

# Memorandum

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Subject: North Hearing for the Draft 2025 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines

## **Summary:**

California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff is updating the Commission's Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines (Guidelines), which serve as a resource for applicant agencies to the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. The update is intended to produce a more streamlined document that aligns with the current Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines and provides up-to-date resources. The Draft Guidelines will apply to agencies initiating or updating plans after the Commission adopts the Final Guidelines, which is anticipated to occur at the December 2025 Commission meeting.

During the July 1 – August 1, 2025, public review period, comments were submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), members of the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, and five regional agencies. Stakeholder comments can be viewed on the Commission's website: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/solutions-for-congested-corridors-program/comprehensive-multimodal-corridor-plan-guidelines>.

The Draft Guidelines have been updated in response to comments received, and the latest version is available at the link above. A summary of the proposed updates to the 2018 Guidelines is shown in Attachment A.

California Streets and Highways Code Section 2396 requires the Commission to conduct at least one public hearing in northern California and one public hearing in southern California prior to adopting the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines. To maintain consistency with the process for that program, the Commission will hold a north hearing and a south hearing to provide an opportunity for additional public comment before the proposed Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines are adopted. This item is for the north hearing, and the south hearing is anticipated to be held during the December 4-5, 2025, Commission Meeting.

**Background:**

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or Senate Bill (SB 1) (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), established the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and authorizes \$250 million annually to provide funding to regional transportation agencies, county transportation commissions, and Caltrans to reduce congestion throughout the state.

Pursuant to SB 1, all projects nominated for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program must be included in a comprehensive multimodal corridor plan. In 2018, the Commission adopted the [Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines](#) to serve as a resource for applicant agencies. The Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines describe recommended policy, standards, and procedures for the development of comprehensive multimodal corridor plans.

Commission staff hosted a virtual kickoff workshop on May 22, 2025, to discuss the Guidelines development process and proposed changes. Draft Guidelines were released for a 30-day comment period on July 1, 2025. A second workshop was held on July 22, 2025, to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions on the Draft Guidelines. At the August 2025 Commission meeting, Commission staff provided a brief overview of feedback received to date.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Summary of Proposed Changes to the Commission's 2018 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Planning Guidelines

## **Summary of Proposed Changes to the Commission's 2018 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Planning Guidelines**

The following changes are reflected in the Draft 2025 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Planning Guidelines:

- Producing a more streamlined document with language that is more easily understandable for the public.
- Incorporating references to Caltrans statewide planning documents and corridor planning guidance.
- Incorporating references to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, including highlighting key action S2.4.
- Highlighting interregional rail, transit, and marine transportation infrastructure in corridor planning.
- Adding references to climate resiliency and adaptation.
- Encouraging equitable outcomes and enhancing accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- Providing a list of competitive funding opportunities to support plan development.
- Incorporating safety and emergency management considerations.
- Including a new appendix with up-to-date planning resources.
- Clarifying steps in the corridor planning process and when the 2025 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Planning Guidelines apply.