

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CONSENSUS PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, REFORMS, AND SOLUTIONS

TRANSPORTATION REFORMS SHOULD:

Expedite Project Delivery

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation reform proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate procurement and project delivery processes. Innovative delivery and procurement methods such as Public-Private Partnerships, Construction Manager/General Contractor and Design-Build should be emphasized and deployed. Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package. Cost-effective innovation and new technology in building materials that extend the lifespan of roads, bridges, and other assets should be encouraged, tested, and approved expeditiously.

Ensure Transparency and Accountability

To build on the success of programs funded through Proposition 1B, the Legislature should consider the transparency, accountability, and reporting measures utilized in the delivery of bond projects as important components of a transportation reform package. The public should be satisfied that funds for mobility improvements actually improve mobility.

Protect Existing and Future Transportation Revenues

Constitutional provisions to protect both existing and future transportation revenues from being diverted to non-transportation uses and expedited repayment of existing transportation loans should be critical transportation reform considerations.



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE:

Significant and Reliable

To make a meaningful impact, the Commission supports revenue enhancing options that are user-fee oriented and provide a significant level of investment which will demonstrate tangible benefits to taxpayers and drivers. Transportation funding solutions under consideration should seek to raise revenues sufficient to address critical needs, be reliable, and remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding is identified.

Consistent

To ensure greater certainty in planning and delivering infrastructure projects, consistent annual revenue projections are critical. Transportation funding solutions should contain provisions that reduce volatility and extreme fluctuations in funding levels.

Focus on Maintenance and Rehabilitation of the Existing System

To address critical and immediate infrastructure needs and to protect our existing transportation assets, funding proposals should focus on the maintenance and preservation of the existing system.

Support Trade Corridor and Goods Movement Investment

To ensure the economic well-being of California and in recognition that the major transportation and trade corridors in our state are of national importance, funding proposals should provide for investment in trade corridors that are essential for moving goods and services through California.

Dedicated and Protected

To protect taxpayer contributions, transportation funding proposals should ensure that funding is dedicated to transportation infrastructure. Proposals should include constitutional protections to prevent the use of newly generated transportation revenues for any other purpose than transportation infrastructure.

Accountable and Performance-Driven

To ensure efficient and effective use of new funding and to build taxpayer trust, robust and meaningful performance and accountability criteria should be incorporated as an integral part of any transportation funding package.

Equitable

To ensure equitable investment across the entire transportation system, transportation funding solutions should provide for equal distribution of revenues between local and state roadways.