

State Programs Update

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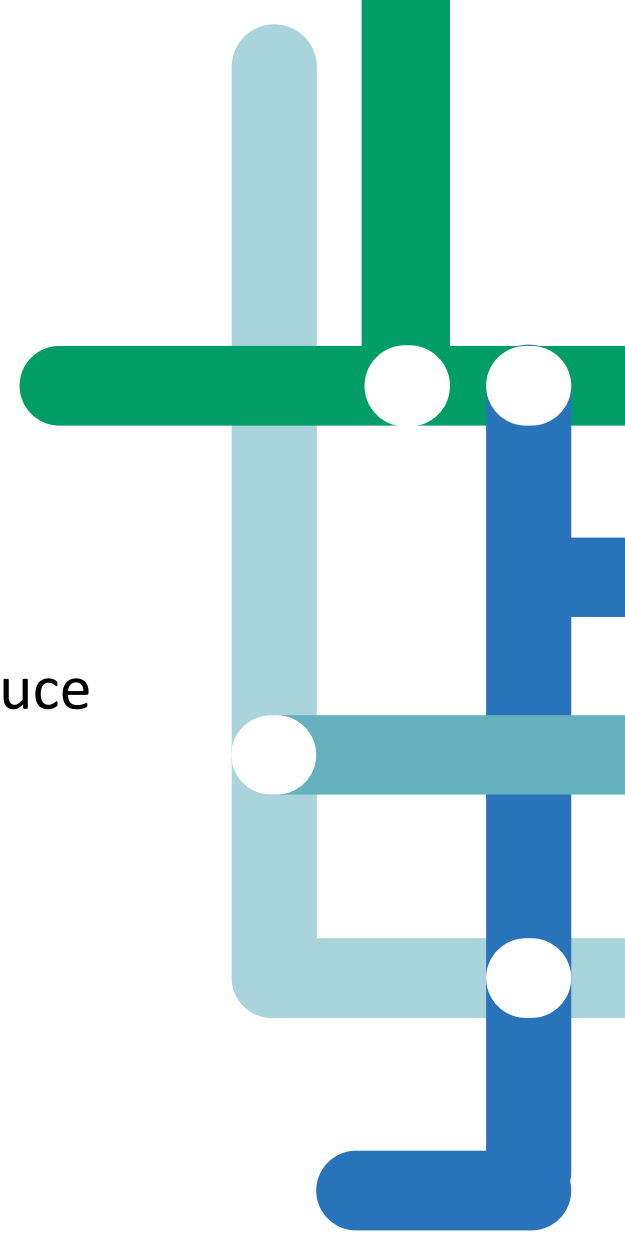
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Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)

TIRCP made major investments in 2022

- Implemented more than \$100 million across 28 new projects.
- Nearly 11,000 full-time equivalent jobs and are expected to reduce emissions by 657,000 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e).



TIRCP Cycle 6

CATEGORY	FUND AMOUNT	APPLICATIONS DUE	AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego)			
“New Projects” and “Major Projects Project Development Reserve”	Up to \$522,008,000	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“High Priority Grade Crossing Improvement and Separation Projects”	Up to \$350 million statewide	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
REST OF STATE			
“New Projects” and “Major Projects Project Development Reserve”	Up to \$270,297,000	02/10/2023	04/24/2023
“High Priority Grade Crossing Improvement and Separation Projects”	Up to \$350 million statewide	02/10/2023	04/24/2023

TIRCP example



Tulare Cross-Valley Corridor

The Tulare County Regional Transit Agency and project partners are developing the long-planned east-west corridor mixed freight and passenger bus and rail system.

- The project includes new multi-modal transit centers in both Kings and Tulare counties
- New zero-emission feeder buses will operate along the corridor.
- A regional zero-emission micro transit operation will connect north-south underserved communities to the corridor.



Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) Milestones

- Since 2015, the LCTOP program is responsible for reducing 6,326,706 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- LCTOP & TIRCP both rank in the top 5 of all California Climate Investment sub-programs for most GHG emission reductions
- 96% of all LCTOP project funding has been allocated to benefit Priority Populations totaling \$748,767,966.

LCTOP – 1,000th Project!

In 2022, LCTOP selected it's 1,000th project for funding and highlighted in the California Air Resources Board annual report to the Legislature.



LCTOP's Streamline Application & Reporting Process

- SB 942 (Newman, Chapter 988, Statutes of 2022): Changes the frequency that transit agencies must submit allocation requests for transit pass programs. (This allows operators to submit one application every four years for free or reduced fare projects.)
- Updated project reporting cycle from semi-annual to annual, allowing operators more time to plan & implement projects.
- Will have a deeper dive into the program guidelines beginning this summer.

LCTOP

- In FY 2022-23, the State Controller has made available \$192,371,705 for eligible LCTOP projects.
- Project allocation requests are due to LCTOP Program Liaisons on May 1, 2023.
- Anticipated funding dates for LCTOP approved projects is September 2023.

FTA 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities



Credit (left to right): Capacity Builders, Farmington, NM | Whittaker Carpool San Rafael, CA | Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp., Indianapolis

Caltrans Administered
**Federal Transit
Administration (FTA)
Section 5310 Program**

2023 Call for Projects

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday; June 14, 2023



Application to be released
via the [BlackCat Transit Data
Management System \(BlackCat\)](#)

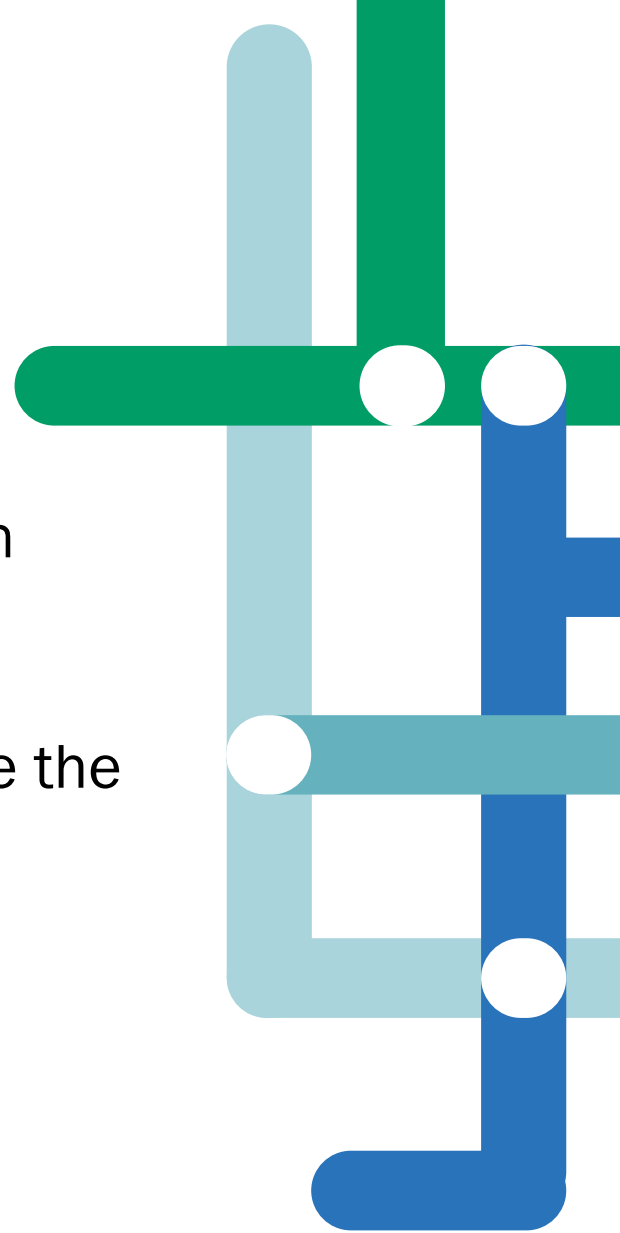
If you need BlackCat access,
please contact [Joel Rodriguez](mailto:joel.rodriguez@dot.ca.gov)
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Please take this [short survey](#)
to provide agency and
program feedback.
The survey closes **May 1**.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Caltrans FTA Section 5310 Program.

FTA 5307 Small Urban Funding

- Caltrans is the designated recipient for FTA 5307 Small Urban Funding.
- Operators apply directly to FTA but Caltrans must follow where the funding is going.
- Two letters sent April 13 requesting information from MPO's

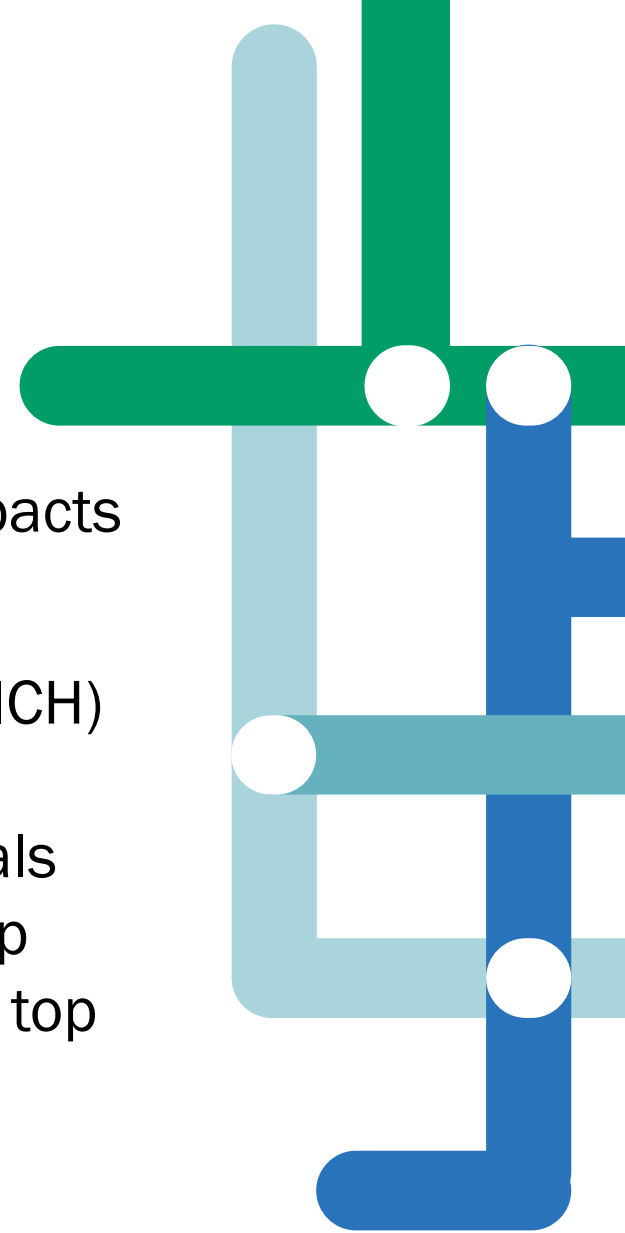


Housing and Homelessness Solutions

There are unique pressures and impacts felt on transit from impacts of the state's housing and homelessness crises.

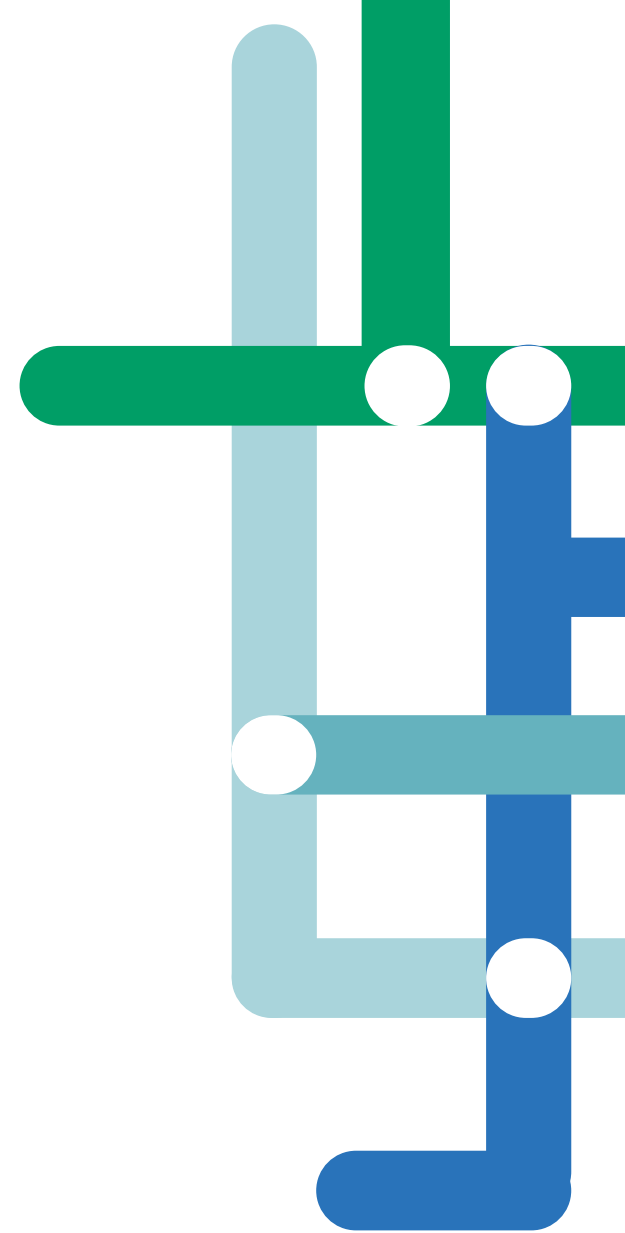
The California State Interagency Council on Homelessness (Ca-ICH) Action Plan

- Action item to organize transit and transportation professionals from California who interact with homelessness to meet, swap best practices, share lessons learned, listen to one another's top issues this coming fall.



A Stronger Focus on Transit at Caltrans

- Transit Priority Approach
- Statewide Transit Strategic Plan
- District-Level Transit Coordination



Transit Priority Approach

- Caltrans' Transit Priority Approach will facilitate:
 - Delivery of projects that prioritize transit on state highways
 - Increase our focus on transit in broader Caltrans planning, funding, data analysis, and communications activities
- Planning and Modal Programs is leading Policy development and early-action project identification with Caltrans Districts and programs
- Coordination with transit agencies will be central to Transit Priority Implementation



Statewide Transit Strategic Plan

- Statewide Transit Strategic Plan (STSP) needs to be updated
- Effort will kick off in the second half of 2023
- STSP will:
 - Affirm that Caltrans values transit and its contributions to our climate, equity, safety, and VMT reduction goals.
 - Describe the transit-supporting opportunities that are within Caltrans' control, e.g., Research and analysis, integrating transit into planning and project delivery, GTFS and contactless payment, etc.
 - Provide direction from the state to local agencies to advance good transit projects.

District-Level Transit Coordination

- Project identification, planning, and programming really happen in the Caltrans districts.
- Caltrans HQ will provide guidance and support for Caltrans District staff to reach out and engage with transit agencies early and often – bringing your needs into the planning and project delivery process.
- District Transit Plans will be a powerful tool for identifying and funding projects to improve transit.



Thank you

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