



California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

Port and Freight Infrastructure Program

Draft Guidelines Overview

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Port and Freight Infrastructure Program: Background / Purpose, Goals and Objectives



- Executive Order N-19-21 / Governor Newsom's \$1.2 billion FY22-23 Budget Proposal for Port Infrastructure and Goods Movement
 - CalSTA April 2022 Listening Sessions
 - SB 198 Omnibus Transportation Trailer Bill – Signed by Governor Newsom June 30, 2022
- Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Guidelines – Purpose, Goals and Objectives:
 - *"The Port and Freight Infrastructure Program seeks to improve the capacity, safety, efficiency and resilience of goods movement to, from and through California's maritime ports, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and harmful impacts to communities adjacent to the corridors and facilities used for goods movement."*
 - *"These improvements are critical to enhancing and modernizing the multimodal freight transportation system, growing the economic competitiveness of California's freight sector, promoting transportation equity, reducing freight-related deaths and injuries, and improving system resilience by addressing infrastructure vulnerabilities associated with security threats, climate change and natural disasters"*





Port and Freight Infrastructure Program: Schedule / Eligible Projects



- **Schedule**

- **Release Draft Guidelines** – July 13, 2022
- **Guidelines Workshops**
 - Workshop 1: August 4th, 3:30-5pm (Daytime)
 - Workshop 2: August 8th, 5:30-7pm (Evening)
- **Closing Date for Comments of Draft Guidelines** – August 26th
- **CalSTA Publishes Guidelines/Call for Projects** – Mid-September 2022
- **Project Applications Due** – Mid-November 2022
- **CalSTA Award Announcement** – Late December 2022/Early January 2023

- **Eligible Projects (per SB 198)** – including, but not limited to:

- Port-specific high-priority projects
- Intermodal railyard expansion and electrification
- Goods movement railway corridor capacity projects
- High-priority grade separations
- Zero-emission goods movement demonstration projects

- **SB 180** - \$350 million for High-Priority Grade Crossing Improvement and Separation Projects





Port and Freight Infrastructure Program: Eligible Entities / Leveraging Federal Investment



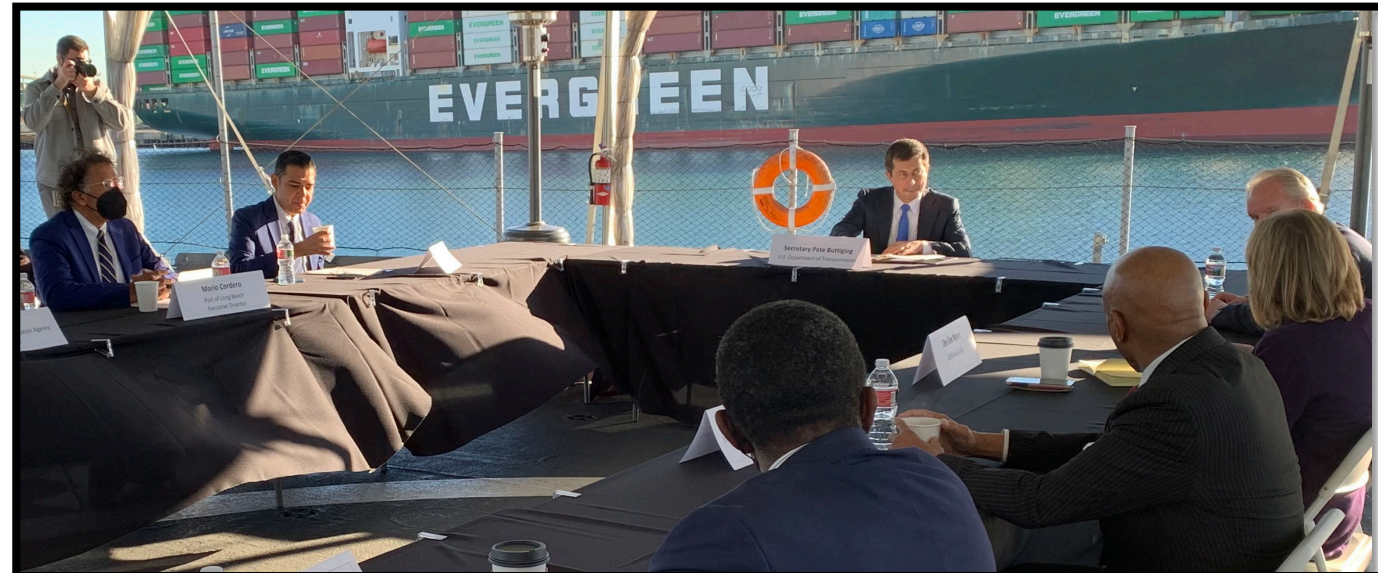
Eligible Entities - Funding for eligible projects shall be allocated to public agencies that administer or operate the projects as follows:

- **70%** for infrastructure projects supporting goods movement related to **POLA/POLB**
- **30%** for other high-priority projects supporting ports and goods movement infrastructure **in the rest of the state, including inland ports**
- Public agencies may partner with private operators of projects, such as freight railroads, to implement an eligible project
- **Non-port applicants are strongly encouraged to consider partnering with ports as co-applicants or including Letters of Support from ports** that articulate their project's effectiveness in relieving port congestion; port support will be considered in the project's evaluation for the award of funds

Funding Match and Leveraging State/Federal Investment

- No minimum match requirement, but **substantial committed federal, state, local, regional or private match is desirable and will be considered in the project's evaluation for the award of funds**
- **Project sponsors should articulate how Program funding will be used to leverage the maximum amount of federal/state funding and/or financing**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg – Port of Los Angeles (Jan. 2022)





Port and Freight Infrastructure Program: Construction Readiness / Innovative Projects



Construction Readiness Priority

- **At least 75 percent of Port and Freight Infrastructure Program funding** will be awarded to projects reasonably expected to begin construction **within 24 months after funding is awarded, or with high certainty of construction completion by June 30, 2028.**

Innovative / Pilot Projects

- **Remaining funds may be awarded to support the planning and development stages** of projects that are not reasonably expected to begin construction within 24 months after funding is awarded. This includes **innovative or pilot demonstration projects**. Such projects may also be strong candidates for future federal and state funding programs.





Port and Freight Infrastructure Program: Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation Criteria (Aligns with SB 198 Goals)

- Improve the capacity of California ports to manage increasing volumes of freight and improve the efficiency of goods movement to, from, and through California ports.
- Reduce criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Promote transportation equity.
- Maintain, enhance, and modernize the multimodal freight transportation system.
- Grow the economic competitiveness of California's freight sector through increased system efficiency and productivity.
- Reduce freight-related deaths and injuries.
- Improve system resilience by addressing infrastructure vulnerabilities associated with security threats, climate change, and natural disasters.





Give Your Feedback on the Draft Guidelines

At This Workshop

- After this presentation, we will have an open discussion where you can share your comments verbally or in the chat. Caltrans has provided note takers to capture the discussion.

Written Comments

- You may submit comments in writing using Smartsheet forms **by August 26th, 2022**.
Navigate to:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5e09e4393f704296820941c1a6808bce>



CalSTA Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Draft Guidelines Feedback Form

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) is seeking feedback on the draft guidelines for the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program. The form below follows the structure of the draft guidelines so please enter your comments in the appropriate section and hit submit when complete. You may find that saving comments in another document and copy and pasting into this form when you are ready to submit may be helpful to ensure you do not lose any comments. **Please submit your comments no later than August 26, 2022.** If you have any issues, please send an email to eric.fredericks@dot.ca.gov

Name *

Agency/Organization *

Email Address *

1) Background and Authority

2) Purpose, Goals and Objectives



Q&A