

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM –
PROGRAM ALLOCATION PLAN UPDATE**

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) is presenting to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) the Program Allocation Plan Update for the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). This update includes the list of awarded projects, separated by components, with allocations and programming projections from award years 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, and Assembly Bill (AB) 180.

BACKGROUND:

The TIRCP was created to fund transformative capital improvements that modernize California's intercity rail, bus (including feeder buses to intercity rail services, as well as vanpool services that are eligible to report as public transit to the Federal Transit Administration), ferry, and rail transit systems (collectively referred to as transit services or systems inclusive of all aforementioned modes unless otherwise specified) to achieve all of the following policy objectives, as established in Section 75220(a) of the Public Resources Code (PRC):

- Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases
- Expand and improve transit service to increase ridership
- Integrate the rail service of the state's various rail operations, including integration with the high-speed rail system
- Improve transit safety

Additionally, Section 75221(c) of the PRC establishes a programmatic goal to provide at least 25 percent of available funding to projects that provide direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to disadvantaged communities, consistent with the objectives of Chapter 830 of the Statutes of 2012. AB 1550 (Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016) provides additional requirements related to ensuring investments meet the needs of priority populations, a term encompassing disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households. Investments made by TIRCP are expected to collectively meet or exceed the requirements in AB 1550.

AB 180 (Chapter 44, Schedule 1), Item 0521-131-0001 of Section 2.00, amended the Budget Act of 2021, appropriating funds to 0276-TIRCP. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), \$300,000,000 was made available for project development activities related to rail realignment capital projects for high-priority intercity rail corridors located primarily in the coastal zone, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 30103 of the PRC.

On January 31, 2023, CalSTA awarded \$2,537,695,000 to “Existing TIRCP Projects Leveraging Federal and Local Funds Reserve” throughout California. The projects awarded funding, received awards in previous TIRCP Cycles 2, 3, and 4. The additional State resources will help fill funding gaps to complete construction while protecting and leveraging significant Federal and local investments.

On April 24, 2023, CalSTA awarded \$690,254,000 in General Fund funding to 28 new public state-funded transportation projects to expand transit and passenger rail service throughout the state.

On July 6, 2023, CalSTA awarded \$350,000,000 in funding for the High Priority Grade Crossing Improvements and Separation Program through the Ports and Freight Infrastructure Program and the TIRCP. Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2024, \$200,000,000 in funding for the High Priority Grade Crossing Improvements and Separation Program was reverted. AB 173 (Chapter 53, Statutes of 2024) requires coordination by CalSTA with the Department and the Commission to identify available funding in state transportation programs that may be used to support grade separation projects that were previously awarded funding under specified transportation programs but had that funding reverted pursuant to the Budget Act of 2024. Updates to the TIRCP Program Allocation Plan and the affected high-priority grade crossing improvement projects will be forthcoming as this analysis continues.

On October 23, 2024, CalSTA awarded \$1,333,342,000 to 27 new public transportation projects to expand transit and passenger rail service throughout the state.

Programming Actions:

The Program Allocation Plan for the TIRCP is adjusted to address project or program needs and is used to plan and track the allocation of projects as reflected in the enclosed attachment.

Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H

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**Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) –
Program Update**

MEETING MATERIALS FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE
PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE JUNE 26-27, 2025
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