



## VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2025 / 2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

### STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

#### A. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- Monitor ongoing spending of state transportation revenues and oppose any proposals to reduce overall resources for transportation inclusive of transit bus, commuter and intercity rail, freeways and highways, freight movement, local streets and roads, bicycle, and pedestrian.
- Support the continued ability of regions to set priorities as set forth in SB 45 and oppose any efforts to lessen regional agencies' jurisdiction over the regional program within the State Transportation Improvement Program.
- Support spending of state transportation revenues for zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, which has become a significant element of transportation-related public investment and an important component of addressing air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Support proposals that would increase operations funding for public transportation, including transit bus, commuter and intercity rail.



- Support increased use of cap-and-trade revenues for public transportation, including intercity rail, active transportation, and sustainable communities programs.

## **B. PUBLIC TRANSIT**

- Work with statewide transit and regional agencies to advocate updating the Transportation Development Act transit performance requirements to reflect current realities.
- Monitor and evaluate plans and progress of high-speed rail and its funding, particularly regarding connectivity projects.
- Monitor the state's implementation of the zero-emission bus rule to ensure the mandate is not enforced until the technical feasibility conditions in the regulation are achieved, particularly with regard to over-the-road motor coaches and cutaway vans.
- Support the continuation of regulatory relief provided in 2020 in response to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on public transit.



## **C. PLANNING**

- Support Transportation Demand Management measures to reduce auto trips, including facilitation of technology such as real-time carpooling.
- Monitor and support efforts to advance racial justice and transportation equity.
- Support efforts to accelerate deployment of affordable, high-speed broadband to reduce auto trips and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

- Support incentives to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through land-use planning, such as reduced parking minimums, transit-supportive development policies, and encouraging proximity of housing and jobs.

### **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

- Work with Caltrans, SCAG and other appropriate parties to support long-term, stable and sufficient federal funding for transportation.
- Support federal transportation budget appropriations continuing at a minimum at the levels authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and continuation of programs established under the act, such as Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods and Safe Streets and Roads for All; as well as continuing reauthorization of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program.
- Monitor IIJA reauthorization and support efforts to expand surface transportation programs, including public transit, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and PROTECT, which provided funding to ensure transportation assets, including rail infrastructure, can withstand impacts from natural disasters.
- Support continuation of federal programs and funding that recognize the unique transportation or environmental challenges facing Ventura County.
- Submit FY26 Appropriations Programmatic Funding requests for federal transportation and energy program accounts consistent with VCTC's policies to Congressional Delegation.
- Continue to monitor objections to the certification of federal transit grants for California and related litigation filed over the implementation of the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013.
- Continue to support projects that are part of the Port Intermodal Corridor (PIC), a demonstration project in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

