

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

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Subject: South Hearing for the Proposed 2026 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines

Summary:

California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff prepared the proposed 2026 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines (provided as Attachment B under Reference Number 4.6) in consultation with the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Air Resources Board, California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Workforce Development Board, regional transportation planning agencies, local agencies, advocates, and other stakeholders.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), on July 20, 2026, the Commission submitted the proposed guidelines to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the transportation policy committees in the California State Senate and Assembly.

In addition, Senate Bill 1 requires the Commission to conduct at least one northern California public hearing and one southern California public hearing to provide an opportunity for additional public comment before proposed guidelines are adopted. The Commission hosted the North Hearing on August 3, 2026. This item is for the South Hearing, scheduled for August 20, 2026.

Background:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or Senate Bill 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. Senate Bill 1 requires the Commission to develop program guidelines in consultation with Caltrans, regional transportation planning agencies, local agencies, and other stakeholders.

The proposed 2026 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. Program guidelines may be amended by the Commission after conducting one northern California and one southern California public hearing. The draft guidelines address statutory requirements, incorporate stakeholder feedback, and include Commission procedures for programming and project delivery.