

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Monday, June 23, 2025
9:30 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 835 9015 6788

Passcode: 623229

Phone only: 1 (669) 444-9171

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Enclosure</u>
A. CALL TO ORDER	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. ROLL CALL	Georgiena Vivian	<input type="checkbox"/>



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San Joaquin Valley Policy Council

Roll Call

SJVPC	First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency	Present (Y/N)
Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)					
Member	Gary	Yep	Councilmember, District 1	City of Kerman	
Member	Alma	Beltran	Mayor	City of Parlier	
Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)					
Member	Saul	Ayon	Mayor	City of McFarland	
Member	David	Couch	Supervisor, 4 th District	County of Kern	
Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)					
Member	Alvaro	Preciado	Mayor	City of Avenal	
Member	Doug	Verboon	Supervisor, District 3	County of Kings	
Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)					
Member	Robert	Poythress	Supervisor, District 3	County of Madera	
Member	Jose	Rodriguez	Councilmember, District 2	City of Madera	
Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)					
Member – Chair	Daron	McDaniel	Supervisor, District 3	County of Merced	
Member	Pat	Nagy	Mayor	City of Gustine	
San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)					
Member	Robert	Rickman	Supervisor, District 5	County of San Joaquin	
Member	Gary	Singh	Mayor, At-Large	City of Manteca	
Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)					
Member – Vice Chair	Vito	Chiesa	Supervisor, District 2	County of Stanislaus	
Member	Rosa	Escutia-Braaton	Councilmember, District 1	City of Modesto	
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)					
Member	Dennis	Townsend	Supervisor, District 5	County of Tulare	
Member	Rudy	Mendoza	Mayor	City of Woodlake	
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)					
Member	Samir	Sheikh	Executive Director	SJVAPCD	
San Joaquin Powers Authority (SJPA)					
Member	Ahdel	Ahmed	Public Relations Manager	SJPA	

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2025, Meeting	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. DISCUSSION ITEMS		
1. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update		
a. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Jen Covino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Preliminary Draft 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Federal Legislative Platform	Jen Covino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. State Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update	Gus Khouri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
The following items are for informational purposes only and require no action. Individuals noted will be present to provide a verbal update.		
1. Valley Voice Washington DC Trip - Planning Status	Georgiena Vivian	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. OTHER ITEMS		
1. Executive Directors' Committee Report	Robert Phipps	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Policy Council Member Comments	Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. PUBLIC COMMENT		
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public comment will be allowed during the Discussion Items above.		
	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. ADJOURN	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>

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AGENDA ITEM C.

April 9, 2025

Policy Council Meeting Minutes



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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order.

Chair

B. ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Attendance is noted on the table below. A quorum was present.

Georgiena Vivian



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Member	Mark	Montelongo	Program Manager of Policy and Government Affairs	SJVAPCD	Y
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Member	Dan	Leavitt	Manager of Regional Initiatives	SJPA	Y

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2025, Meeting

Chair



Member Mendoza made a motion to approve the minutes, which Member Escutia-Bratton seconded. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Enclosure

1. Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

Jen Covino



Jen Cavino, Cavino, Smith, and Simon discussed the following:

- ✓ The President's 30-day pause on tariffs.
- ✓ The Senate's passage of its budget resolution.
- ✓ The potential for tax reform.
- ✓ The importance of maintaining the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- ✓ The ongoing process of soliciting community project funding requests.
- ✓ The new Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program from the US Department of Transportation.

The members also discussed the varying approaches of their individual community project funding requests.

2. California Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

Gus Khouri

a. CAPTI, Cap and Trade, and State Budget Update

Gus Khouri



Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, discussed the following:

- ✓ An update on the state budget and Cap and Trade program.
- ✓ The May revise, due by May 14th, will determine available revenue to address the state's budget deficit.
- ✓ The Cap and Trade program is being reviewed, with discussions focusing on stabilizing the credit market and extending the program.
- ✓ There are proposals to create a state rail system that would complement the high-speed rail project and improve connectivity across California.
- ✓ Working groups are expected to submit their report on Cap and Trade by May 13th, with potential changes to be finalized by September 15th.

b. ACTION: Approve Positions on State Legislation

Gus Khouri



Gus Khouri reviewed each pending piece of legislation submitted by the Senate and Assembly members of interest to the Policy Council, noting the following:

- ✓ Reviewed Assembly Bill (AB) 12 on low carbon fuel standards, deciding to watch it.
- ✓ Discussed AB 30 and AB 34 related to gasoline pricing, maintaining a watch position.
- ✓ Focused on AB 39 related to expanding electric vehicle charging stations and agreed to watch it.
- ✓ Supported AB 259, which extends teleconferencing capabilities under the Brown Act.
- ✓ Decided to watch AB 267 on high-speed rail funding reallocation rather than oppose it.
- ✓ Discussed AB 882 on highway safety, deciding to maintain a watch position but may reconsider supporting it later.
- ✓ Reviewed AB 314 regarding major transit stops and high-speed rail stations, agreeing to watch it for now while seeking clarification on some aspects of the bill.
- ✓ Decided to support AB 1377, which requires a detailed business plan for funding setup makers, viewing it as a good accountability measure.
- ✓ For AB 902, concerning wildlife crossings, the Council opted to watch it due to potential cost implications.
- ✓ Opposed AB 994, which proposes a bicycle highway network pilot program, seeing it as mission creep.
- ✓ Noted support for AB 975, which provides a CEQA exemption for bridges spanning 200 feet or less.
- ✓ Opposed AB 1132, regarding climate vulnerability assessments, unless amended to include funding provisions.
- ✓ Supported Senate Bill (SB) 545, which calls for a study on the economic benefits of high-speed rail.

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3. **Amendment to the MOU and By-Laws**

Stacie Guzman



a. **ACTION:** Approve Amended MOU

Stacie Guzman, MCAG Executive Director and Vice Chair of the Directors' Committee, provided an overview of revisions to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing the Policy Council and other Committees. Many of the revisions were minor administrative updates. Other revisions included the following:

- ✓ Removing the word "Planning" from the Policy Council and Directors' Committee names since the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Agency (SJJPA) were members of the Council and Committee, and they are not regional planning agencies.
- ✓ Clarification in Section 7 of the MOU regarding the Resolution of Disputes.

Vice Chair Chiesa made a motion to approve the Amended MOU, which Member Mendoza seconded—the motion passed by a roll call vote.

b. **ACTION:** Waive the 15-day Noticing Period to Approve Amendments to the By-Laws and approve the Amended By-Laws

Stacie Guzman



Stacie Guzman, MCAG, provided an overview of revisions to the current By-Laws, noting the following major revisions:

- ✓ Section 4 - Executive Committee, the Committee would consist of five (5) members including the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Council, with two additional Policy Council members representing the remaining geographic areas in the Valley, and a rotating membership from the SJVAPCD and the SJJPA, who would rotate every two years.
- ✓ The nomination of Policy Council officers would occur every two years, in January or at the first meeting held after January.

Member Rosa Escutia-Braaton, StanCOG, noted that the By-Laws were silent regarding the issue of Policy Council member alternates.

Stacie Guzman, MCAG, noted that the By-Laws do reflect designees – or "duly appointed representatives" when referring to members of the Policy Council in various sections of the By-Laws.

Georgiena Vivian, San Joaquin Valley (SVJ) Coordinator, noted that she would confer with Monica Streeter, Policy Council Legal Counsel, to clarify further in the By-Laws that members can be represented by their alternates at meetings of the Policy Council or Committees.

15-day noticing period – Stacie Guzman, MCAG, requested that the Policy Council approve the By-Laws, as amended, and waive the 15-day noticing period.

Member Beltran made a motion to approve the Amended By-Laws and to waive the 15-day noticing period, which Member Nagy seconded—the motion passed by roll call vote.

4. **ACTION: Approve the Policy Council and Executive Committee Schedule**

Georgiena Vivian



Georgiena Vivian, SJV Coordinator, reviewed the proposed schedule, noting that the schedule reflected meetings of the Policy Council and Executive Committee through to the end of the calendar year, as well as the Valley Voice trip to Washington, D.C. Ms. Vivian noted that she would review the schedules of other statewide or regional boards/meetings and report back with any revisions to the schedule at the next Policy Council meeting.

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Member Mendoza made a motion to approve the Schedule, which Member Nagy seconded—the motion passed by roll call vote.

5. **ACTION: Appoint Members of the Policy Council to the Executive Committee** ☐

Georgiena Vivian, SJV Coordinator, requested formal designation of Executive Committee membership. After some discussion, the following Policy Committee members, or their alternates, were appointed to the Executive Committee:

- ✓ Policy Council Chair – Daron McDaniel, MCAG
- ✓ Policy Council Vice Chair – Vito Chiesa, StanCOG
- ✓ Policy Council Member representing the Southern Subregion – Rudy Mendoza, TCAG
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- ✓ Policy Council Member representing the SJVAPCD – Samil Sheikh, SJVAPCD

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chair



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Chair McDaniel, MCAG, introduced his alternate, Supervisor Scott Silveira, and Supervisor Pedrozo, and welcomed Mayor Nelson to the meeting. He also thanked the counties for their participation in the effort regarding AB 1441.

F. OTHER ITEMS

1. **Executive Directors' Committee Report**

Robert Phipps



Robert noted the discussion at the recent California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) meeting regarding SB 375 reform efforts. He further indicated that Directors are working on reforming SB 375 (Regional agency compliance) requirements, as well as SB 743 (California Environmental Quality Act, Vehicle Miles Traveled - CEQA VMT) issues.

2. **Policy Council Member Comments**

Members



Chair McDaniel, MCAG, welcomed everyone to the Policy Conference.

Member Mendoza, TCAG, thanked other Members and their staff for attending the SR 99 ribbon-cutting ceremony in Tulare County recently.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair

Member Mendoza, TCAG, read a statement from Member Rodriguez, MCTC, regarding SB 267, noting that “the bill will protect funding for high-speed rail for the upcoming fiscal years and that this body has committed to finish the project, and has advocated with both Federal and State legislators. The bill would align with the direction this Council has given. He further noted that the Tangipa bill (SB 377) differs in that it holds the High-Speed Rail Authority’s (Authority) feet to the fire. They can’t hold the Authority accountable without funding. It's counterproductive, and they do not overlap as two different bills.”

Stacie Guzman, MCAG, noted several upcoming aspects of the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference and thanked everyone for attending.

No other public comment.

H. ADJOURN

Chair

Vice Chair Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations – The public meeting room and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Coordinator, Georgiena Vivian, at (559) 259-9257, at least three days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM D.1.a.

Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update



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To: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee
From: Jen Covino, President
David Gellman, Senior Advisor
Date: May 28, 2025
Subject: Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

See below for a review of developments at the federal level of interest to the Central Valley. Topics include Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations; Congressional action seeking to nullify California's preemption waivers; the future of Direct Pay, vehicle emissions regulations, and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program; Senate hearings on the Trump Administration's nominees; and current federal funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and other agencies. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations

Congress will begin to consider Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations legislation in June. House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole recently [announced](#) the markup schedule for all 12 annual spending bills in that chamber. The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will mark up the Interior-Environment spending bill that provides funding for the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other environmental programs on June 23, 2025, and the Full Committee is then scheduled to mark up the legislation on June 26, 2025. The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (T-HUD) will then mark up the T-HUD spending bill that provides appropriations for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and related agencies on July 7, 2025. The Full Committee intends to mark up that bill on July 10, 2025. The Senate Appropriations Committee expects to begin its own markup series at the end of June.

Representatives and Senators will disclose their Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests submitted to the Appropriations Committees for potential inclusion in seven eligible spending bills in the House of Representatives and nine eligible bills in the Senate, respectively, in advance of those markups. Each House Member can request up to 15 projects submitted by state, local, and Tribal governments and certain eligible non-profit organizations. Caps on the number of requests allowed from Senators have been determined in the FY 2026 cycle based on the spending bill and, in some cases, the eligible account. Because earmarks were ultimately omitted from FY 2025 appropriations, some Members of Congress either elected to request new projects submitted by stakeholders, resubmit vetted projects from the previous fiscal year, or advance a combination of old and new proposals.





On the House side, Members recently disclosed their CPF requests for the Interior-Environment spending bill and have until June 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) / 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) to disclose their requests for the T-HUD spending bill. The House Appropriations Committee will then likely announce its decisions on which projects will be included in those measures prior to each relevant Subcommittee markup.

Senators have until June 6, 2025 to disclose their CDS requests for potential inclusion in the Senate T-HUD spending bill. They must then disclose their requests for the Interior-Environment bill by June 12, 2025. We expect the Senate Appropriations Committee to announce its selections from among those requests after each relevant measure is approved by the panel. We will be sure to keep you updated on each stage in the legislative process.

Congress Moves to Nullify California Preemption Waivers

The Senate recently passed three measures through the *Congressional Review Act* (CRA) process seeking to nullify preemption waivers issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that allow the State of California to set its own vehicle emissions standards. The first joint resolution introduced by Michigan Congressman John James would repeal a waiver for California's Heavy-Duty Warranties and Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Regulations ([H.J. Res. 87](#)). The second authored by Pennsylvania Congressman John Joyce would nullify a waiver for the Advanced Clean Cars II Regulation ([H.J. Res. 88](#)). The third authored by California Congressman Jay Obernolte would disapprove of a waiver for the state's Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOX Regulation ([H.J. Res. 89](#)).

Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough previously had affirmed an opinion by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that California's EPA waivers may not be nullified through the CRA process as they are not agency "rules," but rather "orders." Senate Majority Leader John Thune disagreed, [expressing](#) in a floor speech that "there can be no question that these waivers are rules in substance, given their widespread effects." Senators ultimately chose not to overrule the Parliamentarian's ruling outright but took ten procedural votes to sidestep it through various motions and points of order. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer [offered](#) that the decision "set a new precedent" for the chamber in the use of the CRA.

The House of Representatives had previously passed all three joint resolutions. Therefore, the measures now move to the desk of President Donald Trump, where he is expected to sign them into law. We will make you aware once that occurs and any implementation guidance is issued by the Administration.

The Future of Direct Pay and Vehicle Emissions Regulations

Direct Pay

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shared a [reminder](#) that 2025 [pre-filing registration](#) is now open for local governments and other qualifying tax-exempt organizations to receive elective payment, or Direct Pay, for [clean energy tax credits](#) authorized by the *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169). As we have reported previously, pre-registration is a mandatory step for eligible entities in the Direct Pay





election process. The agency outlines that process on a [dedicated website](#) and in a list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). IRS will hold office hours to answer additional questions and provide further information. See the schedule of those sessions with registration links below.

- Wednesday, June 4, 2025: [Registration](#)
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025: [Registration](#)
- Wednesday, July 2, 2025: [Registration](#)
- Wednesday, July 16, 2025: [Registration](#)

However, we would caution that, while the IRA authorized the use of elective payment through 2032, the remaining timeline and eligibility for its use with various clean energy incentives could change significantly pending recent legislative action. The *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* ([H.R. 1](#)), which is now under consideration in the Senate and subject to change, currently maintains the elective payment process, but the measure - in the form it passed the House - either accelerates the expiration of, phases out, repeals the transferability of, or modifies most eligible tax incentives. See below for a review of proposed provisions in the bill related to each credit:

- **Section 45Y Clean Electricity Production Credit:** accelerates expiration of the credit by only allowing its application for facilities beginning construction within 60 days of enactment or placed in service prior to December 31, 2028, with an exception for nuclear facilities where the 60-day clause does not apply; repeals transferability except for nuclear facilities; bars eligibility for solar and wind leasing arrangements; and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 48 Investment Tax Credit for Energy Property:** phases out the credit for geothermal heat pumps (the last remaining eligible property after 2024) from CY 2029 through CY 2031 and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 48E Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credit:** accelerates expiration of the credit by only allowing its application for facilities beginning construction within 60 days of enactment or placed in service prior to December 31, 2028, with an exception for nuclear facilities where the 60-day clause does not apply; repeals transferability except for nuclear facilities; bars eligibility for solar and wind leasing arrangements; and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 45Q Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration:** repeals transferability for carbon capture equipment with construction beginning two years after enactment and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 45U Zero-Emission Nuclear Power Production Credit:** provides for the expiration of the credit on December 31, 2031 and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 45X Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit:** eliminates wind energy components sold after December 31, 2027 and eliminates the credit for all other components after December 31, 2031; repeals transferability for components sold after December 31, 2027; and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities
- **Section 45W Credit for Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicles:** accelerates expiration to December 31, 2025 and allows vehicles acquired pursuant to a written binding contract entered into before May 12, 2025 to qualify for the credit
- **Section 30C Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit:** accelerates expiration to December 31, 2025





- **Section 45V Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit:** accelerates expiration to facilities where construction begins after December 31, 2025
- **Section 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit:** extends the credit through the December 31, 2031; amends eligible activities; eliminates transferability for fuel produced after December 31, 2027; and restricts access to certain prohibited foreign entities

As we have reported previously, Republican Senators seem inclined to pursue potential changes to provisions of the reconciliation measure when they reconvene in June following the Memorial Day recess. We will be sure to keep you updated on impacts to Direct Pay.

Vehicle Emissions Regulations

If enacted as currently written, the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* ([H.R. 1](#)) would repeal four vehicle emissions regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Those regulations include the following:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Revised 2023 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards
 - Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 - Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2024-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks
 - Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks for Model Years 2027 and Beyond and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Heavy-Duty Pickup Trucks and Vans for Model Years 2030 and Beyond

We will make you aware if Republican Senators elect to amend the legislation further. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Transportation [shared](#) an update that it has submitted its interpretive rule entitled “Resetting the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program (CAFE)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. We will share the text of the regulation when it is published in the *Federal Register*.

States and GAO Dispute NEVI Funding Freeze

A group of 17 states led by California, Washington, and Colorado [sued](#) the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) over a decision by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in February to rescind guidance, suspend the approval of state plans, and pause new obligations under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. The [lawsuit](#) filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington argues that the actions are unlawful and will “devastate the ability of states to build the charging infrastructure necessary for making EVs accessible to more consumers.” Pending an outcome in the suit, the agency is updating the NEVI guidance to align with the Administration’s policies and priorities and intends to restart obligations under the program once that guidance is issued and new state plans are approved.





The lawsuit comes as the Government Accountability Office (GAO) argued in a new [report](#) that the FHWA memorandum violated the *Impoundment Control Act (ICA)*. GAO contends that “DOT violated the recording statute, in each of FYs 2022 through 2025, when it treated signed project agreements as the point of obligation for the NEVI Formula Program, rather than at the time IIJA made appropriations available for the program.” The agency further explains that “Under the ICA, a section referred to as the fourth disclaimer prohibits withholding from obligation or expenditure funds appropriated for programs where there is a mandate to spend therefor....DOT is not authorized to withhold these funds from expenditure and DOT must continue to carry out the statutory requirements of the program.” DOT has [responded](#) that the agency’s “conclusion conflicts with Congress’ intent, and completely misunderstands the Federal-aid highway program and how Congress structured the NEVI program.”

Senate Committees Consider Transportation Nominees

Senate Committees continued to consider President Donald Trump’s nominations for individuals to serve in key roles in the transportation sector. The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee held a [hearing](#) on the nomination of Sean McMaster to serve as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. McMaster previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs. In testimony before the EPW Committee, he [offered](#) that, if confirmed, he would work to “build and restore the beautiful roads, bridges, and tunnels across the nation;” “build projects more quickly and efficiently;” and “further streamline project delivery, including the permitting process.” EPW Committee Chair Shelley Moore Capito [argued](#) that his experience and leadership at the agency made him “well-qualified” for the position.

The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST) Committee [advanced](#) the nomination of former Pan Am Railways President David Fink to serve as Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Mr. Fink began his career with General Motors, then served as President of Pan Am Railways. In [opening remarks](#) at his nomination hearing, he expressed a commitment to strengthening rail safety if confirmed as well as to “refresh government regulations, innovating where possible and removing burdensome and outdated roadblocks.” He stated that he would seek to advance rail safety and efficiency through FRA competitive grant programs, such as the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, where he argued that “there is room for improvement in the way FRA selects and delivers taxpayer funded projects.”

Additionally, the Senate CST Committee [advanced](#) the nomination of Robert Gleason to serve as a Director on the Amtrak Board of Directors. Mr. Gleason previously led the Republican Party of Pennsylvania. If confirmed, the Amtrak Board, which is now split along partisan lines, would hold a 5-4 Republican majority. The full Senate will now consider his and Mr. Fink’s nominations.

Current Funding Opportunities

U.S. Department of Defense

[DOD OLDCC FY 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program](#)





(Deadline: July 3, 2025)
[DOD OLDCC Community Noise Mitigation Program Round 2](#)
(Deadline: July 9, 2025)

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary**

[DOT FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#)
(Deadline: June 26, 2025)

Federal Highway Administration

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2024 Application Anticipated Opening: June 23, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program](#)
(FY 2025 Anticipated Deadline: August 1, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2024 Anticipated Deadline: August 25, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: October 1, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)
(FY 2026 Deadline: November 1, 2025)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2025 Application Anticipated Opening: June 22, 2026)
[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program](#)
(FY 2026 Anticipated Deadline: August 1, 2026)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2025 Anticipated Deadline: August 24, 2026)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2026 Application Anticipated Opening: June 21, 2027)
[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)
(FY 2026 Anticipated Deadline: August 23, 2027)

Federal Transit Administration

[DOT FY 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)
(Deadline: July 14, 2025)

Maritime Administration

[DOT MARAD FY 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program](#)
(New Deadline: September 10, 2025)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration





[DOT FMCSA FY 2025 High Priority Program - Commercial Motor Vehicle](#)

(Deadline: June 20, 2025)

[DOT FMCSA FY 2025 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Program](#)

(Deadline: June 20, 2025)

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[DOT PHMSA FY 2025 Pipeline Emergency Response Grants](#)

(Deadline: June 20, 2025)

[DOT PHMSA FY 2025 Technical Assistance Grants](#)

(Deadline: June 20, 2025)

Build America Bureau

[DOT BAB FY 2024 Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program](#)

(New Deadline: June 16, 2025)

AGENDA ITEM D.1.b.

***Preliminary Draft 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
Federal Legislative Platform***

PRELIMINARY REVIEW DRAFT

Federal Funding

- Prioritize distributing federal funding through key formula programs
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
 - Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP)
- Implement or increase mandatory suballocations of funds directly to MPOs
- Shift the share of federal dollars formula funding streams that are more predictable and accessible to our agencies than competitive programs.
- Increase funding for oversubscribed bridge programs, including the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) and Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
- Direct federal funding to strengthen local roads subject to heavy-duty trucks and equipment supporting agricultural production and goods movement
- Maintain funding for programs designed to address air quality challenges in the region with eligibility for more efficient, innovative vehicles and equipment
- Maintain investments in intercity passenger rail, including eligibility for high-speed rail projects that are effectively managed
- Support the *Farm-to-Market Road Improvement Act* that would provide a ten percent set-aside within the Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) Grant Program

Federal Policy Priorities

- Support solutions to streamline project permitting efforts and reduce administrative burdens and project delays associated with *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)* reviews
- Require federal interagency coordination to be fulfilled on reasonable, established timelines
- Reconsider the utility of National Performance Management Measures (NPMs)
- Simplify federal grant application process for competitive programs and enhance access for small and rural agencies

Regional Projects

- [Insert list of pending grant applications]
- [Insert list of pending CDS/CPF requests advanced by Congressional delegation]

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AGENDA ITEM D.2.

SJVRPC Bill Matrix – June 2025

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 259 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	5/14/25 Senate Local Government	This bill would extend the January 1, 2026, sunset under the Brown Act for local agencies to use teleconferencing as an option for participation until January 1, 2030, thus extending the current practice of hybrid meetings indefinitely.	Support
AB 289 (Haney) State highway work zone speed safety program	6/4/25 Senate Rules	This bill would authorize Caltrans to establish a speed safety system pilot program for automated speed enforcement in up to 75 state highway construction or maintenance areas. The bill would require Caltrans to consult with the California Highway Patrol and other relevant stakeholders in developing the guidelines.	Support
AB 377 (Tangipa) High-Speed Rail Authority: business plan	6/2/25 Senate Transportation	This bill would require the High-Speed Rail Authority, as part of the business plan that is due on or before May 1, 2026, to provide a detailed funding plan for the Merced to Bakersfield segment that includes certain information, including an updated estimate of the funding gap for completing the segment and a strategy for addressing the funding gap.	Watch
AB 314 (Arambula) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program: project eligibility	5/23/25 Assembly Appropriations Held in committee	This bill would make transit and active transportation capital projects and transit-oriented development projects near planned high-speed rail (HSR) stations eligible for funding under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and deems these projects to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions due to proximity to the HSR service, irrespective of when the station is operational.	Support

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 609 (Wicks) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: housing development projects	5/20/25 Senate Rules	This bill would provide a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for housing development projects on sites up to 20 acres, which meets specified criteria included that the site is located within an incorporated municipality or an urban area (as defined by the US Census Bureau), and the site has previously been developed with an urban use or at least 75% of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels that are developed with urban uses. The bill also provides ventilation requirements for housing that is within 500 feet of a freeway.	Watch
AB 650 (Papan) Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation	6/3/25 Senate Rules	This bill would extend various timelines in the regional housing needs determination and allocation (RHNA) and housing element process, requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific analysis or text to local governments to remedy deficiencies in their draft housing elements, and allows local governments to deny applications for “builder’s remedy projects” during certain portions of the housing element review process.	Watch
AB 736 (Wicks) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026	6/4/25 Senate Rules	This bill would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to finance programs to fund affordable rental housing and home ownership programs, including, among others, the Multifamily Housing Program, the CalHome Program, and the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program.	Watch
AB 891 (Zbur) Transportation: Quick-Build Project Pilot Program	6/5/25 Senate Rules	This bill would establish the Quick-Build Project Pilot Program within Caltrans' maintenance program to expedite the development and implementation of low-cost projects on the state highway system. The bill would require Caltrans to develop and publish guidance for the deployment of district quick-build projects. The bill would require Caltrans to identify and commit to funding a minimum of 6 quick-build projects statewide.	Support

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 954 (Bennett) STIP: bicycle highway pilot program	6/3/25 Senate Transportation	This bill would require Caltrans to prepare a proposal for the development, including the selection of sites for a pilot program establishing branded networks of bicycle highways that are numbered and signed within 2 of California’s major metropolitan areas. The bill would require Caltrans, on or before January 1, 2030, to include the proposal in the draft ITIP and would require Caltrans to perform all other actions necessary for the pilot program to be programmed in the STIP.	Watch
AB 1014 (Rogers) Traffic safety: speed limits	6/4/25 Senate Transportation	Existing law sets default speed limits for highways and Caltrans must adjust these limits to the nearest 5 miles per hour based on the 85th percentile of traffic speed. Local authorities can lower speed limits if the current limit is deemed too high for safety or specific conditions, such as designating a highway section as a "safety corridor." This bill would allow Caltrans to similarly lower or keep speed limits under specific circumstances and introduces additional criteria for defining "safety corridor." It permits further reductions of 5 miles per hour for safety concerns, such as safe pedestrian crossings. The bill allows setting a 25- or 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on non-freeway highways. As for enforcement, the bill mandates that any peace officer, instead of just the local authority, must issue warning citations for the first 30 days of a new lower speed limit.	Watch
AB 1244 (Wicks) California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impact mitigation: Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program	6/3/25 Senate Rules	This bill allows a development project that is required to mitigate transportation impacts to elect to contribute an amount, at a price per vehicle miles travelled (VMT) determined by the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), to the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Implementation fund for allocation to a local infill housing development.	Watch

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 1275 (Elhawary) Regional housing needs: regional transportation plan	6/4/25 Senate Housing	This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to determine the existing and projected housing need for each region with a council of government (COG) three years prior to the region’s housing element update, instead of two years under existing law, and makes changes to how the transportation and job projections in a region’s sustainable communities strategy (SCS) must be incorporated into each COG’s final regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) plan.	Watch
AB 1305 (Arambula) Air pollution control and air quality management districts: permit information: internet website	5/23/25 Assembly Appropriations Held in committee	This bill would require each air district, for all active permits required for equipment or processes that may release or control air pollutants and that require or required the use of one or more emission reduction credits, to use a template developed by the Office of Data and Innovation to make publicly available on its internet website a map of permitted facilities containing specified information regarding those permits. The bill would require the Office of Data and Innovation to consult with local community groups when determining how best to design the template so that air district permit information is presented in a specified manner. By adding to the duties of these districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Oppose
AB 1421 (Wilson) Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee	3/13/25 Assembly Transportation Two-year bill	This bill would extend the operation of the Road User Technical Advisory Committee from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2035.	Watch

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 30 (Cortese) Diesel-powered on-track equipment: decommissioning: resale and transfer restrictions	6/5/25 Assembly Transportation	As amended in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/30, this bill would prohibit a public entity that owns diesel-powered on-track equipment from selling, donating, or otherwise transferring Tier 0 or Tier 1 equipment for continued use after the public entity decommissions the equipment.	Watch
SB 71 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects	6/4/25 Assembly Rules	This bill would remove the January 1, 2030 sunset on existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for various transportation plans and projects; retain a January 1, 2032, sunset for transportation projects using near-zero emission, natural gas, or low-NOx technology; and expand the existing exemption to include changes to plans redesigning transit networks and for projects for micro transit, paratransit, shuttles, and ferries.	Support
SB 79 (Wiener) Local government land: public transit use: housing development: transit-oriented development	6/4/25 Assembly Rules	This bill would allow more housing to be built near major public transportation stops by establishing state standards for transit-oriented zoning around major transit stops, especially train stations. This bill requires zoning for multifamily residential uses near major transit stops on any site zoned for residential, mixed-use, commercial, or light industrial development up to a specified height, density, and floor area ratio. The bill authorizes transit agencies to develop at the same or greater density on land they own or have a permanent operating easement on. Currently, zero emission trains have a CEQA exemption.	Watch

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 239 (Arreguín) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body	6/3/25 Senate Floor Placed on Inactive File- Two-year bill	<p>This bill is a Brown Act bill that would allow for subsidiary bodies of a local agency that serves exclusively in an advisory capacity to use teleconferencing rather than in-person attendance to conduct meetings, provided that the body designates at least one physical location where members of the public may physically attend and that each member of the subsidiary body participate through both audio and visual technology.</p> <p>The bill would exempt from these alternative teleconferencing provisions a subsidiary body that has subject matter jurisdiction over police oversight, elections, or budgets. The bill would require any final recommendations adopted by a subsidiary body to be presented at a regular meeting of the legislative body that established the subsidiary body.</p> <p>The bill would sunset on January 1, 2030, and thereby remove the authorization for subsidiary bodies to use these alternative teleconferencing provisions</p> <p>This would apply to advisory committees.</p>	Support
SB 318 (Becker) Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology: indirect sources	5/23/25 Senate Appropriations Held in committee	<p>This bill would allow the State Air Resources Board (CARB) to adopt and enforce rules and regulations applicable to indirect sources of emissions, as specified. If CARB elects to exercise that authority, the bill would require they establish a schedule of fees on facilities and mobile sources to cover the reasonable costs of implementing and enforcing the regulations. The fees are to be deposited in the Air Pollution Control Fund and made available to CARB upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would require CARB to establish a statewide reporting program to quantify emissions and annually collect related information from indirect sources of emissions.</p> <p>This bill would establish definitions for the terms “best available control technology” and “best available retrofit control technology” for purposes of the laws governing air pollution and would set forth various requirements for the determination of best available control technology. The bill also overhauls the permitting process conducted by air districts.</p>	Oppose

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 445 (Wiener) Transportation: planning: complete streets facilities: sustainable transportation projects	5/28/25 Assembly Rules	T. his bill would require Caltrans to develop and adopt project intake, evaluation, and encroachment review processes for complete streets. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to amend this bill with legislation that accelerates and makes more reliable third-party permits and approvals for preconstruction and construction activities on sustainable transportation projects.	Watch
SB 545 (Cortese) High-Speed Rail: economic opportunities	6/3/25 Assembly Rules	This bill would require the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, on or before July 1, 2026, to commission a study on economic opportunities along the high-speed rail alignment, as provided. The bill would require an infrastructure district established in support of the high-speed rail project to include local improvements among the eligible projects to be funded by district revenues. The bill would require any revenues collected beyond the establishment of an infrastructure district to be committed to the ongoing maintenance and operation of the high-speed rail system.	Support
SB 667 (Archuleta) Railroads: safety: wayside detectors: train length: emergency vehicle crossing	4/29/25 Senate Transportation Two-year bill	This bill requires a railroad corporation to operate a network of wayside detector systems on or adjacent to any track used by a freight train. By mandating comprehensive detection coverage and communication protocols, it attempts to enhance California's ability to detect potential equipment failures before they result in catastrophic incidents. The bill requires a maximum length of 7,500 feet for certain trains in California operating on any part of a main line or branch line in this state. This would apply to trains whose travel originates in California, as well as a train that stops to add or remove cars in California prior to its final destination. The bill requires that stationary trains blocking at-grade railroad crossings be cut, separated, or moved to allow passage of emergency vehicles. While this bill is intended to enhance safety, it may harm freight operations and, ultimately, slots for passenger rail service if enacted.	Watch

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SB 707 (Durazo) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements	6/4/25 Assembly Rules	<p>This bill would make numerous changes to the Brown Act, including the following:</p> <p>This bill would revise the definition of a legislative body and would specify that bodies with certain subject matter jurisdiction, including budgets, and some advisory are legislative bodies.</p> <p>This bill would also include as a “meeting” any conversation between members of a legislative body regarding, among other things, the compensation of a local agency executive, and the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee.</p> <p>This bill would also require the agenda to be provided in all languages spoken jointly by 20% or more of the population in the county in which the local agency is located that, among other things, speaks English less than “very well,” as specified, and except as provided. This bill would require a body, when report an action taken in closed session to also include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the action taken.</p> <p>The bill would also prohibit a legislative body of a local agency from calling a special meeting regarding the evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a local agency executive, or a member of the legislative body. The bill would prohibit a legislative body from, among other things, considering the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee, at a special meeting, unless the item is properly before the legislative body, as specified, and certain criteria are met, including that at least 4 /5 of the legislative body vote at the start of the meeting to proceed with the meeting.</p>	<p align="center">Watch</p>

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SB 752 (Richardson) Sales and use taxes: exemptions: California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project: transit buses	5/23/25 Senate Appropriations Held in Committee	This bill would extend the sales tax exemption on zero-emission bus purchases from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028.	Support