

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: Hearing on the Proposed 2026 Local Partnership Competitive Program Guidelines and the Proposed 2026 Local Partnership Formulaic Program Guidelines

Summary:

California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff prepared the proposed 2026 Local Partnership Competitive Program Guidelines (included as Attachment B under Reference Number 4.10) and the proposed 2026 Local Partnership Formulaic Program Guidelines (included as Attachment B under Reference Number 4.11) in consultation with the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Department of Housing and Community Development, regional transportation planning agencies, local agencies, and other public stakeholders.

Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code 2033(c), prior to the Commission's adoption of the proposed program guidelines, the Commission is holding this public hearing to provide stakeholders with a final opportunity to record comments on the proposed 2026 Local Partnership Competitive Program Guidelines and the proposed 2026 Local Partnership Formulaic Program Guidelines.

Background:

Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Chapter 5, Beall, Statutes of 2017) created the Local Partnership Program and authorized \$200 million annually to fund the Program. This legislation requires the Commission, in consultation with Caltrans, regional transportation planning agencies, local agencies and other transportation stakeholders, to develop guidelines. Assembly Bill 115 (Chapter 20, Committee on Budget, Statutes of 2017) clarified SB 1 language regarding local and regional transportation agency eligibility and expanded the types of projects eligible for the program.

The Local Partnership Program provides funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies in which voters have approved fees, tolls, or taxes dedicated solely to transportation improvements or that have imposed fees, including uniform developer fees, dedicated solely to transportation improvements. Funding for the Local Partnership Program is divided into two programs: the Formulaic Program and the Competitive Program.

The proposed 2026 Local Partnership Competitive Program Guidelines and the proposed 2026 Local Partnership Formulaic Program Guidelines describe the policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of each program. The guidelines address legislative requirements, incorporate input received from various stakeholders, and include Commission procedures and policies for programming and project delivery.