



2025 CalSTA Accomplishments Report



Night view of the Vincent Thomas Bridge lit up with nearby cranes and shipping containers.

Cover

Top Left: Pedestrians use a city crosswalk.

Top Right: Commuters board a Caltrain double-decker train.

Middle Left: Two women ride Caltrain.

Middle Right: Two people ride bicycles along the Alexander Zuckermann Bicycle-Pedestrian Path.

Bottom: Aerial view of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.





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Message from the Secretary

CalSTA proudly reflects on another year of progress, partnership, and innovation. Our Agency remains deeply committed to advancing meaningful change for all who call California home by building a transportation system that connects people, strengthens communities and supports our shared future.

As California's transportation needs evolve, CalSTA remains steadfast in leading with vision and accountability. Building on the foundation of our first-ever Strategic Plan, 2025 marked the launch of several transformative initiatives that will guide our work in the years ahead. In March, we introduced the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) 2.0, expanding upon our current climate action framework to further integrate equity, sustainability, and accessibility into every transportation investment we make. In August, we launched the Sustainable Communities Task Force, a group that brings together community partners from different fields to ensure our transportation, housing, and environmental efforts work better together.



Secretary Omishakin with two members of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at the site of the Palisades Fire cleanup in April.

We also advanced CalSTA's Innovation Accelerator, part of our 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, which focuses on using new technology and creative ideas to make it easier and safer for Californians to get where they need to go.

In addition, 2025 underscored the critical importance of partnership and resilience. CalSTA played a key role in the unprecedented multi-agency response to the Los Angeles fires, working alongside CalOES, Caltrans, CHP, and local governments to protect evacuation routes, maintain mobility, and support impacted communities. This coordinated effort demonstrated the strength of California's transportation system and the dedication of the people who sustain it. ➡➡

In August, Governor Gavin Newsom, Secretary Omishakin, CHP Commissioner Duryee and Assistant CHP Commissioner Ellison joined to announce an expanded CHP presence in major California cities—strengthening efforts to combat crime and enhance public safety.

Kenya Climate Envoy Ambassador Ali Mohamed and Nigerian National Council on Climate Change Director-General Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe tour the Port of Oakland with CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin and Port of Oakland Executive Director Kristi McKenney during San Francisco Climate Week 2025.



CalSTA also expanded its global perspective this year. Secretary Toks Omishakin and a delegation of Agency leaders traveled abroad to study leading transportation systems around the world—gaining insights into sustainable mobility, rail integration, and multimodal innovation that will inform California’s ongoing efforts to create a world-class, climate-smart transportation network.

Our work continues to be grounded in our Core Four priorities: Safety, Equity, Climate Action, and Economic Prosperity, with continued emphasis on Mobility and Innovation. These principles remain at the heart of everything we do and define how we measure success. In 2025, we took bold steps to improve safety through the launch of the Road Safety Initiative, secured long-term funding to advance High-Speed Rail, and expanded Clean California through a strengthened Community Cleanup Program that continues to enhance public spaces statewide.



Each of these achievements reflects our unwavering focus on creating a transportation network that is resilient, inclusive, and responsive to the people it serves.

Secretary Omishakin speaks with Caltrans officials atop Regent’s Slide on the Big Sur coast, where a major landslide closed Highway 1 north of the San Luis Obispo–Monterey county line.

Under Governor Newsom’s leadership, CalSTA remains focused on delivering a California for All—a vision where transportation systems do more than move people; they connect opportunity, reduce barriers, uplift neighborhoods, and protect the environment for future generations.

As we look back on the accomplishments of this year, I want to recognize the dedication of our teams across CalSTA’s departments, boards, and commissions. Their work exemplifies the best of public service and drives the innovation that moves California forward. This report is more than a record of milestones achieved; it is a testament to what can be accomplished when collaboration, vision, and determination come together in service to all Californians. We enter 2026 with renewed optimism, focused on building a safer, more equitable, and sustainable transportation future for all Californians.

Thank you, and keep pushing

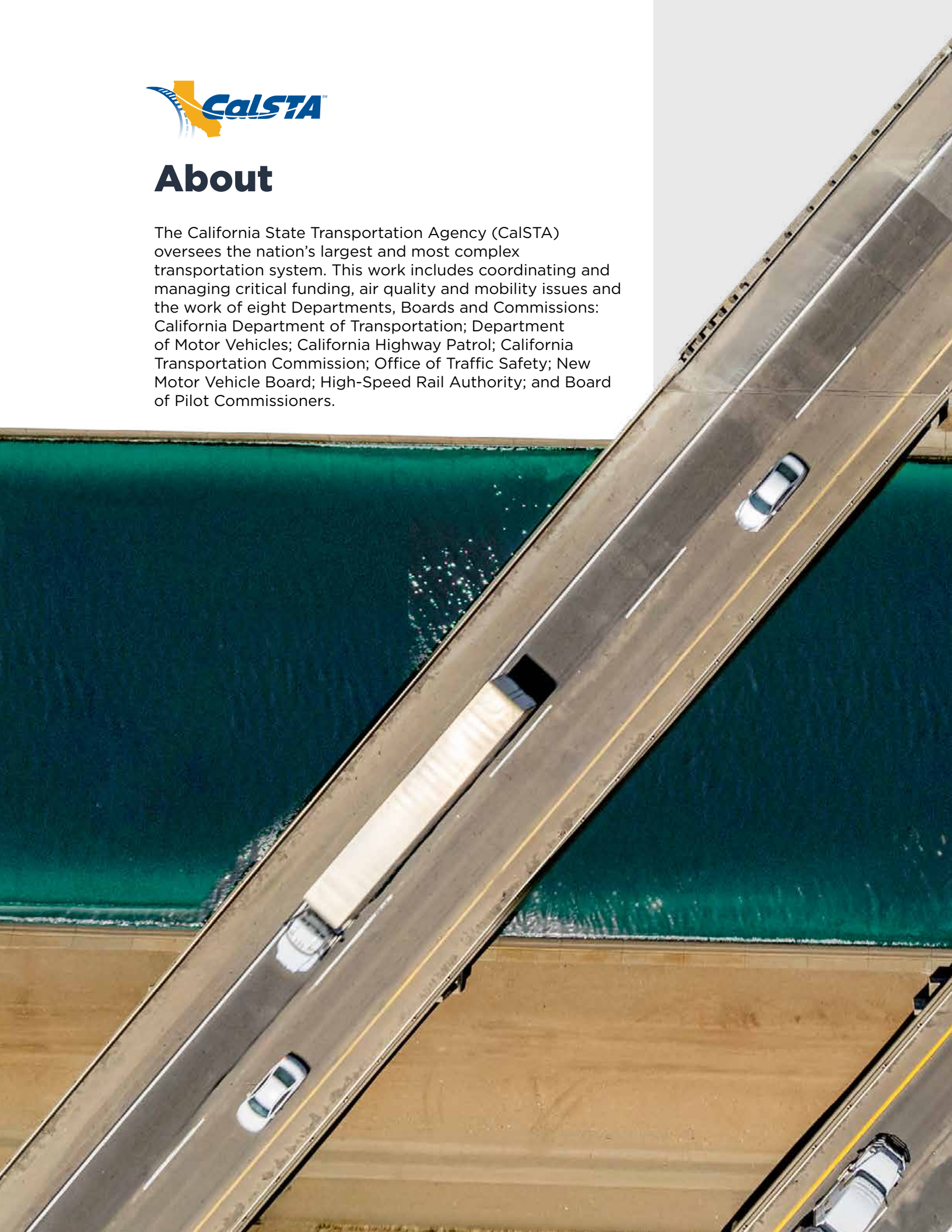
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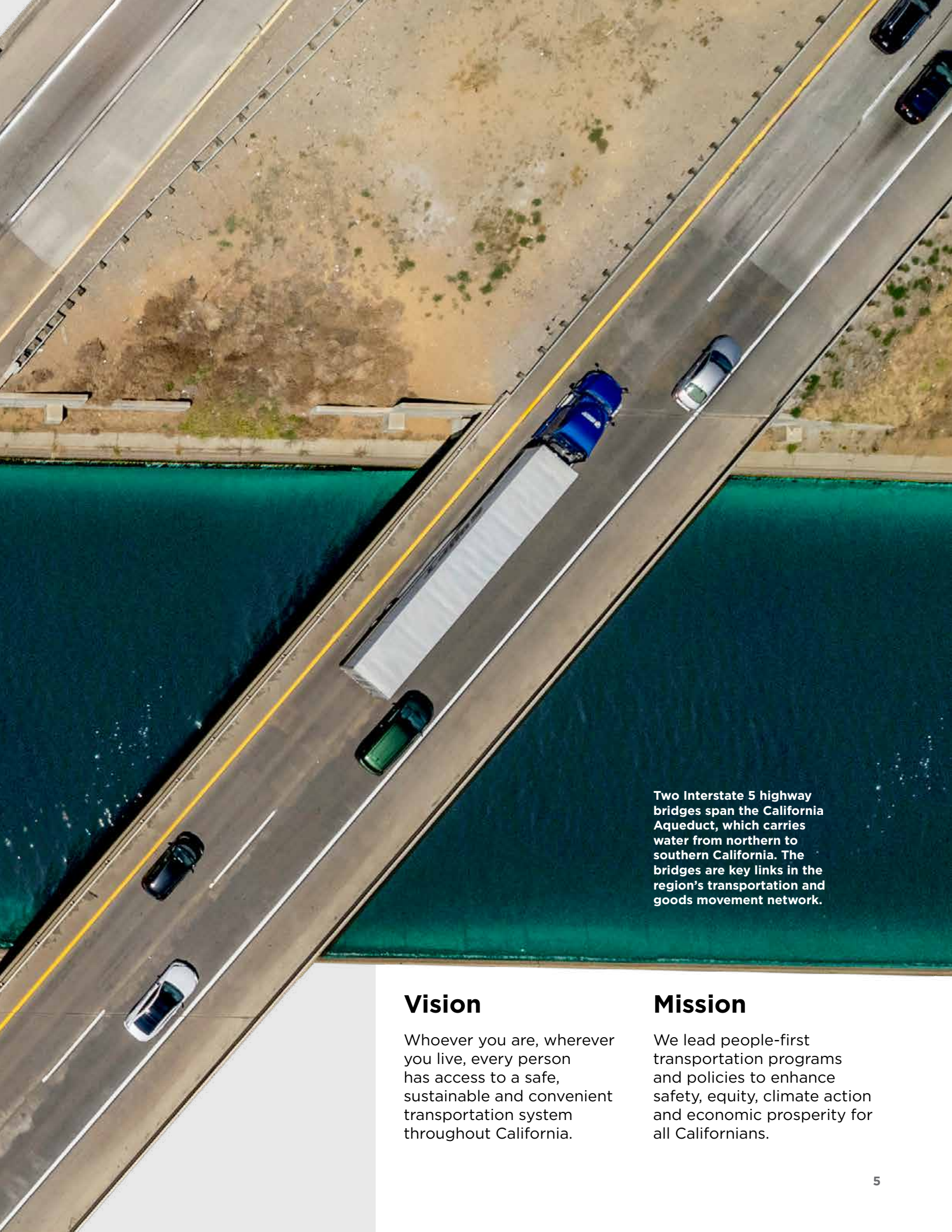
Secretary, California State Transportation Agency



About

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) oversees the nation's largest and most complex transportation system. This work includes coordinating and managing critical funding, air quality and mobility issues and the work of eight Departments, Boards and Commissions: California Department of Transportation; Department of Motor Vehicles; California Highway Patrol; California Transportation Commission; Office of Traffic Safety; New Motor Vehicle Board; High-Speed Rail Authority; and Board of Pilot Commissioners.





Two Interstate 5 highway bridges span the California Aqueduct, which carries water from northern to southern California. The bridges are key links in the region's transportation and goods movement network.

Vision

Whoever you are, wherever you live, every person has access to a safe, sustainable and convenient transportation system throughout California.

Mission

We lead people-first transportation programs and policies to enhance safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity for all Californians.



Core Four Priorities

To understand where all our work begins, we look to our Core Four priorities of Safety, Equity, Climate Action and Economic Prosperity. CalSTA's gauge for progress and success is people and their quality of life, so every aspect of our work is people-focused and viewed through the lens of these four values. Each of our eight Department, Boards and Commissions rely on our Core Four through policies, initiatives and everyday action. Because we can't attain our goals without a solid foundation supporting our values, the Core Four framework consistently drives every area of our decision making.

- **Safety**
- **Equity**
- **Climate Action**
- **Economic Prosperity**

A hiker walks along a scenic trail at Brushy Peak Regional Preserve in Livermore, California, with distant views of rolling hills and wind turbines.





Safety

Through October 2025, data from the [National Safety Council](#) suggests a 38 percent reduction in motor vehicle deaths on California roadways. 1,558 fewer fatalities than in 2024. An estimated 11 percent of all traffic deaths in the United States this year occurred on California roadways. We have the responsibility and the opportunity to achieve better outcomes by embedding the Safe System approach into our investments, planning, design and programs. We are committed to being proactive and inclusive as we work towards our goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.



Equity

Transportation must be a connector, not a divider. Many historic transportation decisions focused on vehicles over people, particularly in California's underserved communities. Moving forward, it is our responsibility to approach every plan, every project and every action through a lens of equity in order to provide equitable access and opportunities for all people.



Economic Prosperity

A vibrant quality of life is an essential component of our work, so the ongoing wellness of all people in our state is a top priority. A strong economy, good-paying jobs and a robust supply chain contribute to thriving communities. We continue directing our efforts to enhance the physical and economic health of every Californian, every day.



Climate Action

California's transportation sector is the source of nearly half of all climate-changing pollution in our state. Investment in a multimodal system, implementation of smarter land use development and increased innovation centered on zero-emission vehicles will help accelerate California's path to carbon neutrality.





Departments, Boards and Commissions Accomplishments

In 2025, by implementing CalSTA's Core Four priorities of Safety, Equity, Climate Action and Economic Prosperity in all of its work, all eight CalSTA Departments, Boards and Commissions made significant and measurable contributions that have demonstrably improved California's transportation infrastructure. →



We proudly celebrate our accomplishments in this report, but we are just getting started. Momentum is strong, and we look forward to seeing continued, impactful results play out in our communities. Improving transportation accessibility and safety for everyone, providing good jobs, being stewards of our environment and fostering economic growth benefits all Californians and those who visit our great state.



We are committed to becoming a global leader in clean transportation!

A busy street in San Francisco's Hayes Valley with a "Transit Only" lane, trolley tracks, and people walking and biking.

Building a safe and equitable transportation system for every Californian.



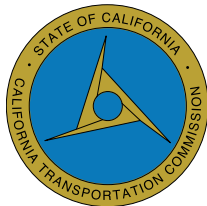
Introduced
CAPTI 2.0

14 new actions

to further align California's transportation investments with its climate, health and equity goals

LA Metro Transit Center at LAX, supported by TIRCP funding and CTC investments, seeing a more than

139% increase
in weekday ridership



Allocated nearly

\$13.7 billion

to projects creating more than

150,000 jobs
in FY 2024-25



Awarded over

\$140 million

in federal funding across

495 local grants

to improve roadway safety statewide



2.45 million

ZEVs on California roads

94%

of Californians now live within just 10 minutes of an EV charger



896 active construction contracts
underway, representing a combined
value of more than
\$15 billion



Officers recovered
3,650 illicit firearms
as of December 1, the highest
year-to-date total in CHP history



Secured over
\$2 million
in funding and initiated the
procurement process for its IT
Modernization Project



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

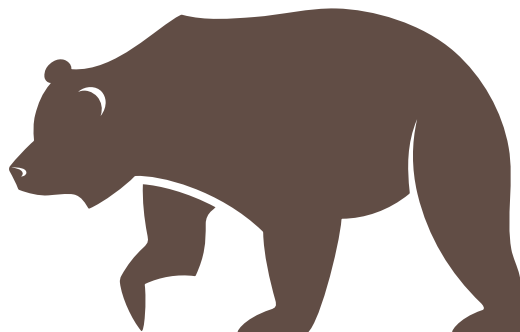
Created more than
16,000 jobs

\$8 billion
in total labor income

\$22 billion
in total economic activity



Moving services
online saves
2.4 million
office visits annually



CALIFORNIA



Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

Statewide expansion of the CHP's crime suppression efforts

In late August, Governor Newsom expanded the California Highway Patrol's deployment to major cities throughout the state — San Diego, the Inland Empire, Los Angeles, the Central Valley, Sacramento, and the San Francisco Bay Area. →



In November, officers conducted concentrated crime suppression operations both on the ground and in the air across Bakersfield and Kern Counties. These efforts resulted in numerous arrests and the seizure of 61 pounds of illegally processed marijuana.



Safety

Accomplishments

Since the expansion in August, the CHP's crime suppression teams have produced significant results (totals through November 30).

- 1,446 arrests
- 249 stolen vehicles recovered
- 63 illicit firearms seized
- Estimated 2,000 pounds of illicit drugs - including fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine - since late August

An estimated 2,000 pounds of illicit drugs were recovered from August through November 30.



In October, officers conducted an enforcement stop in Los Angeles County. Officers seized a gun magazine and located 26 packages of illicit fentanyl.





Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

CHP sets record for illicit firearm seizures, expands fentanyl detection capabilities

As of December 1, the CHP has recovered 3,650 illicit firearms, the highest year-to-date total in the Department's history, reflecting the agency's statewide enforcement efforts. In addition, all 53 active CHP K-9 teams are now certified in fentanyl detection, expanding the Department's ability to intercept dangerous drugs and support frontline officers.



According to the [Major Cities Chiefs Association](#), overall violent crime in major California cities is down 12 percent in 2025 compared to 2024. The largest overall declines in violent crime were reported by the police departments in Oakland (25%) and San Francisco (21%). Data from the California Department of Justice reports that the 2024 homicide rate is now the second lowest it has been since at least 1966.

Six stolen vehicles, 11 firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition and nearly 100 pounds of methamphetamine recovered in Kern County.





Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

CHP combats organized retail crime making nearly 900 arrests in 2025

From January through October 2025, the California Highway Patrol-led Organized Retail Crime Task Force (ORCTF) made 874 arrests, conducted 566 investigations and recovered more than 210,000 stolen items valued at about \$11.5 million. Since the ORCTF's inception in 2019, CHP has participated in over 4,100 investigations, leading to the arrest of more than 4,600 suspects and the recovery of over 1.4 million stolen items valued at \$64.5 million. California has invested \$1.7 billion since 2019 in public safety, \$267 million of that was distributed to 55 communities to bolster local Organized Retail Crime reduction efforts.



Items recovered during CHP-led multi-agency investigation into statewide organized retail crime.



CHP led a multi-agency investigation into statewide organized retail crime targeting home improvement retailers.



\$20,000 in stolen glasses recovered during a traffic stop in Marin County in November.



Safety

Accomplishments

DMV

California advances autonomous vehicle oversight and innovation

California is recognized as a leader in autonomous vehicle (AV) regulation by meticulously balancing public safety with technological innovation through active collaboration with stakeholders across all levels of government and industry.

As of 2025, the state's regulatory framework, overseen by the DMV, authorizes:

- 30 manufacturers to test AVs on public roads with a safety driver
- Six entities to conduct driverless testing
- Three companies to deploy commercial AV passenger services

Passengers board an autonomous vehicle in San Francisco.

Recent proposed regulatory updates include:

- A phased permit process for light and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles
- Enhanced incident reporting requirements to improve transparency and accountability
- Clearer protocols for law enforcement when responding to AV-related incidents
- Expanded enforcement authority that allows the DMV to suspend, or revoke permits when safety risks are identified

Through these efforts, California is establishing a clear pathway for autonomous vehicle manufacturers to deploy technologies that improve access to goods and services while enhancing mobility options for all Californians.





Safety Accomplishments

DMV

21 million REAL ID cards issued ahead of federal enforcement

The California Department of Motor Vehicles issued more than 21 million REAL ID cards to Californians, supporting compliance with federal travel requirements that took effect on May 7, 2025. A REAL ID is also required to enter secure federal facilities and military bases.

There are 33.9 million active driver's license and ID card holders statewide, with 1.7 million holding Federally noncompliant cards.



California REAL IDs have a golden bear with a white star in the top right corner.

A sample of the new advanced security California driver license.



DMV

Next-gen security built into new design driver's licenses

In 2025, DMV introduced a redesigned driver's license and ID card featuring advanced security and updated technology. The new card features images of California's natural beauty that include majestic redwoods, colorful poppies and scenic coastline.

The magnetic strip has been removed and replaced with a digital security signature embedded in one of the barcodes — providing next-generation security and anti-counterfeit technology. California is one of the first states to adopt these new security features.

Californians will automatically receive the newly designed card when they renew by mail. Until then, customers' previously issued cards remain valid until expiration.



Safety

Accomplishments

DMV

Mobile DMV offices served nearly 10,000 wildfire survivors

From January to April, the DMV deployed specialized mobile teams to help survivors of Southern California wildfires quickly replace essential documents needed to access vital services and file insurance claims.

Nearly 10,000 fire survivors were assisted at temporary Disaster Recovery Centers in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Altadena.

DMV team members operated temporary, fully equipped mobile offices at key Disaster Recovery Centers in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Altadena. Utilizing laptops, printers, and cameras, these dedicated teams provided critical, on-the-spot support. Their efforts were impactful, assisting 9,562 individuals and successfully completing 6,538 transactions, which included the replacement of driver's licenses, ID cards and vehicle registrations.





Safety

Accomplishments

OTS, Caltrans and CHP

“Slow the Fast Down” campaign promotes safer streets

In response to a tragic spike in traffic fatalities, a coalition of state and local agencies, alongside the City of Sacramento and the non-profit Slow Down Sacramento, strengthened their public safety efforts for 2025 through the “Slow the Fast Down” campaign. This public safety initiative was designed to reverse dangerous speeding trends and protect vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.

The campaign was prompted by a tragic milestone: 32 fatalities occurred on Sacramento streets in 2024, a significant increase from the previous four-year average of 28. This alarming statistic served as a stark reminder of speeding’s deadly consequences.

Spearheaded by the California Office of Traffic Safety, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the multi-pronged campaign mobilized public service announcements, targeted social media campaigns and citywide infrastructure improvements. These actions included installing buffered bike lanes and reducing school zone speed limits to create safer conditions for all road users.

OTS Director Stephanie Dougherty joined state and local community partners at Phoebe A. Hearst Elementary School to launch California’s statewide “Slow the Fast Down” traffic safety education campaign.





Safety

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Highway 1 reopens after Rocky Creek emergency repairs

Caltrans completed emergency repairs to State Route 1 at Rocky Creek following a slipout occurring in March 2024. The region relies heavily on tourism, seeing up to 8,800 vehicles per day during peak season. Local businesses reportedly lost an estimated \$1 million per day during the initial full closure.

Caltrans completes emergency repairs at Rocky Creek, restoring Highway 1 access after extensive slide damage.

The rapid completion (in just over 15 months for the main structure) demonstrated the commitment of Caltrans crews who often worked in challenging conditions with a significant drop to the ocean below.

Crews stabilized the cliffside using horizontal and vertical rock dowels with mesh-reinforced shotcrete, and managed traffic with temporary railing and automated signals. A permanent viaduct structure was built to support two-way traffic, and repairs were made to the concrete seawall at the base of the cliff. The highway fully reopened on June 30, 2025.





Safety

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Highway 1 at Regent's Slide opens months before projected timeline

Caltrans has reopened Highway 1 at Regent's Slide months earlier than originally projected, restoring full travel along the Big Sur coast far ahead of the previously announced March 2026 timeline. After a massive February 2024 slide and overlapping closures at Paul's Slide, crews worked seven days a week using advanced engineering techniques—including remote operated equipment, top down excavation, and more than 4,600 shear dowels—to stabilize one of California's most challenging slopes.

This accelerated progress allowed Caltrans District 5 to safely reopen the highway in early January 2026, reconnecting communities and supporting local businesses for the first time in two years. The early reopening reflects extensive coordination, continuous monitoring, and Caltrans' commitment to public safety and coastal access.



Images from the Regent's Slide Removal Emergency Project.





Safety

Accomplishments

NMVB

Vehicle safety recall efforts expanded

California leads the nation in Takata airbag replacements and recall resolutions with 107,500 completed between April 2024 and April 2025. Nearly 80 percent of the vehicles checked on [CheckToProtect.org](https://www.checktoprotect.org) are repaired within 90 days.

In 2025, the New Motor Vehicle Board expanded its Takata airbag recall outreach to include all open safety recalls, partnering with other CalSTA departments to promote “Check to Protect”, a free program led by the National Safety Council. CalSTA agencies amplified awareness during Vehicle Safety Recalls Week (March 3–29) and again on June 20 for Travel Safe Summer, using social media to encourage drivers to check their vehicles for open recalls.

In November, NVMB and DMV participated in Ethnic Media Forums hosted by the Governor’s Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications. Forums targeted those disproportionately impacted by vehicle safety recalls: communities of color, rural communities and low-income communities, where vehicles may be older and operated by second, third or even fourth owners unaware of the recalls.

Graphic promoting California’s expanded vehicle safety recall outreach.



CHP

Specially marked vehicles combat “video game-styled” driving

In May, the CHP deployed 100 low-profile, specially marked patrol vehicles (SMPVs) to target what officers describe as “video game-styled” driving on California’s highways.

These SMPVs blend into traffic long enough to spot the most dangerous behavior. In their first six months on the road, CHP officers operating these vehicles issued nearly 33,000 speed-related citations statewide. Of those citations issued, more than 1,100 were for speeds greater than 100 mph.



CHP’s low-profile, specially marked patrol vehicles are deployed to crack down on dangerous high-speed driving on California’s highways.



Safety

Accomplishments

OTS

California traffic fatalities show significant decline

California achieved a major safety milestone in 2025. [Preliminary data](#) from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and the National Safety Council (NSC) indicates traffic fatalities dropped by nearly 38 percent through October, saving 1,558 lives compared to the same period in 2024. While final statewide totals for 2024 and 2025 are still being compiled, early trends point to continued improvement following several years of elevated fatality rates.

For context, California recorded 4,061 deaths in 2023, down from 4,539 in 2022 and 4,513 in 2021, according to [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\) Fatality Analysis Reporting System \(FARS\) data](#). This progress reflects strategic investments, including \$140 million in federal funding distributed through 495 local grants, supporting programs to reduce impaired and distracted driving, address speeding, and enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety. These efforts align with California's goal to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 30 percent by 2035, signaling strong momentum toward safer roads statewide.



Los Angeles, March 2025.



Safety

Accomplishments

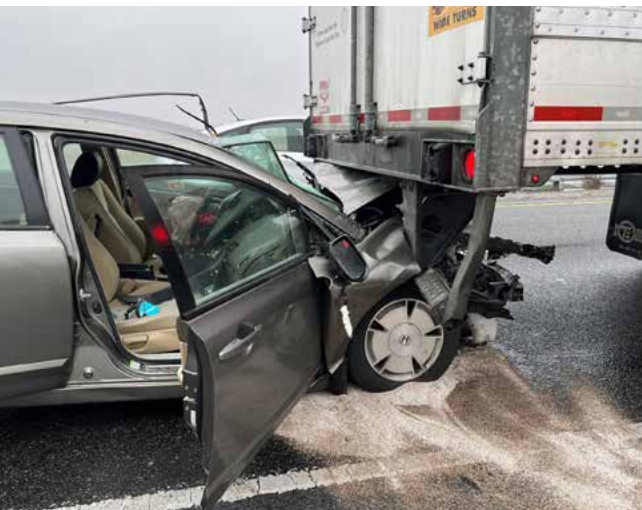
CalSTA

Secretary's Policy on Road Safety sets goal to reduce serious crashes

In October, CalSTA Secretary Omishakin, and California Health & Human Services Agency Secretary Johnson signed the new Secretary's Policy on Road Safety, committing California to a prevention-first, Safe System Approach to eliminate fatal and serious traffic injuries.

Grounded in public health principles, the policy aligns agency decisions and investments to reduce exposure, crash likelihood and injury severity.

Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy, CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee, California Health & Human Services Secretary Kim Johnson and Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin attend the signing of the Secretary's Policy on Road Safety on October 15, 2025. The signing took place on Avalon Boulevard in South Los Angeles, one of the state's first designated safety corridors under the new initiative.



It sets an interim goal to cut deadly and serious injury crashes by 30 percent by 2035 and reconvenes a cross-sector task force to develop a prioritized action plan. The policy embeds safety across departments—through design, operations, policy and investment—with a focus on equity and measurable, population-level impact.

Collision on I-5 near Sacramento.



Safety

Accomplishments

OTS

711 empty chairs represent lives lost in Los Angeles County

In 2025, OTS and Caltrans partnered with Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and the Emily Shane Foundation to host a World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims at Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles. The event marked the launch of the “Empty Chair” initiative, encouraging Californians to share stories of loved ones lost in traffic crashes. A powerful art installation featured 711 empty chairs, each representing a life lost in Los Angeles County in 2024.

California experienced an estimated 3,807 traffic fatalities in 2024, a 6.3 percent decrease from the previous year, making it the lowest number of fatalities since 2019.

White doves were released by survivors to honor the lives of the 711 victims.



Yellow roses adorn 711 empty chairs, each representing a life lost in a Los Angeles County traffic crash in 2024.



Safety

Accomplishments

OTS

California and Nevada unite for 4th of July DUI prevention

Over the 2025 Independence Day weekend, California and Nevada launched a joint anti-impaired driving campaign to promote safe, sober travel during one of the year's highest-risk holidays.

The California and Nevada Offices of Traffic Safety, CHP, Caltrans and Nevada State Police collaborated on a multi-platform outreach effort, delivering safety messages across social media and targeting high-traffic corridors from Lake Tahoe to the Las Vegas Strip.



CHP officers conducted 46,582 enforcement actions statewide during the Independence Day weekend.

CHP officers conducted 46,582 enforcement actions and made 1,311 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI) statewide during the four-day period. This equates to approximately one DUI arrest every 17 minutes. A total of 34,548 citations were issued for various offenses, including 21,328 for speeding.

The Nevada State Police conducted 939 enforcement stops, issued 744 citations across the state and made 95 DUI arrests during the July 4 weekend.

The campaign aligned with both states' Maximum Enforcement Periods and emphasized the life-saving importance of celebrating responsibly.



Graphic for the California-Nevada holiday campaign urging drivers to stay sober and drive safely.



Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

Largest graduating class of CHP officers in 16 years

The California Highway Patrol continues to strengthen its ranks to meet statewide public safety needs. In 2025, the CHP successfully hired 780 new officers, including the October swearing-in of its largest class in nearly 16 years, marking the department's lowest vacancy rate since 2014.



This achievement follows last year's successful completion of the "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign, launched in June 2022 to fill 1,000 officer positions by hiring qualified individuals across the state. The CHP is ending the year on a strong note, on track to receive more than 33,000 applications from highly motivated individuals interested in serving the public and the State of California.



Officer Gilmore receives his badge at the October Graduation ceremony.

New CHP officers are sworn in by CHP Commissioner Duryee during the August 2025 graduation ceremony in West Sacramento.





Safety

Accomplishments

CalSTA and Caltrans

AI means safer roads, fewer injuries and equitable transportation for all Californians

Guided by Governor Newsom's [Executive Order N-12-23](#) and Secretary Omishakin's leadership, CalSTA's AI innovations have focused on transportation safety improvements. Caltrans launched AI pilots focused on protecting vulnerable roadway users and improving traffic mobility. These efforts leverage predictive analytics and generative AI to help identify high-risk zones, reduce collisions and accelerate safety interventions.



Moving forward, CalSTA is embedding AI into statewide systems with strict governance and ethical oversight. Plans include appointing a Chief Data and AI Officer at Caltrans, conducting AI readiness assessments and implementing Data and AI Strategic Plans. Workforce training ensures AI complements human expertise, enabling faster, smarter decisions. For CalSTA, success means safer roads, fewer injuries and equitable transportation outcomes for all Californians.

In April, Governor Gavin Newsom visited Accenture's Los Angeles headquarters to announce that California has entered into three groundbreaking agreements to leverage generative AI. These initiatives aim to reduce highway congestion, improve roadway safety, and enhance customer service in state call centers.

Marcie Kahbody, CalSTA Deputy Secretary and Chief Information Officer (left), joins the Leadership Strategies to Transform Public Services panel discussion at the NVIDIA GTC Conference in Washington, D.C.





Safety

Accomplishments

CalSTA

New State Priority Safety Corridor launches

The State Priority Safety Corridor initiative demonstrates California's renewed commitment to preventing fatal and serious injuries on our roadways. These corridors apply the Safe System Approach, now formally adopted through the Joint Secretary's Policy on Road Safety, into action at the corridor scale.

Each corridor is prioritized and supported by data as a high-injury location where State, regional, and local partners will apply the Safe System principles of prevention, shared responsibility and equity to reduce harm and save lives. Current corridor projects include Avalon Blvd in Los Angeles and State Route 91 in southeast Los Angeles County.



State Route 91 driving east.

OTS

California invests \$140 million in road safety projects statewide

In December, the OTS awarded over \$140 million in federal funding across 495 local grants to enhance roadway safety and reduce traffic fatalities throughout California.

This initiative supports various programs including education and enforcement targeting impaired and distracted driving, speeding and illegal street racing, as well as funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety, car seat safety, and emergency medical services equipment. The state aims to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 30 percent by 2035.



OTS awarded CHP \$22 million to support 20 outreach projects that aim to reduce traffic fatalities.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

The Caltrans Construction Mentor Protégé Program (CMPP) continues to transform our workforce

This barrier-breaking initiative is designed to advance equity in construction and workforce development by empowering small and disadvantaged business enterprises to compete successfully in public infrastructure contracting. Originally launched in District 4 in 2007 and expanded statewide across all 12 Caltrans districts in 2023, CMPP has become the first comprehensive construction contractors mentorship program of its kind in California.

The program's six-to-eight-month accelerator model blends hands-on workshops with personalized one-on-one mentoring, guiding protégés through the complete lifecycle of Caltrans construction projects—from bid preparation and contract execution to final closeout.

In 2025 alone, CMPP graduated 82 protégés, bringing the total to 250 contractors statewide since its statewide inception, with many graduates actively bidding on and securing Caltrans contracts, including emergency work and Minor B projects. Beyond technical competence, the program fosters strategic relationship-building and real-world problem-solving, ensuring that competent firms historically limited to private sector work can meaningfully participate in California's billions of dollars in public infrastructure investment. →→



Construction Mentor Protégé Program graduation and appreciation ceremony, Districts 1, 2 and 3, North Region, July 10, 2025.

Construction Mentor Protégé Program graduation and appreciation ceremony, District 6, Fresno, August 4, 2025.





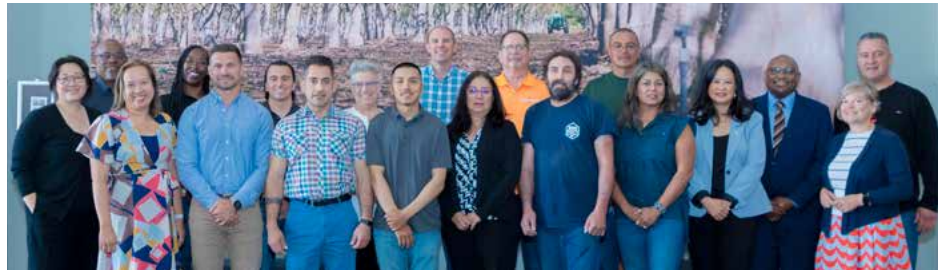
Equity Accomplishments

The program's impact extends beyond graduation: protégé insights during interactive "Shark Tank" sessions directly sparked the full deployment in 2025 of the [Caltrans Contracting Opportunities Portal \(CCOP\)](#), a revolutionary centralized platform that consolidates construction opportunities from multiple procurement sources, streamlines access, enhances transparency, and promotes greater participation among small and disadvantaged firms.

With unanimous endorsement from construction industry partners and all 12 Caltrans districts, CMPP exemplifies Caltrans' unwavering commitment to equity, inclusion, and building a more diverse, resilient contractor pool that strengthens California's infrastructure excellence.



Construction Mentor Protégé Program graduation - District 8, San Bernadino, May 30, 2024.



Construction Mentor Protégé Program graduation and appreciation ceremony- District 10, Stockton, July 25, 2025.



Construction Mentor Protégé Program graduation and appreciation ceremony, District 4, Bay Area, September 9, 2025.



Equity

Accomplishments

CTC

Adoption of CTC's 2024 Senate Bill 1 competitive programs

The Commission awarded \$1.5 billion to 37 projects through three grant programs created by Senate Bill 1: the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and the Local Partnership Competitive Program.



The funded projects will reduce congestion on roads and highways by expanding transit and rail options and providing more biking and walking opportunities. They will improve safety for all modes of transportation, strengthen the backbone of California's economy and move billions of dollars of goods more efficiently.



These investments will also expand the state's zero-emission freight infrastructure and prioritize equity by directing resources to historically underserved communities. This commitment ensures that neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by pollution and lacking access to safe, reliable transportation receive meaningful improvements that enhance mobility, reduce environmental burdens and create opportunities for economic growth.

SMART train at the Petaluma station with housing in the background.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Zela Davis Park renovated through Clean California

Zela Davis Park in Hawthorne received a full upgrade in 2025. The park serves nearly 20,000 residents within a walkable half-mile radius and is a vital resource for students and families from nearby Zela Davis Elementary School, as well as Kornblum and Bud Carson Middle Schools.

Community members gather for the May ribbon-cutting, celebrating the renovated Zela Davis Park in Hawthorne.

A new playground, basketball half-court, decorated walking paths with LED lighting, exercise equipment, picnic areas, community Wi-Fi access, and ADA-accessible restrooms were created using the \$3.3 million Clean California grant.





Equity

Accomplishments

CalSTA, Caltrans and CTC

Interagency Equity Advisory Committee unveils landmark vision for transportation equity

In 2025, the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, which provides guidance to the California State Transportation Agency, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission, has adopted a comprehensive mission, vision and set of foundational principles to drive transportation equity across California. This framework is designed to establish a consistent, recognized guide for the committee's work and its advisory support to the three agencies.



The foundational principles for this transformative approach include:

- Acknowledge History & Past Harms
- Emphasize Partnership & Collaboration
- Center Community Practices
- Prioritize Safety & Safe System Approach
- Support Economic Opportunity
- Affirm Disability Access & Inclusive Mobility Justice
- Empower Systemic Change

Interagency Equity Advisory Committee for the California Transportation Commission.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

3.4 million cubic yards of litter removed from California communities

In September, the Clean California initiative solidified its impactful legacy by achieving significant milestones in community revitalization and environmental stewardship. The program, launched in 2021, reached major benchmarks including the removal of over 3.4 million cubic yards of litter from public spaces—equivalent to more than 136,000 garbage trucks.



A core focus on beautification yielded over 639 public art installations and funded 314 community improvement projects, enhancing parks and transit areas in underserved neighborhoods. The initiative created more than 18,000 job opportunities, often for vulnerable populations.

Community engagement was critical, with more than 650 “Free Dump Days” hosted statewide and active participation from over 72,000 volunteers. These efforts transformed California’s appearance and fostered a lasting commitment to cleaner, healthier public spaces across 110 communities.



Murals under the Samoa Bridge along Eureka’s Waterfront funded by Clean California.

Clean California Encampment Cleanups in Richmond.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Coffee with Caltrans in Crescent City

In August, Caltrans initiated a unique community engagement event at a popular coffee shop in Crescent City to gather local feedback and build trust for the proposed U.S. 101 tunnel project at Last Chance Grade. The proposed U.S. 101 Last Chance Grade tunnel will be a 6,000-foot-long, twin-bore structure designed to pass through stable granite and bypass landslide-prone areas. This approach provides the lowest geotechnical risk and highest long-term reliability.

Caltrans' Last Chance Grade team at SeaFront Baking Company in Crescent City with community members discussing the proposed tunnel project south of town along U.S. 101.



The tunnel is slated to be California's longest highway tunnel and was chosen for its minimal environmental impact on redwood forests and wetlands. During one-on-one chats with approximately 30 community members and officials, key concerns emerged, including tunnel safety, school bus safety and the cultural significance of local tribes. Casual meetings with community members like this are a valuable investment in building community trust, gathering authentic feedback, and preventing costly project delays and controversies in the long run.



Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy visits with key Last Chance Grade project partners along the landslide-prone stretch of coastal U.S. 101 south of Crescent City.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Local artists create gateway signs for Sonora and Columbia

A Clean California project in the Gold Country used local artists to create gateway signs for Sonora and Columbia that harken back to the state's 1849 founding. Travelers now see steam trains, handcars, local wildlife and other signs as they travel State Routes 120 and 49 in Tuolumne County. The unveiling ceremony was held at the California State Railway Museum in Jamestown. The project serves to restore community pride and celebrate the unique local culture and history of the Gold Country region.



April ribbon cutting ceremony at the California State Railroad Museum in Jamestown.

Handcar and Sierra Number 3 at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown.





Equity

Accomplishments

HSRA

High speed rail achieves record participation by small and disadvantaged businesses in 2025

In 2025, the California High-Speed Rail Authority reaffirmed its commitment to economic inclusion, achieving record participation by small and disadvantaged businesses. Over 936 certified small businesses and 328 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) contributed to building the nation's first high-speed rail system. →



California High-Speed Rail Authority welcomed 300 small businesses to its Annual Small Business Diversity and Resources Fair in Burlingame in October.



Equity Accomplishments

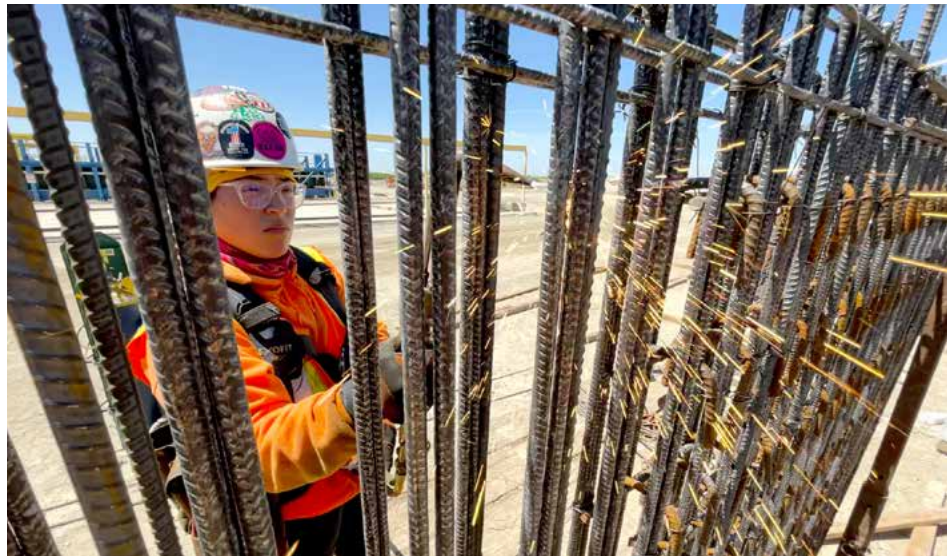


These firms delivered critical services across design, construction, and support, helping advance 171 miles of active work from Merced to Bakersfield. Minority-owned DBEs secured more than \$1.1 billion in contracts, including \$96 million for Black-owned firms, alongside significant awards to Hispanic, Asian, and Native American businesses. The Authority maintained its ambitious 30 percent small business goal, fostering job creation and local investment while promoting equity and opportunity statewide. These efforts underscore California's vision for inclusive infrastructure and shared prosperity.

Construction workers at the Floral Avenue Grade Separation.



Construction worker at the Floral Avenue Grade Separation.



High speed rail worker at the Hanford Girder Facility.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

HSRA

High Speed Rail is major economic driver

Work continues daily on the high-speed rail project, with 171 miles currently under design and construction from Merced to Bakersfield. Nearly 80 miles of guideway (the physical structure that both supports and guides the movement of a train) are complete, along with 58 structures, with more than 30 others underway across Madera, Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties.

The project continues to advance statewide, with 463 miles of the 494-mile San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim system fully environmentally cleared and construction ready.

Since construction began, the project has created over 16,300 good-paying jobs—most filled by Central Valley residents. Up to 1,700 workers report to high-speed rail construction sites each day, providing more than \$8 billion in direct labor income. In the Central Valley region alone, more than \$9.6 billion in economic activity has benefited the region and its workers. Throughout the State of California, investments have generated nearly \$22 billion in total economic activity since the project began. →



The Hanford Viaduct spans 6,333-feet long and will take high-speed trains over the highway or to the Kings/Tulare Regional Station.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

Track laying and systems construction phases begin

In January, Governor Newsom and High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) CEO Ian Choudri launched the Railhead Project in Kern County, marking the transition to track and systems construction. Enabled by the substantial completion of the 22-mile Construction Package 4 (CP 4), this project involves a 150-acre staging yard in Wasco. The site will receive and store essential materials like steel rails and ties, facilitating track installation along the 119-mile Central Valley segment. This milestone is crucial for achieving the goal of testing the electrified line by 2028 and moving closer to an operational high-speed rail system.



In November, the Authority brought one of the nation's largest rail infrastructure contracts to market – a \$3.5 billion Request for Proposals that will deliver the first true high-speed rail track and systems ever built in the United States. →

Aerial view of the 150-acre Railhead staging area in Kern County.



Pieces of equipment needed to lay track will be staged from the Railhead staging area in Kern County.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

Nine grade separations completed in 2025

1. Tulare Street underpass

The Tulare Street Underpass in Fresno is now open, delivering immediate community benefits by reconnecting the historic Chinatown and Downtown districts. This vital grade separation project drastically improves safety and mobility for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians, eliminating the dangerous at-grade crossing.



2. First Tulare County grade separation opens at Avenue 56

The completed Avenue 56 grade separation is now open to traffic, a significant achievement after the structure was among those impacted by severe atmospheric rivers and heavy rains in Kings and Tulare counties in 2023.



3. Central Avenue

The Central Avenue Grade Separation in Fresno is a significant safety and mobility improvement project. The new overpass eliminates an at-grade crossing, ensuring that vehicles and pedestrians pass safely over both existing BNSF Railway and future high-speed rail tracks. This grade separation provides immediate benefits for the community by reducing traffic delays and reducing emergency response times because it crosses over the BNSF tracks currently in operation. It represents tangible progress in the 119-mile Central Valley segment construction.



4. Belmont Avenue

The Belmont Avenue grade separation in the city of Fresno is now open to traffic. The four-span bridge takes traffic and pedestrians over the Union Pacific Railroad and high-speed rail tracks safely. Work began on the Belmont Avenue Grade Separation in 2022 but remained open to traffic throughout construction. The bridge itself spans more than 611 feet long and 62 feet wide. →»





Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

5. Avenue 88

Located near State Route 43 (SR 43), the overpass spans 485 feet long and more than 32 feet wide. The grade separation will now take traffic over SR 43 along with the BNSF railroad and future high-speed rail tracks.



6. Fargo Avenue

The overcrossing is east of State Route 43 and the city of Hanford in Kings County. Constructed by contractor Dragados-Flatiron Joint Venture, it spans 205 feet long and more than 40 feet wide and will take traffic over the future high-speed rail lines.



7. Avenue 17

Located between Lake Street and Raymond Road, the Avenue 17 grade separation spans 614 feet long and is more than 43 feet wide. The grade separation is also equipped with a pedestrian walkway, allowing vehicular traffic and pedestrians to cross over the BNSF and future high-speed rail tracks.



8. Whitley Avenue underpass

The Whitley Avenue underpass is located between SR 43 and SR 137, east of the city of Corcoran in Kings County. The structure is a cast-in-place box culvert that will allow east and westbound traffic to travel underneath the high-speed rail corridor.



9. Hanford Armona Road

The Hanford Armona Road grade separation is located east of the city of Hanford between State Route 43 and 7th Avenue. The structure spans 209 feet, 80 feet wide and will take east and westbound vehicular traffic over the future high-speed rail tracks. It is also located less than a mile south of the Hanford Viaduct, high-speed rail's largest active construction project.





Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

BOPC

Funding secured for major IT modernization

In 2025, the California Board of Pilot Commissioners (BOPC) focused on planning and securing funding for its IT Modernization Project (ITMP). The project secured over \$2 million for the 2025-26 fiscal year and advanced through the state's project approval process, with procurement expected to start.



The P/V Golden Gate is the first in a new generation of pilot boats equipped with the latest marine engine technology, meeting California's emission standards.

A pilot prepares to disembark a bulk carrier in the San Francisco Bay. Each year, BOPC-licensed pilots safely guide ships carrying thousands of passengers and billions of dollars of cargo through some of the most challenging waterways in North America.

The ITMP aims to provide improved service delivery, better accessibility, and ease of use for pilots and trainees regarding licensing and renewals, while increasing efficiency through the elimination of staff hours spent on manual data entry, and enhancing resilience through the digitization of records to facilitate telework and improve data recovery capabilities in the event of a natural disaster.

The ITMP is planned for implementation in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The BOPC coordinated with Caltrans, which provided project management and analytical support staff to assist with the implementation of the solution.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

DMV

Late registration and citation payments now accepted online

As part of the DMV's digital transformation, eligible customers can now renew vehicle registrations more than 90 days overdue and resolve parking or toll violations without visiting a DMV office.

Through the Virtual Field Office (VFO), users enter their information and submit payment online. An automated system processes the transaction, issues a new registration card and sticker, and mails them directly to the customer.

This and other efforts to move DMV customer transactions online are projected to reduce office visits by about 2.4 million per year. Most DMV transactions can now be conveniently completed online.

CTC

First State and Local Transportation System Needs Assessment reports future funding challenges

The state's first comprehensive State and Local Transportation System Needs Assessment projects a staggering \$215.7 billion shortfall over the next decade.

This deficit threatens the upkeep and improvement of virtually all modes of travel across California, impacting:

- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Local streets and roads
- Highways, bridges, and culverts
- Public transit, commuter, and intercity rail systems

The assessment, submitted to the Legislature, forecasts total needs of \$756.8 billion against just \$572 billion in available revenues. To bridge this significant gap and respond to the shrinking revenue from decreasing gasoline consumption, the report proposes a bold solution: The Legislature must implement a new, phased-in sustainable revenue mechanism designed to fully replace the existing fuel excise tax.



The California Transportation Commission (CTC), CalSTA, and Caltrans will continue workshops and advisory committees to refine recommendations and build consensus on equitable funding solutions. This includes technical advisory groups focused on road charge implementation and climate adaptation strategies.

Interstate 80 rehabilitation near Kingvale in Placer County.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

Caltrans, DMV and CHP

Multi-agency recovery efforts following the January Los Angeles Area fires

Beginning January 7, 2025, a series of catastrophic wildfires—including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, and several smaller fires—swept across Los Angeles County and adjacent areas, fueled by severe Santa Ana winds and drought conditions. These fires burned more than 57,000 acres, destroyed or damaged over 18,000 structures, and forced 200,000+ residents to evacuate. Major transportation corridors such as State Route (SR) 1 (Pacific Coast Highway) and SR 27 (Topanga Canyon Boulevard) sustained extensive damage, including destroyed guardrails, downed utility poles, and localized rockslides.

Caltrans Response

Caltrans immediately implemented hard closures on SR 1 and SR 27 to protect public safety and enable emergency access. Crews worked around the clock to:

- Remove hazardous debris and rockslide material
- Repair damaged traffic signals and roadway infrastructure
- Coordinate with utility companies to restore power and communications. By March, Caltrans had reviewed, approved, and issued 14 emergency permits for utility restoration and debris removal, accelerating recovery and reopening of critical routes

DMV Assistance

The California DMV deployed resources to assist fire survivors who lost essential documents. Services included:

- Mobile assistance centers in impacted communities
- Expedited replacement of driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and titles
- Extended deadlines and fee waivers for affected residents
- DMV also provided online and phone support to minimize in-person visits during the recovery phase

CHP Operations

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) activated a tactical alert and deployed Special Response Teams to secure evacuated zones and maintain public safety. Key actions included:

- Patrolling vulnerable neighborhoods in two-officer units to deter looting and unauthorized entry
- Supporting traffic control at evacuation routes and road closures
- Coordinating with LAPD, LASD, and the California National Guard for a unified law enforcement presence
- More than 800 CHP officers worked 12-hour shifts without days off, ensuring safety during the crisis. Governor Newsom later urged additional CHP units to bolster security and protect fire-damaged communities



Caltrans crews repairing traffic signals on Pacific Coast Highway January 14, 2025.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

DMV

3.2 million mobile driver's licenses issued to Californians

The DMV expanded its mobile driver's license (mDL) pilot in 2025 to allow as many as 4.2 million Californians to download their driver's license or identification card on their phones. So far, 3.2 million Californians have chosen to get a mDL.

DMV Director Steve Gordon demonstrates the convenience of using the mDL contained in his DMV Wallet at a TSA checkpoint.



The new mDL offers Californians a digital version of their license through the DMV Wallet, Apple Wallet, and Google Wallet. The mDL provides enhanced security, greater privacy, and increased convenience compared to a physical card.

The mDL contained in the CA DMV Wallet enables digital ID use at TSA checkpoints at major California airports, select retail locations for age verification, and at California Community Colleges for admissions and financial aid. More locations will be added in the future.



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CalSTA

California doubles down on efforts to reduce climate emissions

CalSTA released the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) 2.0., building on the successes of CAPTI 1.0 and identifying 14 new key actions to further reduce harmful emissions released into our environment. CAPTI 2.0 confronts longstanding inequities, prioritizing benefits for all Californians — including the most vulnerable communities — while ensuring the state remains on track to meet its ambitious climate goals.

The launch of CAPTI 2.0 introduces 14 new key actions to further reduce emissions and promote sustainable transportation, including:

- Commitment to working towards Vehicle Miles Traveled/ Greenhouse Gas (VMT/ GHG) neutrality in key state transportation programs
- Creation of a central delivery team to coordinate zero-emission freight investments
- A new Caltrans policy to minimize housing displacement as a result of highway projects
- A new searchable [Projects Under Development](#) database/ dashboard to increase transparency and accountability →

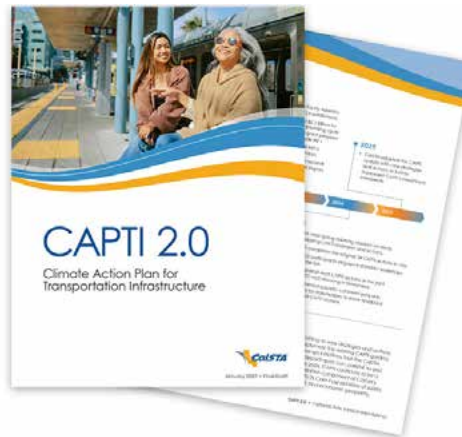


A vivid display of poppies, popcorn-flower, and phacelia near Lake Elsinore showcases California's natural beauty and commitment to a climate-focused future.

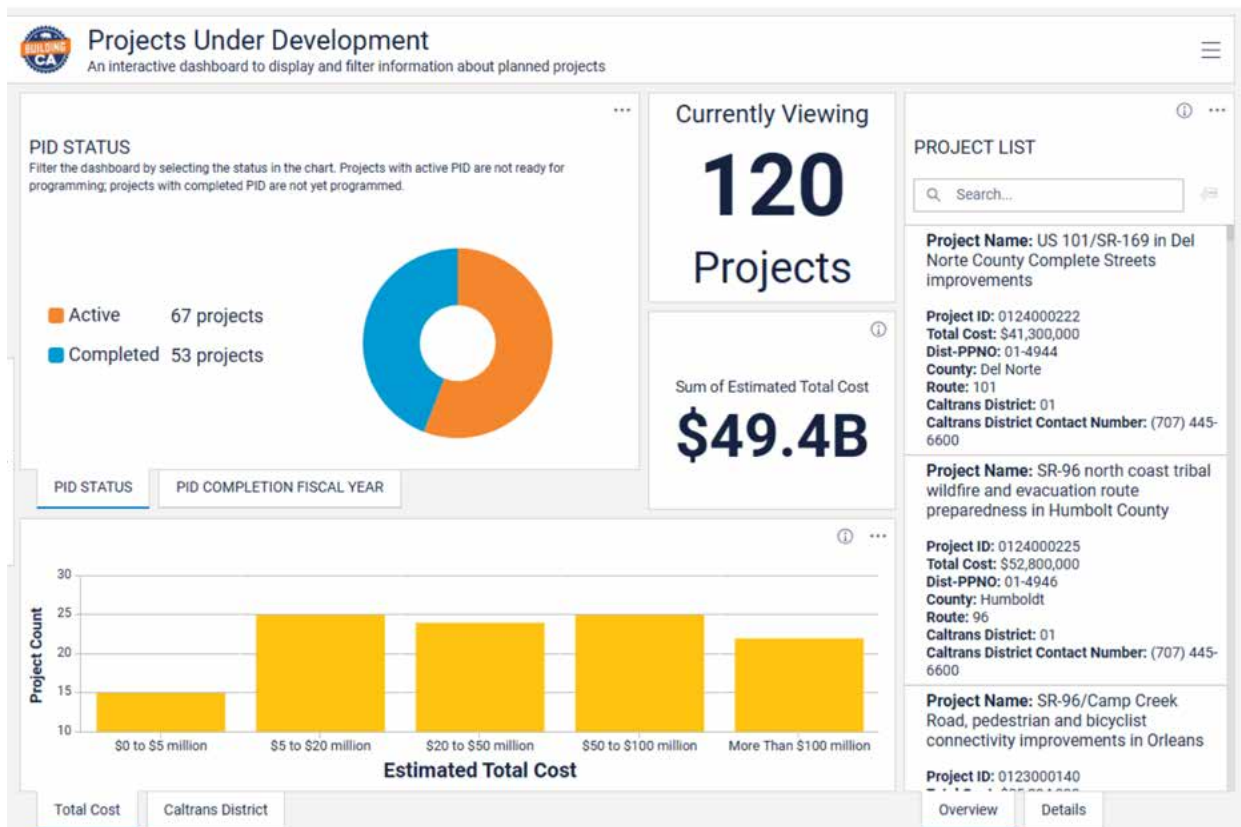


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CAPTl 2.0 follows 12 months of extensive public engagement, incorporating input from hundreds of local and regional agencies, transportation industry coalitions and environmental advocacy groups. With this plan, California reaffirms its leadership in climate-friendly, equitable transportation policy for all Californians.



Cover of the CAPTI 2.0 report.



The Projects Under Development searchable database was launched in 2025 on the Building California website.



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Accomplishments

CalSTA

Task Force launched to reduce emissions and VMT

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) launched the Sustainable Communities Task Force (SCTF) in August to develop a coordinated strategy for sustainable growth and to identify and support the implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) statewide. →

Buses lined up and preparing for departure at the Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco, serving as a major regional bus terminal.

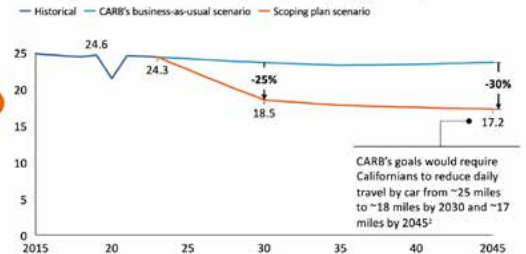


California's climate goals will require a 30 percent drop in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 2045.

CARB's 2022 Scoping Plan sets carbon neutrality by 2045 as its target

The Scoping Plan projects that a significant reduction in vehicle miles traveled is required to meet carbon neutrality

Passenger Vehicle VMT Per Capita (miles/day/person)¹





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The core objectives of the SCTF are to improve alignment of transportation and land use planning to advance the state's climate, housing, equity, and transportation goals – and provide recommendations to achieve equitable implementation of these efforts. Over the past twenty years, transportation and land use agencies have used State climate goals as a north star to plan for equitable investments.

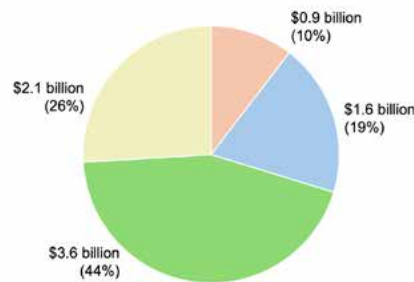
The task force will explore solutions for implementation of investments which directly contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The task force is led by CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin and comprises leaders from state and regional agencies, local government, transit authorities, academic institutions, and various advocacy groups, including housing, environmental, and active transportation organizations.

The task force was launched in August 2025 and is scheduled to deliver its final report, including specific legislative, regulatory, and budgetary recommendations, in November 2026.

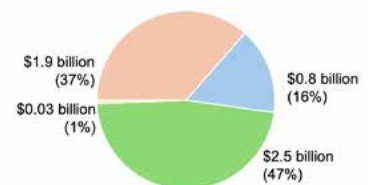
In California, local funds and fares make up more than two-thirds of funding for transit operational expenses and nearly half of funding for transit capital improvements.

Reducing VMT by 30 percent could require as much as a five-fold to ten-fold increase in transit ridership above pre-COVID levels by 2045.

Source of Operating Funds Expended (2019)

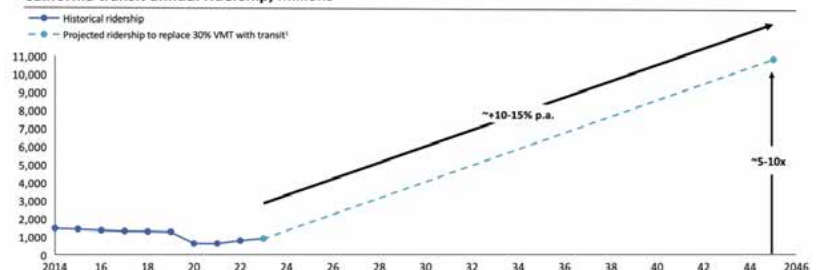


Source of Capital Funds Expended (5-year average from 2018-2022)



Federal Funds State Funds Local Funds Fares and Other

California transit annual ridership, millions





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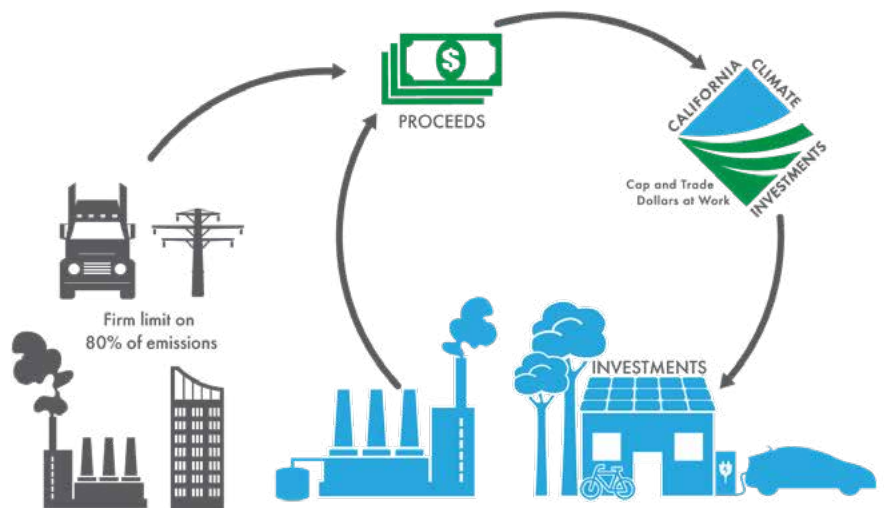
CalSTA

Cap-and-Trade rebranded and extended through 2045

California has significantly upgraded its primary climate change system, rebranding its Cap-and-Trade program to Cap-and-Invest. Governor Newsom signed legislation in September extending its life from 2030 to 2045, aligning the initiative with the state's ambitious net-zero emissions goal.

The name “Cap-and-Invest” emphasizes the program’s dual role: capping pollution while generating vital revenue for climate projects. Two new bills, AB 1207 and SB 840, introduced tighter rules for carbon offsets and revamped how auction proceeds are distributed, ensuring funds are invested more strategically in communities.

Over the past 11 years, the program has already raised nearly \$33 billion from polluters to fund climate solutions statewide. These updates aim to strengthen emissions accountability, positioning California to sustain robust climate action through mid-century.



Using the Cap-and-Invest auction proceeds.



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Accomplishments

CalSTA

CalSTA Task Force proposes transit revitalization policies

The California State Transportation Agency's Transit Transformation Task Force, during 2025, developed policy recommendations for vitalizing the state's public transit and submitted those recommendations in a [report to the legislature](#). The proposals aim to increase ridership, enhance passenger experience, and secure long-term financial and operational sustainability.

Key focus areas include:

- Improving Service: Enhancing reliability, speed, and connectivity through standardized transit priority infrastructure
- Enhancing Experience: Improving safety, accessibility, fare integration across agencies, and first/last-mile access
- Encouraging Development: Reforming planning processes to encourage transit-oriented development and high-density housing near transit hubs

How am I going to get there?





Climate Action

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Chopper speeds up slope work on Pacific Coast Highway

The accelerated two-day operation in July allowed workers to drop off large rolls of heavy metal mesh netting designed to catch rocks and debris from falling onto the highway – an operation that would've taken several weeks on the ground and required numerous lane closures and traffic disruptions. The pilot lifted the material above adjacent cliffsides and slopes, avoiding traffic lanes and city streets to minimize disruption. The rolls of mesh were installed on the hillside by ground crews, thereby reinforcing slope stability and protecting it – and the public – from future storm damage.



A helicopter expedites the positioning of large rolls of heavy mesh to catch rocks and debris.

Use of the helicopter minimized inconvenience to PCH users that have navigated daily traffic impacts on this stretch of highway near Big Rock Drive since the 2025 Palisades Fire.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

Climate Week NYC 2025

In September, Secretary Omishakin participated as a member of the State of California's Delegation to Climate Week NYC 2025. Climate Week activities included a bilateral meeting between Kenya President William Ruto and Governor Newsom, along with GO-Biz Director Dee Dee Myers and CalEPA Secretary Yana Garcia, in which Secretary Omishakin signed a climate and trade agreement with Lee Kinyanjui, Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry.



This historic [memo of understanding \(MOU\)](#) is the State of California's first climate and economic agreement with an African national government.

Secretary Omishakin joined the panel *What it Takes to Advance Electrification at the State and Local Level* at Climate Week NYC 2025 in September, highlighting California's leadership in advancing zero-emission transportation and equitable mobility solutions.



Secretary Toks Omishakin and Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry, holding the signed California-Africa Climate and Economic Partnership agreement, witnessed by President William Ruto and Governor Gavin Newsom.



California-Africa Climate and Economic Partnership agreement between California and Kenya.



Climate Action

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CalSTA

California-Africa Climate and Economic Delegation

In August, CalSTA, the Bay Area Council and UC Davis led a 40-person California-Africa Climate and Economic Delegation to Nairobi, Kenya and Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria.

The Delegation included LCI Director Assefa, CEC Commissioner Noemi Gallardo and Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Dilpreet Sidhu, as well as business, academic and nonprofit leaders. The purpose of the Delegation was to strengthen government-to-government, business-to-business and people-to-people ties between California, Kenya and Nigeria.

Key government and diplomatic engagements included meetings with:

- Kenyan President William Ruto (Chair of the African Union's Climate Change Committee)
- Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State
- Governor Sakaja Johnson of Nairobi County
- U.S. Ambassador Richard Mills, Jr. (Nigeria)
- And multiple ministers in Abuja (Nigeria's capital)

These meetings signaled strong bilateral support and laid the groundwork for formal cooperation. As a direct outcome of this Delegation, the State of California signed climate and trade MOUs in September 2025 with the Republic of Kenya during Climate Week NYC 2025, and with the Federal Republic of Nigeria in November 2025 during the United Nations 30th Annual Conference of Parties (UN COP30). These historic MOUs are the State of California's first climate and economic agreements with African national governments.

CalSTA, the Bay Area Council and UC Davis led a 40-person California-Africa Climate and Economic Delegation to Nairobi, Kenya and Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria. Here the delegation is joined by Kenyan President William Ruto and his cabinet.





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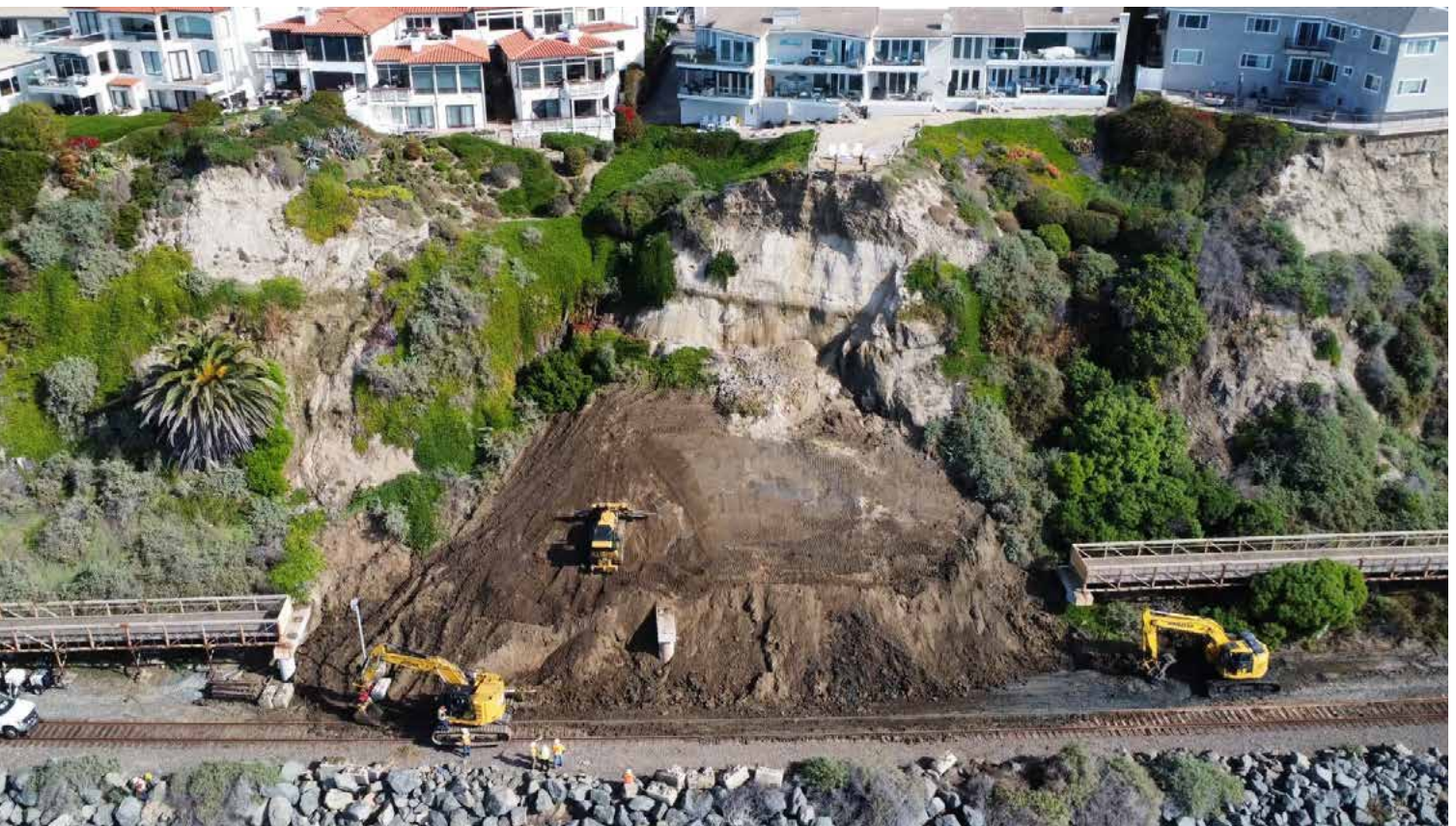
CTC

Emergency CTC action to protect coastal rail

The Commission allocated nearly \$10 million to build critical system resiliency improvements to prevent additional disruption of vital rail services along the Los Angeles — San Diego — San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor in Orange County. The corridor has been repeatedly impacted by climate-related slope erosion, storm surges, sea level rise and landslides in recent years.

Funds for the project came from the Commission's SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and CalSTA's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The initial emergency work included repairing existing riprap at two locations critical to protecting the rail line from coastal erosion where little or no beach remains, and removing the Mariposa pedestrian bridge structure, which was severely damaged during a previous landslide event. The emergency action was part of a larger \$205 million award for the full project.

Emergency coastal rail protection work underway along the LOSSAN corridor to reinforce slopes and safeguard rail service.





Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

CalSTA launches the Sustainable Communities Task Force

In August 2025, in a bold move to accelerate climate action solutions, California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Secretary Toks Omishakin announced the California Sustainable Communities Task Force – a cross-sector coalition tasked with catalyzing the implementation of California’s climate, housing, equity and transportation goals.



Bringing together leaders from every corner of California, the task force will focus on urgent coordinated strategies to deliver on the promise of sustainable, thriving communities. The 30-member task force will produce a final report in November 2026 with recommendations for legislative, regulatory and budgetary actions to support implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategies and meet statewide greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled reduction goals.

San Diego’s skyline and trolley system reflect the kind of connected, transit-focused communities California aims to support.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

NMVB

Electric Vehicle Expert Pledge program

The NMVB recognized four California new car dealers in August as EV Expert Pledge signatories. These dealerships pledge to support the ZEV transition in California by encouraging the use of industry best practices in motor vehicle sales activities at California new car dealerships.

The pledge signatories commit to having one or more dealership staff trained as EV experts and to provide the following EV resources for customers:

- EV fundamentals include EV charging and local access to charging networks
- Explanation of the Monroney sticker information on a new EV
- The unique needs associated with EV ownership
- Tactics to effectively learn EV customer needs and suitability
- Proper demonstration of the features and operation of the EV for the buyer at time of sale



NMVB Executive Director Timothy M. Corcoran presents a certificate recognizing a California new car dealership for its commitment to the Electric Vehicle Expert Pledge program.

Representatives from four California new car dealerships recognized for their participation in the NMVB Electric Vehicle Expert Pledge program.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

LA Metro Transit Center opens at LAX

The opening of the LA Metro Transit Center at LAX marks a truly transformative moment for Los Angeles. This remarkable project, which saw an impressive \$40 million investment from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program through CalSTA and a substantial \$150 million investment by the California Transportation Commission, has already made a significant impact.

This station, which opened in June, provides an airport connection to the Metro C and K lines via a free shuttle bus. Since the new transit center's inauguration, there has been an astonishing 139% increase in ridership on the K Line on weekdays, year over year. This milestone represents a pivotal step forward in enhancing connectivity and public transportation for the residents and visitors of Los Angeles.

This development isn't just about convenience, it's about equity, sustainability, and global readiness.

With major events like the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympics on the horizon, the station will serve millions of visitors while reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions.

It also reflects a commitment to inclusive growth, with over \$150 million invested in small and diverse businesses during construction. Ultimately, the LAX Metro station redefines mobility in LA, helping to turn a car-centric city into a connected, world-class metropolis.



Secretary Omishakin participates in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new LA Metro Transit Center at LAX, celebrating a major step toward a more connected and sustainable Los Angeles.





Climate Action

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CalSTA

California-Shanghai collaborate to advance Green Shipping Corridor

In 2025, the California-Shanghai Green Shipping Corridor initiative met all Phase One goals, achieving 100% shore power capability at all container terminals in the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Shanghai, with Shanghai also expanding sustainable fuel operations by bunkering over 47,000 tons of green methanol and connecting to China's first domestically produced renewable fuel. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach commissioned a "Clean Fuels Study" to prepare for a methanol pilot project, and a new "Metrics and Evaluation" working group was established in March 2025 to monitor progress.

These accomplishments, alongside carrier commitments to deploy reduced or zero lifecycle carbon ships, complete the initial phase and prepare for Phase Two, which targets demonstrating the feasibility of zero lifecycle carbon container ships by 2030. More details are available in the second annual progress report.



Secretary Toks Omishakin stands with officials at an event highlighting progress in the California-Shanghai Green Shipping Corridor.



Container ships docked at port equipped with shore power infrastructure supporting the California-Shanghai Green Shipping Corridor.

Courtesy of the Port of Long Beach



Climate Action

Accomplishments

NMVB

Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Readiness Awards

The Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Readiness Awards is a recognition program by California's New Motor Vehicle Board (NMVB) celebrating cities and counties for outstanding efforts in preparing their communities for the adoption of zero-emission vehicles.

The program highlights “best-in-class” strategies for infrastructure expansion, local incentives, public education, and innovative policies, like streamlined permitting. It serves to identify successful models for other municipalities to follow, ensuring a smoother transition to a ZEV-focused future across the state. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

A mother shows her son how to use an EV charger.



Caltrans

Efficient zero-emission vehicle fleet expands

Caltrans' fleet expanded to include over 1,300 zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), up from 591 in 2023. The transition to ZEVs saved Caltrans more than \$600,000 in fuel and maintenance costs in FY 2024-25. ZEVs now account for roughly 13% of the Department's active fleet vehicles.

Caltrans operates ZEVs of all kinds, including medium- and heavy-duty trucks, street sweepers, pickup trucks, SUVs, and sedans.

In 2025, Caltrans finalized orders to purchase 11 class 7 (heavy-duty vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) between 26,001 and 31,000 pounds) electric trucks and increase the number of SUVs and pickup trucks in its fleet. Electric vehicles (EVs) reduce Caltrans' carbon footprint, improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, and save on long-term costs. Once outstanding orders are fulfilled, Caltrans' electrified fleet will include over 1,700 ZEVs.



Chevrolet Silverado EV charging at a solar-powered station.



Honorable Mention

Jag's first day: from good boy to drug buster

Central Division CHP K9 Officer Christopher Keeler and his brand new canine partner, Jag, made an impressive start to their patrol career on November 11. During a traffic stop on I-5 in Merced County, K9 Jag—on his very first day on patrol—alerted to the presence of narcotics.

A search of the vehicle's trunk uncovered approximately 20 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of \$272,400. Both occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody without incident, and the investigation was handed over to the Merced Area Gang Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET).

This incredible teamwork showcases an impressive start for K9 Jag and his handler in keeping California's roadways safe.

Good Boy, Jag!

CHP officers display the estimated 20 pounds of crystal methamphetamine K9 Jag detected during a traffic stop on I-5 in Merced County.

K9 Jag on his first day of patrol, beginning his service with Central Division CHP.



Central Division CHP K9 officer Christopher Keeler kneeling beside his canine partner Jag.





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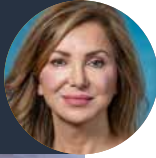
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