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Transportation Agency Seeks Applicants for Transit & Intercity Rail Program

SACRAMENTO—The California State Transportation Agency today announced it has begun accepting applications for the new Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, a nearly \$125 million competitive grant program that helps modernize and integrate California's bus and rail systems to increase transit ridership and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

Eligible applicants include public agencies that operate existing or planned intercity rail, commuter passenger rail, urban rail transit service, or bus services. Applicants may also partner with other transit operators to better integrate with bus or ferry service.

All projects must demonstrate that they will achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Grant recipients must also show benefits such as improved transit ridership, integration with other rail and transit systems, including high-speed rail, and improved rail safety. The program has a goal of providing at least 25 percent of benefits to disadvantaged communities in California.

Applications must be submitted electronically to tircpcomments@dot.ca.gov by April 10, 2015. The Transportation Agency will announce the grant recipients in Summer 2015.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Program was created and funded by Senate Bills 852 and 862. SB 852 included the first appropriation of the greenhouse gas reduction fund including \$25 million for low-carbon transit, \$25 million for transit and intercity rail, \$130 million for affordable housing, \$200 million for low-carbon transportation, and \$250 million for high-speed rail. SB 862 included a continuous appropriation in 2015-16 and thereafter for the Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (10 percent), Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (5 percent), Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program (20 percent), and high-speed rail (25 percent).

The official Call for Projects, which includes detailed information about application requirements, is located [here](#).

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The California State Transportation Agency, which launched July 1, 2013, is responsible for transportation-related departments within the state: Board of Pilot Commissioners, California Highway Patrol, California Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, High-Speed Rail Authority, New Motor Vehicle Board and Office of Traffic Safety. The Agency was formed as part of Governor Brown's Government Reorganization Plan, which became law in 2012. For more information, visit www.calsta.ca.gov. You can also visit our blog at www.calstablog.wordpress.com

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