

A light rail train with a white and teal livery is traveling along a curved, elevated track. The track is bordered by blue metal railings. In the background, there are modern urban buildings, including a tall grey one and a red brick one. A large green tree is on the left, and a blue truck is visible on a street below the tracks.

Caltrans Transit Policy

Interagency Equity Advisory Committee Briefing

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Transit at Caltrans

PLANNING & MODAL PROGRAMS

- Plans and tools to identify transit needs
- Transit Program & local agency technical assistance

PROJECT DELIVERY

- Design Guidance, training and asset management for transit facilities



MAINTENANCE, TRAFFIC OPERATIONS & SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Training & Guidance for maintenance of transit facilities.
- Transit safety needs on SHS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- Strategic policy, tracking, and reporting of departmental transit goals

Caltrans Key Policies

Director's Policy 36

Road Safety

Sets a vision to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on California's roadways by 2050. This vision includes eliminating race, age, ability, and mode-based disparities in road safety outcomes.

Director's Policy 37

Complete Streets

***"All transportation projects** funded or overseen by Caltrans **will provide** comfortable, convenient, and connected **Complete Streets facilities** for people walking, biking, and taking transit or passenger rail unless an exception is documented and approved."*

NEW Director's Policy

Transit

Provides Department-wide direction for Caltrans transit activities. Commits Caltrans to construct and improve transit infrastructure on the State Highway System (SHS). Commits to partnering with transit agencies to develop and implement projects that impact or improve transit on the SHS and to lead innovation of transit data and technology that improves planning and operational analysis.

Caltrans District Transit Plans

The District Transit Plans are guided by five overarching goals, which are designed to address transit needs across California's urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities, while advancing statewide goals related to reliability, safety, equity, and climate resilience.



RELIABILITY & SERVICE: Enhance speed, reliability, and reach of transit services, especially in high-demand and underserved areas.



ACCESS: Support in pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA infrastructure that enables safe access to transit stops and connections to statewide networks.



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE: Improve comfort, safety, and convenience at transit stops through amenities and better passenger information.



RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY: Promote infrastructure that enables zero-emission transit and maintains systems in a state of good repair.



EQUITY: Enhance transit options for underserved and transit-dependent communities.

Transit Priority Facilities

Transit priority facilities are comprised of highway infrastructure elements and features that make road-based transit service faster and more reliable. Such infrastructure can include:

- Transit Only Lanes
- Queue Jump Lanes at Intersections
- Traffic Signal Priority for Transit
- Bus stop configurations that reduce dwell times, such as bulb-outs
- Bus on shoulder lanes



Info from City of Chicago "Types of Transit Infrastructure" website

Policy Implementation Plan

Planning

- Local, Regional, and Transit Agency Coordination
- Planning Documents – District and Statewide Transit Plans

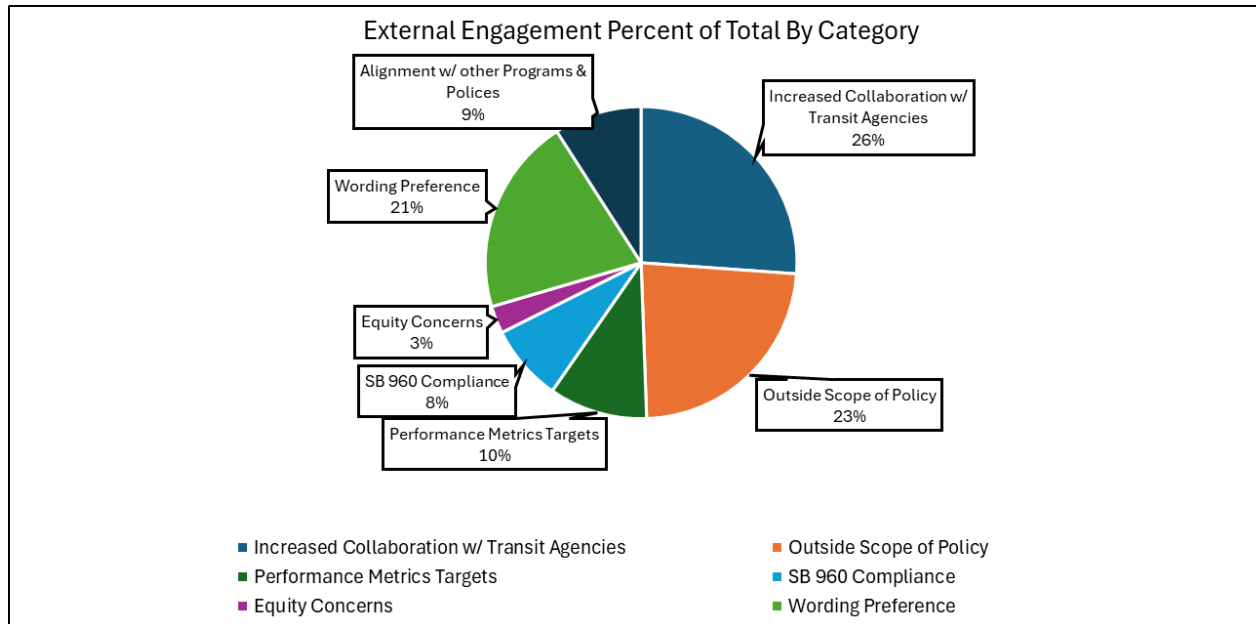
Projects

- Project Scoping
- Transit Facility Guidance
- Project Intake and Evaluation Process
- Maintenance of Transit Facilities

Data

- Develop and Maintain Open Transit Data Product Portfolio
- Adopt guidance that defines transit performance measures

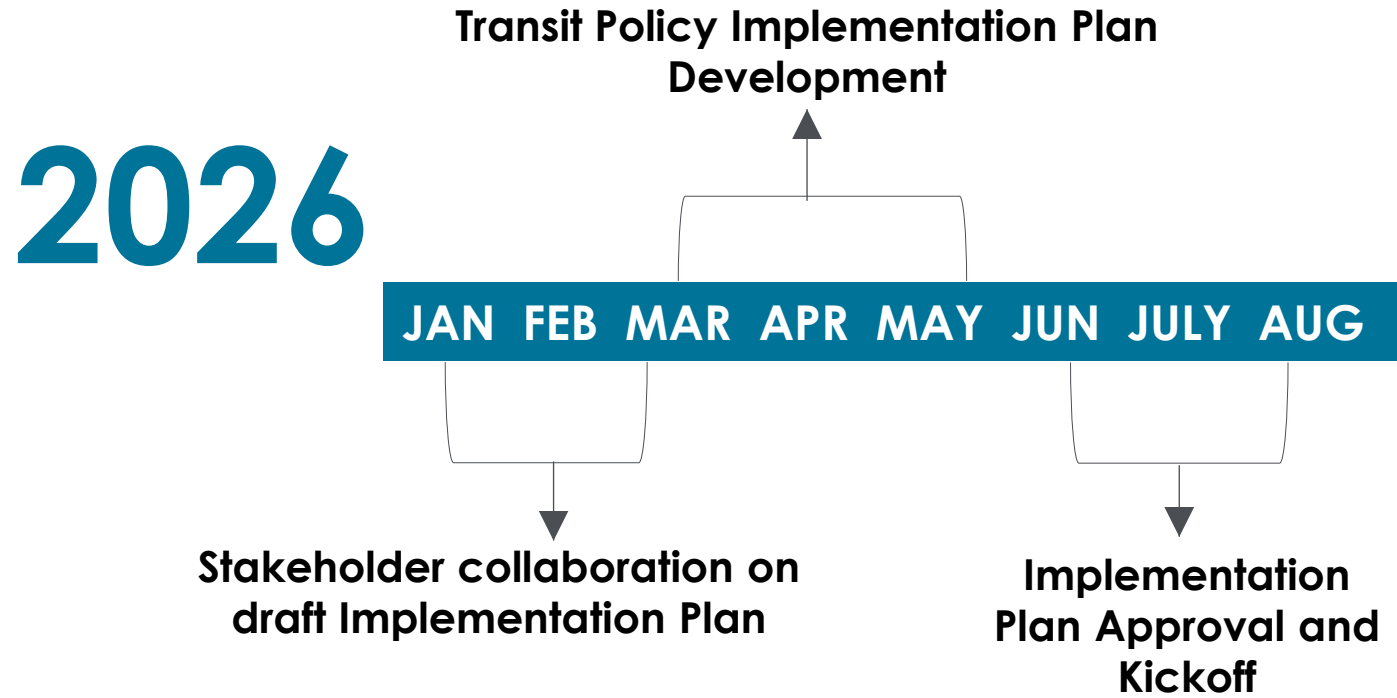
Summary of Engagement Feedback



Top Concerns for External Stakeholders:

1. Seeking increased collaboration between Caltrans and local, regional, and transit agency partners.
2. Compliance with SB 960.
3. Implementation-related comments that will be addressed during the implementation plan phase.

Next Steps – Policy Implementation Plan



Questions?

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