

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: South Hearing for the Proposed 2025 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines

Summary:

California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff is proposing updates to the Commission's Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines (Guidelines). Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), these Guidelines establish the framework for developing comprehensive multimodal corridor plans, which are required to apply for funding through the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. The proposed updates are intended to produce a more streamlined document that aligns with the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines and provides resources for applicant agencies.

The Commission will consider the [proposed 2025 Guidelines](#) for adoption in Reference Number 4.7. The Guidelines reflect minor language and formatting revisions from the draft version published on October 3, 2025. A summary of the proposed changes is included as Attachment A.

SB 1 requires the Commission to conduct at least one public hearing in northern California and one public hearing in southern California to provide an opportunity for public comment before the proposed Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines are adopted. To maintain consistency with that process, the Commission hosted a North Hearing for the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines on October 16, 2025 and this item is for the South Hearing, scheduled for December 4-5, 2025.

Background:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or SB 1, 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 corridor plan. In 2018, the Commission adopted the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines, which describe recommended policies, standards, and procedures to develop 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 public comment period on July 1, 2025. Commission staff hosted a second workshop on July 22, 2025, to provide another opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the draft Guidelines.

During the public review period, comments were submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Interagency Equity Advisory Committee members, and five regional agencies. Stakeholder comments are posted on the Commission's [website](#). Feedback received largely comprised the following requests:

- Highlight multimodal corridor infrastructure, including rail, transit, marine, and airport facilities, and related resources.
- Include resources related to climate resiliency and adaptation, safety, emergency management, tribal relations, and public health.
- Clarify the applicability of the updated guidelines to corridor plans that are underway.
- Clarify the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) language to confirm that while comprehensive multimodal corridor plans are encouraged to be vehicle miles traveled (VMT) neutral, this is not a requirement.

The Guidelines have been updated in response to comments received, and Attachment A provides more detail on these changes.

Attachment:

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

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION'S 2018 COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN GUIDELINES

The following changes are included in the Proposed 2025 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines:

- Producing a more streamlined document with language that is easier for the public to understand.
- Incorporating references to Caltrans' statewide planning documents and corridor planning guidance.
- Incorporating references to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), including highlighting key action S2.4.
- Highlighting interregional rail, transit, and marine transportation infrastructure in corridor planning.
- Adding references to climate resilience and adaptation.
- Encouraging equitable outcomes and improving accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- Providing a list of competitive funding opportunities to support plan development.
- Incorporating safety and emergency management considerations.
- Adding a new appendix with planning resources.
- Clarifying steps in the corridor planning process.
- Adding a new section on Tribal Consultation and Coordination.