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Members of the Transit Transformation Task Force,

Please adopt the draft with these four focused edits. Each fits your charge under SB 125, aligns to sections already in the draft, and keeps choices with the Legislature and regions.

1. Operating Funding (insert under Topic Area 1.f.6) Add: *"Direct CalSTA to deliver by June 30, 2026 a bill-ready menu of operating revenues (regional payroll tax, mileage-based fees, highway fund reallocation). Regions choose. CalSTA does the analysis."*

2. Framework Funding (add to Capital Reform section XX)

Insert: *"Pilot five-year framework funding agreements for projects with completed designs."*

3. Fund Only Designed Projects (add to section YY) Add: *"Fund construction only after design reaches 60%+ and scope is fixed."*

4. Regional Coordinators (strengthen ZZ.1) Change "could consider" to "shall identify and co-fund regional network managers" These edits match international best practice and your draft's intent.

Just the first two reforms **cut project costs 30-50%**. Your agencies get predictable funding instead of annual grant scrambles. Both amendments have support from labor, riders, and climate groups. The coordination recommendations are good - but meaningless without funding and reform.

Why these edits are passable now

- They avoid prescribing a single tax. They direct CalSTA to return bill-ready choices on a set timeline.
- They harden business-case discipline and delivery capacity you already endorse.
- They operationalize "one journey, one ticket" with a named regional owner and state support.

These align with sections you've already written. No new mandates. Choices stay with Legislature and regions. You've just directed staff to prepare options.

Thank you for closing the operating gap, speeding delivery, and giving riders a seamless network. Please vote yes on these edits September 30. Deliver on SB 125's promise.

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