

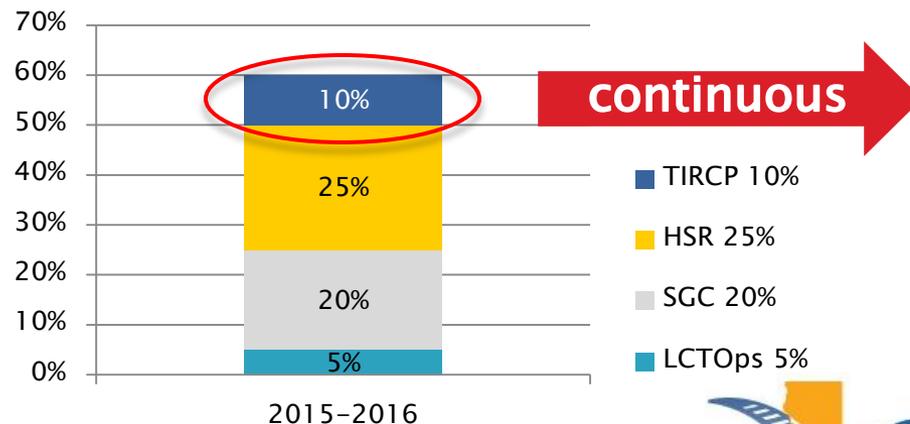
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM

[SB 862 (2014)]

Workshops on Discussion Draft of Guidelines
December 2014

2014-15 Budget – SB 862

- ▶ Directs proceeds from Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to specific programs
- ▶ Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP or Program) established
 - ▶ \$25 million of FY 2014–15 funds
 - ▶ 10% of future annual GGRF proceeds continuously appropriated



How are guidelines developed?

- ▶ The law directs CalSTA to:
 - ▶ Adopt Transit and Intercity Rail Program procedures and program guidelines for the submittal of grant applications to CalSTA for evaluation
 - ▶ Conduct two public workshops on draft program guidelines:
 - Must contain selection criteria
 - Must be posted on CalSTA website 30 days before 1st workshop
 - Must be concurrently transmitted to legislative fiscal and policy committees



Guidelines Development Outlined

- ▶ **August and Oct 10th**: CalSTA solicited stakeholder input at public workshops (San Jose, LA, Sacramento, webinar)
- ▶ **Dec 3rd**: Discussion draft guidelines released
- ▶ **Dec 10th and 17th**: Discussion draft public workshops in San Bernardino and Sacramento (includes webinar)
- ▶ **Dec 19th**: Final draft guidelines to legislature and public
- ▶ **Jan 20th–22nd**: Statutorily required northern and southern CA workshops, plus CTC presentation
- ▶ **Feb 6th**: Anticipated final guidelines adoption



What are the roles of Caltrans, CalSTA and CTC?

- ▶ CalSTA will work with Caltrans and CTC to:
 - Establish program guidelines
- ▶ CalSTA will work with Caltrans to:
 - Solicit and evaluate funding applications
 - Prepare the project list
- ▶ The CTC:
 - Award grants to applicants pursuant to the list prepared by CalSTA



Key Schedule Milestones (Section 3)

- ▶ **February 9, 2015:** Planned call for projects
- ▶ **April 10, 2015:** Project applications due to Caltrans
- ▶ **June 30, 2015:** CalSTA publishes list of approved projects
- ▶ **August 26, 2015:** Present project list to California Transportation Commission



Funding (Section 4)

- ▶ Intent to adopt a multi-year program of projects covering a minimum of two years of estimated funding
- ▶ Estimates for funding available in 2015–16 will be the level included in the Governor's Proposed 2015–16 Budget, and may be refined based on the results of auctions
- ▶ 2014–15 funds (\$25 million) must be allocated by the Commission no later than June 30, 2016, and expended (liquidated) by June 30, 2020

Eligible Applicants (Section 6)

- ▶ Public agencies, including joint powers authorities, that operate existing or planned regularly scheduled intercity rail service (and associated feeder bus service), commuter rail, commuter bus service, or bus and rail transit service
- ▶ Public agencies, including joint powers authorities, that have planning responsibility for future service not under the authority of an existing operator



Eligible Projects (Section 7)

- ▶ “[A] project shall demonstrate that it will achieve a reduction in [GHG] emissions.” (Emphasis added.)
 - Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 75221, subd. (b)
- ▶ Added more description of eligible rail and bus transit projects
- ▶ Small number of transformational projects
 - Agencies limited to one major capital project and one smaller scale project
 - No single project greater than 33% of available funds
 - No match requirement, but leverage desirable
 - Clear commitment to fund operations of new service that results from capital investment



Project Application, Evaluation and Selection (Sections 8-10)

- ▶ Preview of application contents (Section 8)
- ▶ Evaluation criteria (Section 9)
 - ▶ Primary criteria
 - ▶ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - ▶ Increase ridership through expanded and improved rail and transit service
 - ▶ Integration of rail and transit operations, including integration with the high speed rail system
 - ▶ Improve safety
 - ▶ Secondary criteria
 - ▶ Air Resources Board Interim Guidance related to measuring benefits to disadvantaged communities (published Nov 3rd)
 - ▶ Priority placed on projects which fund construction or implementation
- ▶ Project selection (Section 10)



Other Administrative Considerations (Sections 11-14)

- ▶ Programming (Section 11)
 - Intent to program biennially, but level of auction proceeds may lead to calls for additional programming or adjustments to existing programming
 - Followed standard CTC procedures for programming
- ▶ Allocations and Project Delivery (Section 12)
- ▶ Project Reporting (Section 13)
 - Semi annual reports
 - Air Resources Board will develop additional reporting requirements, including metrics and quantification methods
- ▶ Project Administration (Section 14)



Questions and Feedback

