

# **SB 1 GUIDELINES DRAFT EQUITY LANGUAGE UPDATE**



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# The Importance of Transportation Equity

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- The California Transportation Commission recognizes that throughout California's history, improvements to the State's transportation system have disproportionately benefitted some population groups and burdened others
- While infrastructure improvements were being built, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color were disenfranchised, and were underrepresented in government decision - making.

# The Importance of Transportation Equity

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The Commission condemns all forms of racism and is actively working to promote equitable outcomes through our programs, policies, and practices.

In line with the Commission's Racial Equity Statement, staff is actively working to promote equitable outcomes through our programs, policies, and practices.

# SB 1 Competitive Programs and Guidelines Development Overview

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- Local Partnership Program
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
- Trade Corridors Enhancement Program

# LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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**Program Objective:** Provide funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies that have voter-approved taxes, tolls, or fees dedicated solely to transportation improvements, or that have imposed fees, including uniform developer fees, dedicated solely to transportation improvements.

**Funding:** \$200 million per year (60% Formulaic and 40% Competitive)

# LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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**Completed Project:**  
Montague Expressway  
Pedestrian Overcrossing  
at the Milpitas BART  
Station in Santa Clara  
County





# SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM

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**Program Objective:** Fund projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation, community impacts, and provide environmental benefits.

**Funding:** \$250 million per year

# SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM

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## In Progress:

Airport Metro Connector which connects the Metro Crenshaw/Los Angeles Airport (LAX) Line and includes an extension of the Metro Green Line to the Automated People Mover connecting passengers with LAX terminals, in Los Angeles County





# TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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## Program Objective:

- Fund public infrastructure projects that have a high volume of freight movement
- Support the goals of the National Highway Freight Program, the California Freight Mobility Plan, and the guiding principles of the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan

Funding: Approx. \$400 million per year (state/federal)

# TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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**In Progress:**  
Rosecrans/Marquardt  
Grade Crossing  
Project replacing an  
at-grade crossing with  
a new grade-  
separated crossing in  
Los Angeles County



# SB 1 Guidelines Development Programs, Process, and Schedule



## December 2021

Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, CTC staff virtually held an equity-focused workshop to gather input to help shape equity considerations for three of the CTC's transportation funding programs:

- Local Partnership Program
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program



## Spring 2022

Incorporation of specific feedback recorded from the workshop into SB 1 programs proposed guidelines language  
CTC staff to share new guidelines language with partners



## June 2022

Draft guidelines will be presented to the Commission



## August 2022

Commission adoption of guidelines



We would like to hear from you!



**What are some examples of equity metrics or indicators that you or your organization have identified or found useful?**





**What are the most important equity criteria to include in the guidelines update?**

# December 16, 2021

## Equity Workshop - Key Takeaways

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- Attendees shared feedback on how to meaningfully consider transportation equity in the SB 1 programs, including:
  - Encourage early community participation in the planning process
  - Add community support as a criterion
  - Keep the approach simple

# Key Takeaways Continued

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- Overall, workshop participants preferred incorporating equity throughout the guidelines as applicable, with changes in the evaluation criteria to influence project selection.
- The specific feedback recorded from the workshop is being incorporated into the Draft SB 1 programs proposed guidelines language



# Current Practices of Identifying Equity in Projects or Practices

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Participants recommended the following questions to help identify impacts to disadvantaged, vulnerable, or marginalized communities

- How does a project affect adjacent neighborhoods?
- How does this project benefit disadvantaged communities?
- What transportation barriers/burdens does this project relieve/remove?
- Support for furthering fair housing initiatives.

# Current Practices of Identifying Equity in Projects or Practices cont.

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- Focus on access to opportunity (jobs and education) from disadvantaged communities.
- Project benefit, such as travel time by walk, bike, transit for build and no-build scenarios
- Identifying multi-modal considerations.
- Indication of how the project was identified (pipeline, community conversation, etc.)





# Challenges with Incorporating Equity: Project Development and Funding Applications

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- Funding constraints which hamper ability to properly address equity
- Localizing equity indicators within a region
- Lack of historical data for rural or small communities
- Inability to fund CBO participation
- Obtaining political support/Lack of support from affluent communities
- Inability for suburbs/rural locations to compete with urban areas because they are seen as affluent, are not shown as having disproportionate impacts, despite having real issues and challenges
- Duplication of efforts by multiple agencies in the same geographic area



# Examples of Equity Metrics

Community Characteristics	Environmental Characteristics
Number of Households without access to a vehicle	Healthy Place Index
Language Isolation & Languages Other than English Spoken at Home	CalEnviroScreen
Percentage who qualify for free lunch	Prolonged exposure to pollutants
Broadband Access	Health Burden
Rent Burden	
Population Density	
Race/Ethnicity Distribution	
Grievances	

# Thank you!

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