

# FTA's Support for Major Sporting Events; Welcoming visitors to the Games

## CALACT Spring Conference 2026, Temecula, CA

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# Upcoming Major Sporting Events

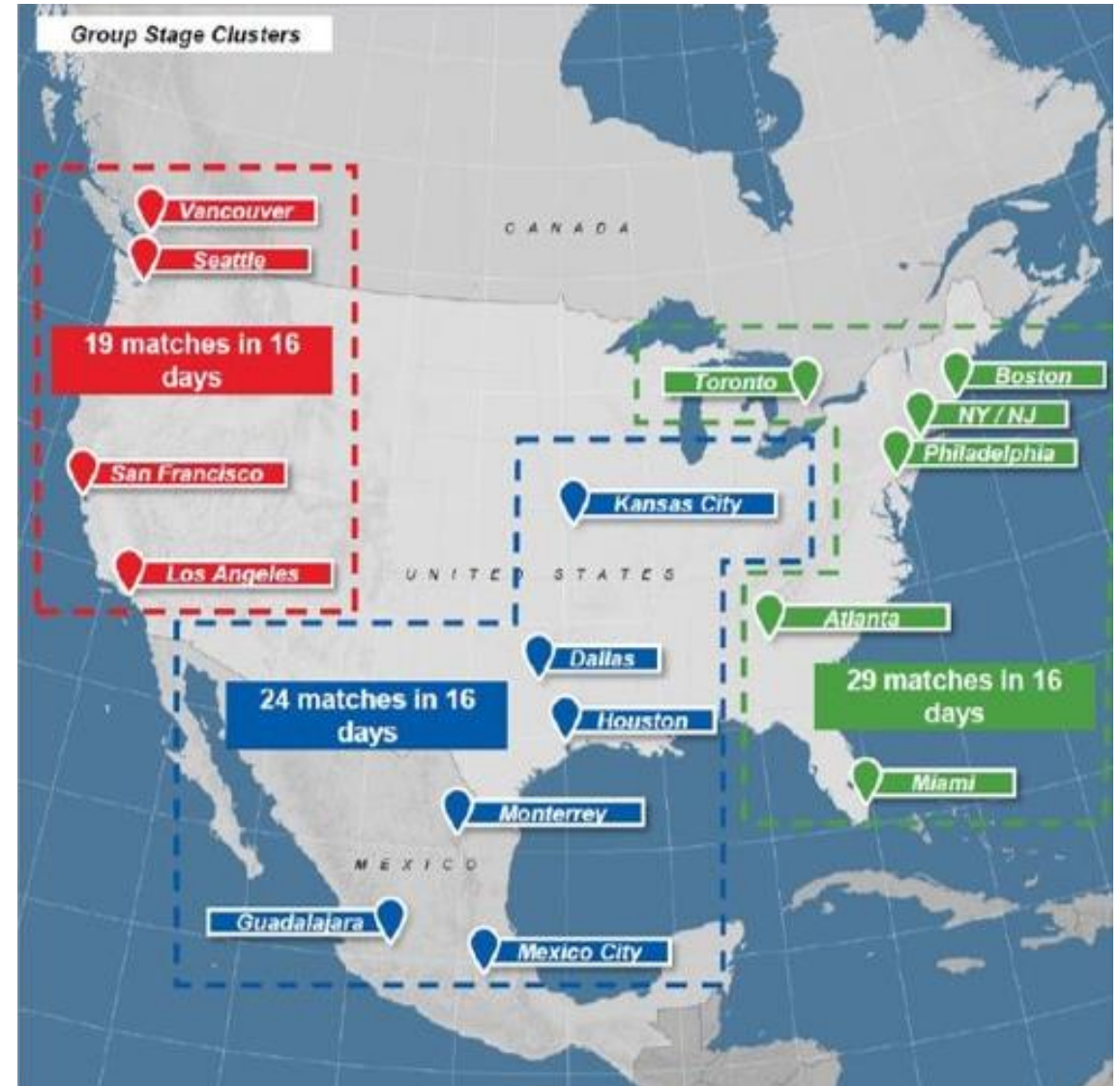
Over a *10-year period, beginning in 2025*, the US will host at least seven global sporting events and a celebration of the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, providing many opportunities to showcase America's values and stature.



# World Cup 2026 – Multiple Cities and Events

## FIFA Tournament Flow

- Group Stage (June 11 - 27)
  - 3 clusters
- Round of 32 (June 28 - July 3)
- Round of 16 (July 4 - 7)
  - Overlapping with America 250th
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Quarter Finals (July 9 - 11)
  - Los Angeles, Kansas City, Miami, Boston
- Semi-Finals (July 14 - 15)
  - Dallas, Atlanta
- Final (July 19)
  - New York/New Jersey



# World Cup Match Day Summary

**GROUP STAGE**

| GROUP A        | GROUP B        | GROUP C        | GROUP D        | GROUP E        | GROUP F        |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mexico         | Canada         | Brazil         | USA            | Germany        | Netherlands    |
| South Africa   | UEFA Playoff A | Morocco        | Paraguay       | Curaçao        | Japan          |
| South Korea    | Qatar          | Haiti          | Australia      | Côte d'Ivoire  | UEFA Playoff B |
| UEFA Playoff D | Switzerland    | Scotland       | UEFA Playoff C | Ecuador        | Tunisia        |
| GROUP G        | GROUP H        | GROUP I        | GROUP J        | GROUP K        | GROUP L        |
| Belgium        | Spain          | France         | Argentina      | Portugal       | England        |
| Egypt          | Cape Verde     | Senegal        | Algeria        | FIFA Playoff 1 | Croatia        |
| Iran           | Saudi Arabia   | FIFA Playoff 2 | Austria        | Uzbekistan     | Ghana          |
| New Zealand    | Uruguay        | Norway         | Jordan         | Colombia       | Panama         |

| City          | Rush Hour & Evening Games | Total Games |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Atlanta       | 2                         | 8           |
| Boston        | 4                         | 7           |
| Dallas        | 2                         | 9           |
| Houston       | 1                         | 7           |
| Kansas City   | 6                         | 6           |
| Los Angeles   | 3                         | 8           |
| Miami         | 7                         | 7           |
| NY/NJ         | 4                         | 8           |
| Philadelphia  | 5                         | 6           |
| San Francisco | 5                         | 6           |
| Seattle       | 1                         | 6           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>40</b>                 | <b>78</b>   |

# FTA Regions & Events – Region 9

## San Francisco Bay Area, CA

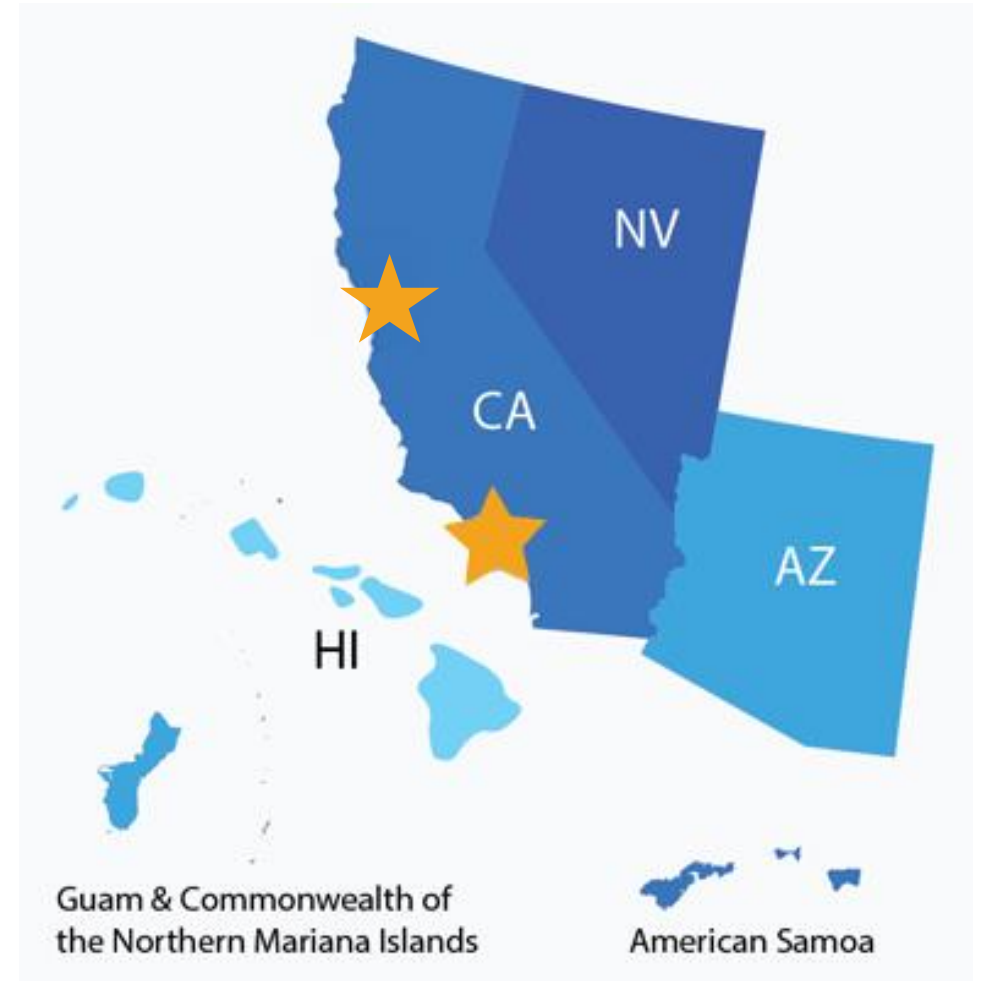
- Group Stage Matches: June 13, 16, 19, 22, 25
- Round of 32: July 1

## Los Angeles, CA

- Group Stage Matches: June 12, 15, 18, 21, 25
- Round of 32: June 28, July 2
- Quarter-Finals: July 10

## 2028 Summer Olympics (LA28)

- July 14, 2028 – July 30, 2028
- August 15, 2028 – August 27, 2028  
Paralympics



# FTA's Support

## Coordination

- U.S. DOT, WH, and other Federal agencies
- Amtrak, NECC, Transit Agencies
- Host City Committees
- Congress and state/local officials
- Stakeholders and industry groups

## Info & Resources

- [Dear Colleague Letter](#) (June 2024)
- [Informational video series](#) (July 2025)
- [Charter Bus Webinar](#) (September 2025)
- [FTA Major Event Playbook](#) (December 2025)

## Direct Technical Assistance

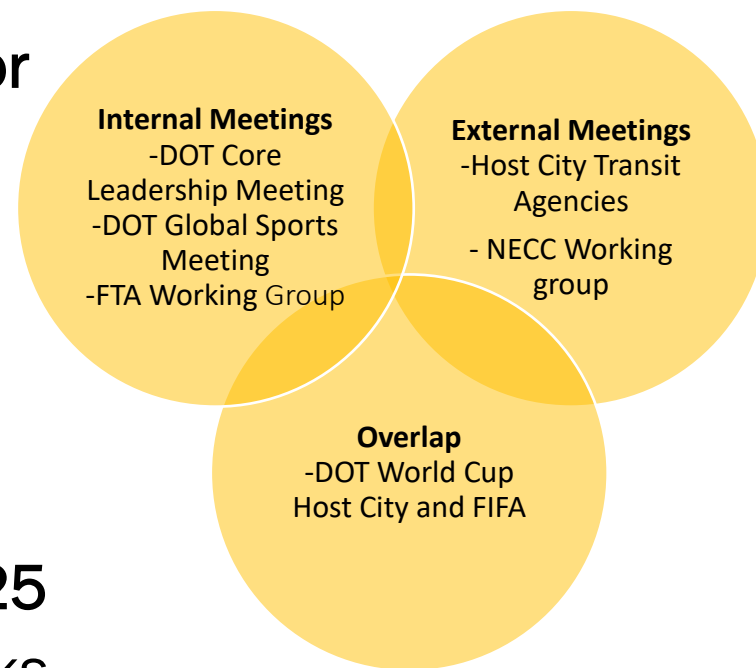
- Understanding legal challenges
- Appropriate uses of funds

## Funding

- FY26 Appropriations Act included \$100M for World Cup and \$94M for Olympics
- Funding to relevant UZAs for MPO sub-allocation
- Grant making Toolkits World Cup & Olympics for ease of application

# USDOT World Cup Activities & Engagement

- **EO Establishing White House World Cup Task Force**
  - DOT is a member, provides quarterly reports to WH
- **DOT Order 2100.8: “Ensuring Appropriate DOT Support for World Cup, Olympics, And Other Major Events”**
  - Outlines roles and responsibilities for OST and OAs
- **2025 Club World Cup Site Visits**
  - Washington, DC, New Jersey, Seattle
- **FTA Charter Bus Webinar and Video Series**
- **US DOT FIFA 2026 World Cup Summit - December 4, 2025**
  - Secretary Duffy & Administrator Molinaro gave remarks
    - Wayfinding Session (FTA led w/FIFA, LA Metro, Amtrak)
- **FTA Major Events Playbook**



# FTA Mission, Vision, Values



## **Mission**

Improve America's Communities  
through Public Transportation



## **Vision**

A Better Quality of Life for All Built  
on Public Transportation Excellence

## **Values**

*Service*

Provide reliable, transparent, responsive, and anticipatory services to meet stakeholder needs

*Integrity*

Commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards

*Innovation*

Foster new ideas, concepts, and solutions for improved outcomes

*Resiliency*

Optimize decisions, resources, and systems to make long-term positive impacts on infrastructure and safety