



Reimagining Highway Investments/ Carbon Reduction Program

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AGENDA

- Welcome & Participation
 - Caltrans Highway Investments Approach
 - IIJA Bill Provisions
 - Survey Results
 - Next Steps

Welcome & Session Overview



Ground Rules



One conversation at a time



Use 'Chat' feature as Parking lot for other topics



Webcam when possible



'Raise Hand' and participate, participate, participate



Caltrans Highways Investment Approach

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Based on Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), California Transportation Plan 2050, SB 1, SB 743, SB 375

- Guides investments on the State Highway System (SHS) to maximize use of the existing system to:
 - Improve travel and accessibility,
 - Advance equity, environmental, climate, health, and safety goals, and
 - Promote a shift away from single occupant vehicle use by providing competitive alternatives to driving
- Strives to create a modern, efficient SHS where new lanes are only added to the network in limited cases, based on analysis of net benefits and careful consideration of other available tools and alternatives
- Will guide plans, guidance, projects going forward, as well as projects in pipeline

Carbon Reduction Program

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) (23 USC 175)

- New Formula Program
 - CA: approx. \$107m per year
- Purpose: Projects that reduce transportation emissions or the development of carbon reduction strategies.
- Focus areas:
 - Freight movement, ports, diesel engines
 - Expand multi-modal options
 - Support alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure - hydrogen, natural gas, propane (see next slide).

• 65% of CRP funds are distributed within the state based on urbanized area population

Carbon Reduc tion Program	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total Apportionment (nationally)
Nationally	\$1,234	\$1,258	\$1,283	\$1,309	\$1,335	\$6,420

- 1. <u>Text H.R.3684 117th Congress (2021-2022): Infrastructure Investment and</u> Jobs Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress
- 2. FHWA Budget Estimates FY23 (transportation.gov)

Carbon Reduction Program

Projects and programs that contribute to the clean modernization and transformation of our Nation's infrastructure such as:

- 1. vehicle to infrastructure communications equipment
- 2. public electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- 3. energy efficient alternatives to existing street lighting and traffic control devices
- 4. advanced congestion management technologies
- 5. transit projects
- 6. on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle trail facilities
- 7. port electrification + projects to reduce environmental, community impacts of freight movement

- 8. a project/strategy to support
 - 1. congestion pricing
 - 2. shifting demand to nonpeak hours or other modes
 - 3. increasing vehicle occupancy rates
 - 4. reducing demand including electronic toll collection, TDM
- 9. STBGP eligible projects IF State has demonstrated reduction in transportation emissions

Carbon Reduction Program Provisions (cont'd)

Develop & Update a Carbon Reduction Strategy

- States have two years to develop a carbon reduction strategy.
- Requires State, in consultation with MPOs, to develop (and update at least every 4 years) a carbon reduction strategy and submit it to DOT for approval.

DOT must certify that a State's strategy meets the statutory requirements

Majority of respondents indicated their agencies are shifting their approach to highway investments

Key themes







Strategically distribute funding Major re-envisioning of conventional state highways and interchanges optimizing existing system rather than new construction Multi-modal approach and transportation options, including bus, commuter rail, rapid transit, bike/ped



Environmental mitigation efforts





Important topics that California should address/include in its Carbon Reduction Strategy

Key themes



> ZEV/ZE/NEVI (vehicle and freight electrification and charging infrastructure)



Address
goods/freight
movement
challenges



Shift travel modes



Multiple strategies to meet local/regional needs



 Roadway pricing considerations (all lane tolling; including equity considerations)





How should the State develop and formulate its Carbon Reduction Strategy?

Key themes



Develop strategies in an open and collaborative public process



Coordinate with regional/local entities since there is no "one size fits all approach"



Other potential strategies?





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What should the state's priority be?



What else should be considered?



Thank you!

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