with supply chain stakeholders. CalSTA convened a roundtable, June 6th. Discussion included visibility to supply chain issues due to tariffs, strengthening public and private collaborations through data sharing, and advanced actionable steps for sustained engagement. Statewide supply chain dashboard created.
* July 18th supply chain roundtable meeting scheduled.
* Port and Freight Program awardees have expressed difficulties with Caltrans processes. We are preparing responses.
* CalSTA is working with Caltrans on an Inland port study. Initial meeting with stakeholders have been held and the scope of work is being drafted.
* CalSTA is working with Caltrans’ economic group discussing the broader economic impact of tariffs on California's economy.
	+ Question: Does SB 263 require CFAC consultation to discuss the scope of the tariff study?
		- N'guessan Affi: Not at this point, it’s between the Department of Finance and Go-Biz.
	+ Fatemeh Ranajefar: You mentioned the inland port study, is this a new one? or follow up on the previous ones in the central valley?
		- N'guessan Affi: This is a study allocated from the PIFP funds. UC Irvine is also working on a study to be published.

**CTC:** Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Manager, Beverley Newman-Burckhard.

* Reminder, unsuccessful TCEP applicants can request a debrief meeting.

**Go Biz**: Trelynd Bradley, Deputy Director, Innovation and Emerging Technologies

* Continued operation of Port Data Interoperability program, including projects from unified trucking appointment systems to development of data standards and cloud infrastructure.
* Continued support of individual operators in freight and affected businesses, both in logistics and distribution, ports, and businesses affected by tariffs, providing technical incentive navigation
* Attended the Maritime Decarbonization tour in Europe.
* In partnership with other agencies, continuing to track and monitor activity relative to federal funding, grants, and awards received by both ports.

**Caltrans** – Yatman Kwan, Deputy Division Chief, Division of Transportation Planning

* Ben DeAlba is the new Division Chief for the Division of Transportation Planning. As of May 1st, Riley Keller became the Office Chief for the Technical Freight and Project Integration Office. Kiran Parmar has been the acting Program Manager for the California Freight Mobility Plan since March.
* Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants for fiscal year 25-26 awards were just announced. $18 million. Of those, $3 million will be for strategic partnership. $1.5 million is for strategic partnership and for transit.
* Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) reauthorization working group since January this year to discuss possible federal advocacy in advance of future congressional action.
* Caltrans sub-working group meeting on economic prosperity and goods movement is expected to occur on July 23rd from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

### Agenda Item #6: CFAC Member Roundtable

### Roundtable Discussion:

None.

### Agenda Item #7: Public Comment / Discussion

**Public Comment / Discussion**

None.

### Agenda Item #8: Meeting Recap and Adjourn

Marlon Flournoy (Caltrans) and Yatman Kwan (Caltrans)

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| Action Items  | Person Responsible  | Status  | Deadline  |
| Caltrans to share the vision, goals, and objectives for CFAC members to review to provide feedback. | Kalin Pacheco  | Completed | Completed |
| Share IIJA Reauthorization Webpage:https://dot.ca.gov/programs/federal-liaison/reauthorizationSign up for Caltrans Federal Affairs Update https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/zmZIgFm | Kalin Pacheco | Completed | Completed |

Thank you to everyone on the CFAC. The next meeting will be on November 12, 2025.

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| **Name** | **Organization Name** |
| Affi, N'guessan | CalSTA |
| Amanda Fagan | Ventura County Transportation Commission |
| Austin, Letitia  | Port of Hueneme |
| Bingham, Paul | S & P Global |
| Carr, Catherine | Caltrans |
| Cartwright, Kerry | Port of LA |
| Castle, Ryan | Caltrans |
| Chop, Zazhary | Caltrans |
| Crenshaw, Adam | Metropolitan Transportation Commission |
| Dau-Ngo, Theresa | Port of Long Beach |
| De Alba, Benjamin | Caltrans |
| Downard, Benjamin N | Caltrans |
| Duran, Jennifer | Caltrans |
| Emoto, Casey | Valley Transportation Authority |
| Ennes, Sheila C | California Transportation Commission |
| Espinoza, Shana | Port of Long Beach |
| Fagan, Amanda | Ventura County Transportation Commission |
| Farhangfar, Maryam | Caltrans |
| Fatemeh Ranaiefar | Fehr and Peers |
| Frost, Tracey | Caltrans |
| Fuhrman, Jay | Metro |
| Gil, Jacky | Caltrans |
| Gonzalez, Layla | CARB |
| Granda, Adrian | Port of Long Beach |
| Grasielita Diaz | Alameda County Transportation Commission |
| Gregory Nord | Orange County Transportation Authority |
| Hacoupian, Aren | Metro |
| Hayden Tallman | California Trucking Association |
| Hector De La Torre | Gateway Cities Council of Governments |
| Hogan, Chris | Caltrans |
| Ian MacMillan | South Coast Air Quality Management District |
| Jacob, Mike | Pacific Merchant Shipping Association |
| Jimon, Mayra | Caltrans |
| Kabirinassab, Nima | Caltrans |
| Keller, Riley | Caltrans |
| Kimmel, Alec R | Caltrans |
| Kochman, Danielle | SANDAG |
| Kristian Corby | California Electric Transportation Coalition |
| Kwan, Yatman | Caltrans |
| Leue, Michael | Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority |
| Lopez, Kenneth | CTC |
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| Mangat, Ajay | California Air Resources Board |
| Marquez, Jose | Caltrans |
| McCarthy, Michael  | Radical Research LLC |
| Metzger, Chris | Valley Transportation Authority |
| Murphy, Kathryn | Caltrans |
| Navidad, Jesus M | Caltrans |
| Newman-Burckhard, Beverley | CTC |
| Nick St. Cook | STANCOG |
| Nick Chiappe | California Trucking Association |
| Norton, Donald | California Short Line Railroad Association |
| O'Malley, Mike  | DCLI |
| Pacheco, Kalin | Caltrans |
| Parmar, Kiranjit | Caltrans |
| Pemberton, Sheri | California State Lands Commission |
| Plovnick, Jeffrey | California State Lands Commission |
| Pratt, Kyle | Caltrans |
| Rachel Kim | GO-Biz |
| Ramirez, Orlando | Caltrans |
| Ramirez, Pedro | Caltrans |
| Raymond Alcantara | Certerra |
| Rensi, Marcella | Valley Transportation Authority |
| Rightnar, Jacob | Caltrans |
| Rob Ball | Kern COG |
| Ryan Graham | San Bernardino County Transportation Authority |
| Ryan Mottau | MIG |
| Ryder, Justin | Quadient |
| Samual Sanford | SANDAG |
| Sarah Wiltfong | Supply Chain Federation |
| Scott Strelecki | SCAG |
| Sheldon Peterson | Riverside County Transportation Commission |
| Sofia Rafikova | Coalition for Clean Air |
| Sos, Austin | Caltrans |
| Soto, Dianira | Caltrans |
| Synhorst, Jennifer | Caltrans |
| Terry, Alison | Caltrans |
| Tia, Luke | Caltrans |
| Trelynd Bradley | GO-Biz |
| Wilson, Chris | Bizfed |
| Wiltfong, Sarah | Supply Chain Federation |
| Xu, Zhongping | Caltrans |
| Ygbuhay, Peggy  | Union Pacific |
| Yihao Xie | The International Council on Clean Transportation |
| Yoon, Stephen | Caltrans |
| Yosgott, Matthew | California Transportation Commission |