TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP)

Workshop for Discussion Draft Guidelines

August 12th, 2021
Agenda

- TIRCP Round 5
  - Background
  - Funding for the upcoming round
  - Significant changes to the draft guidelines
- Timeline for Final Guidelines and Awards
- General Comments and Questions
TIRCP Background

- Since 2015, $5.8 billion in funding has gone to 74 projects throughout the state.

- Program focus on priority populations
  - Project area expected to contribute direct, meaningful and assured benefits to disadvantaged communities, low-income communities or low-income households.

- Program focus on ensuring geographic equity.
Recipients of Past Awards (Partial List):

- **Transit & Rail Infrastructure:**
  - Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Extension to Roseville, Sacramento Valley Station Improvements)
  - City of Inglewood (Inglewood Transit Connector Project)
  - BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Projects
  - LA Metro (LRT Gold Line & Green Line Extensions, East SFV LRT, Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Capital and Service Improvements)

- **Zero–emission and other bus projects:**
  - Lake Transit Authority (North State Intercity Bus System)
  - Torrance Transit Dept. (Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program)
  - San Bernardino County Transportation Authority & Omnitrans (Redlands Passenger Rail, West Valley Connector BRT & Zero–Emission Bus Initiative)

- **Railcars/Locomotives to support service expansion:**
  - BART (The Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program: Vehicle Acquisition)
  - Sacramento RT (Light Rail Modernization and Expansion of Low–Floor Fleet)
Competitive 5-year program to fund a small number of transformative projects that improve the statewide network and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Primary evaluation criteria: emission reduction, ridership growth, achievement of integrated service, and safety benefit.

Secondary evaluation criteria: co-benefits of broader sustainable community goals, disadvantaged community benefits, geographic balance, network integration, housing and jobs considerations.
Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure - CAPTI

- Set of guiding principles which serve as a framework for state discretionary transportation investment.

- Includes a suite of implementation strategies and action meant to align transportation infrastructure investments.

- TIRCP Guidelines include updates to implement actions listed in CAPTI (S2.1, S2.3 and S7.1).
  - Help TIRCP support California Integrated Travel Project (Cal–ITP) implementation
  - Support deployment of ZEV fleets
  - Support Pro–Housing policies
Funding

- TIRCP receives funding through the Transportation Improvement Fee revenues (SB 1) & continuous 10% appropriation from GGRF.

- This workshop will only focus on the fully enacted program resources currently available through the budget, which includes approximately $500–600 million of new funding for projects statewide through Fiscal Year 2026–27.
Governor Gavin Newsom continues to work with the Legislature to enact a comprehensive transportation package that includes significant investments in transportation infrastructure

- $4.2 billion in General Obligation bond funds dedicated for the High-Speed Rail project
- $3.4 billion General Fund for high-priority transit projects (grade crossings, zero-emission rail equipment, active transportation, and climate adaptation projects)

Of this funding, CalSTA expects to implement $2.5 billion through the 2022 TIRCP, subject to necessary legislative action, providing $1 billion to deliver critical projects in time for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, $1 billion for transit and rail projects statewide that improve rail and transit connectivity between state and regional/local service, and $500 million to support high-priority grade separation and grade crossing improvement projects throughout the state
TIRCP - Key Changes to the Guidelines

- Adds reference to CAPTI and related Executive Orders (N-19-19 and N-79-20) – (Page 3 and throughout the document)
- Pre-application and post-award technical assistance – (Page 4)
- More developed description of pathways to zero emission fleet and facilities investments that also increase ridership – (Page 7)
- Reference to the role played by contactless payment and real-time traveler information in increasing ridership – (Page 7 and throughout the document)
- Updated primary and secondary evaluation criteria to reflect references to Pro-Housing policies – (Page 13 & 14)
- Updated references to CTC Project Allocation Policy
Discussion Draft Webinar Workshop
   ▪ Aug 12th

Release Final Draft Guidelines
   ▪ Fall 2021

Guidelines Workshops
   ▪ Southern CA (TBD)
   ▪ Northern CA (TBD)

Guidelines adoption/call for projects: TBD

Applications due: Early 2022

CalSTA announces project awards: Spring 2022
Questions and Feedback

TIRCP Information:
Website: [https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/transit-intercity-rail-capital-prog](https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/transit-intercity-rail-capital-prog)
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Please provide comments on the Discussion Draft by August 27, 2021