

Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) Report *VCTC Briefing*

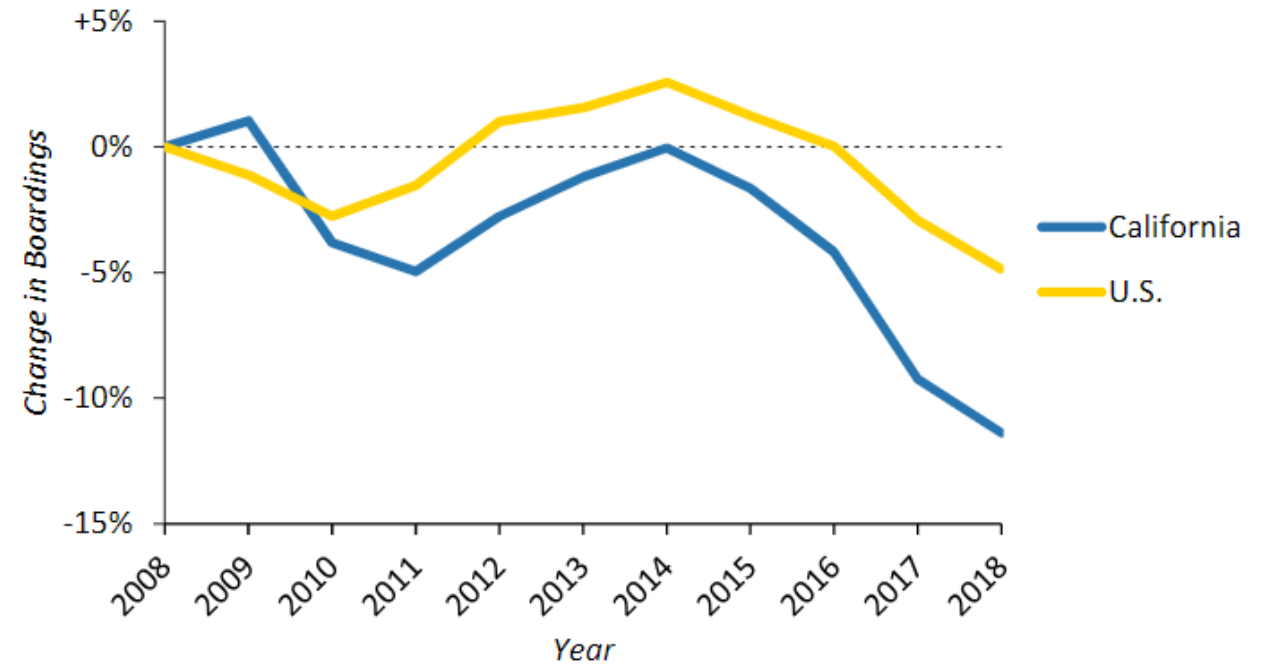
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SB 125: Origin & Overview

Transit is critical to California's **climate and equity goals**, yet ridership has been falling since even before the pandemic.

- SB125 provided short-term funding for transit agencies as they continue to recover from the pandemic
- SB125 also established the TTTF to "grow transit ridership, improve the transit experience and address long-term operational needs"
- **Transformation** is a key word: the goal is to not only reverse falling ridership, but to exceed pre-COVID ridership dramatically to meet goals like reducing VMT by 30% by 2045
- Report due to Legislature in Oct 2025

Figure ES-1. Change in Transit Boardings in California and the U.S.



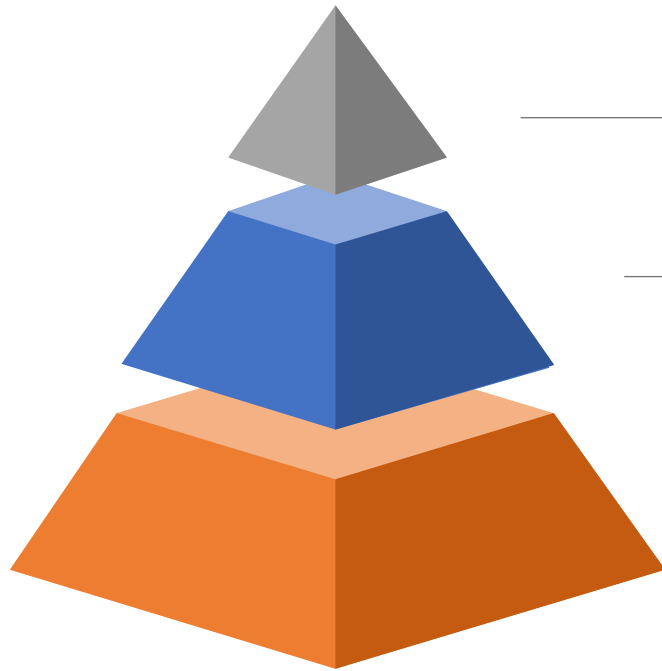
[Transit Blues in the Golden State: Analyzing Recent California Ridership Trends \(escholarship.org\)](https://escholarship.org/uc/item/9k7k7k7k)

Key Members & Roles

	Member	Roles & Responsibilities
Transit Transformation Taskforce	25-member taskforce representing state, regional, & local agencies, state assembly & senate, transit agencies, advocacy groups, union agencies, & academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct the overall effort• Make recommendations based on analysis from the Technical Working Group (TWG) based on key topics that will become part of the final report• Review & sign off on final report
Technical Working Group	13-member group representing the state, regional, & local agencies, transit agencies, & advocacy groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide technical expertise and supports data analysis for content ahead of TTTF meetings• Provide feedback & recommendations to draft the preliminary final report
Subject Matter Experts	One-on-one interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide technical expertise for content on TWG/ TTTF meetings• Provide recommendations on key topics• Focus directly on a particular topic

Final Report

The Final Report will be structured around findings, principles, strategies, and policy recommendations around the listed topics.



Principles

Value statements to group strategies & recommendations

Strategies

Strategic moves to form issue areas, drawn from SB 125

Policy

Recommendations

Specific steps & initiatives to be considered by stakeholders

Topics

SB 125 Section 1.F Requirements

- Fare coordination and integration
- Coordinated scheduling
- Safety and cleanliness
- Transit prioritization
- First-last mile access
- Fleet and asset management
- Land use and housing
- Workforce recruitment, retention, and development
- TDA reform
- Agency oversight
- Revenue sources for funding
- Value capture
- Transit Capital Costs (Recommend by Task Force, SMEs, TWG)
- Accessible Transportation (Recommended by Task Force & TWG, SMEs)

Draft Outline of TTTF Report

- **Background:** SB125 and the Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) (0.5 pages)
- **Recent California Transit Trends and Challenges** *Recent transit trends and importance of growing transit* (3 pages)
- **Guiding Principles to Transform Transit in California** *Overview of principles* (1.5 pages)
- **High-Level Summary of Principles, Strategies, and Recommendations**¹ (10-15 pages)
 - **Principle: Boost the speed, frequency, and reliability of transit services**
 - *Transit prioritization to increase frequency and reliability (1.f.1.D)*¹
 - *Coordinated scheduling, mapping, and wayfinding between transit agencies (1.f.1.B)*¹
 - *First- and last-mile access to transit (1.f.1.E)*¹
 - *Service and fare coordination or integration between transit agencies (1.f.1.A)*
 - **Principle: Increase options for living, working, and learning near high-quality transit routes**
 - *Changes to land use, housing, and pricing policies that could improve public transit use (1.f.2)*¹
 - *Potential of transit-oriented development and value capture of property around transit (1.f.7)*¹
 - **Principle: Deliver an exceptional customer experience with a strong focus on safety for all**
 - *Providing a safe and clean ride for passengers and operators (1.f.1.C)*¹
 - *Accessible transportation for all users (Additional topic)*
 - **Principle: Ensure transit is operationally and financially sustainable with consistent investment**
 - *Strategies to achieve fleet and asset management goals and needs, including ICT (1.f.1.F)*¹
 - *Strategies to address workforce recruitment, retention, and development challenges (1.f.3)*¹
 - *Reforming the Transportation Development Act (1.f.4)*¹
 - *New options for revenue sources (1.f.6)*¹
 - *Oversight and reporting (1.f.5)*¹
- **Enablers for Implementation** (1 page)
- **Appendix A:** Detailed analysis requested under SB125 (1)(e)¹
- **Appendix B:** Table of all strategies and recommendations under SB125 (1)(f)¹
- **Appendix C:** Existing adopted policy
- **Appendix D:** Aspects outside of the scope of this report that could also need a change to achieve the vision

Process for Approving TTTF Report

Additional discussions with the TTTF to finalize the strategies and recommendations as needed

Report content drafted by CalSTA staff, reviewed by TTTF

Report sections will be released in 3 tranches

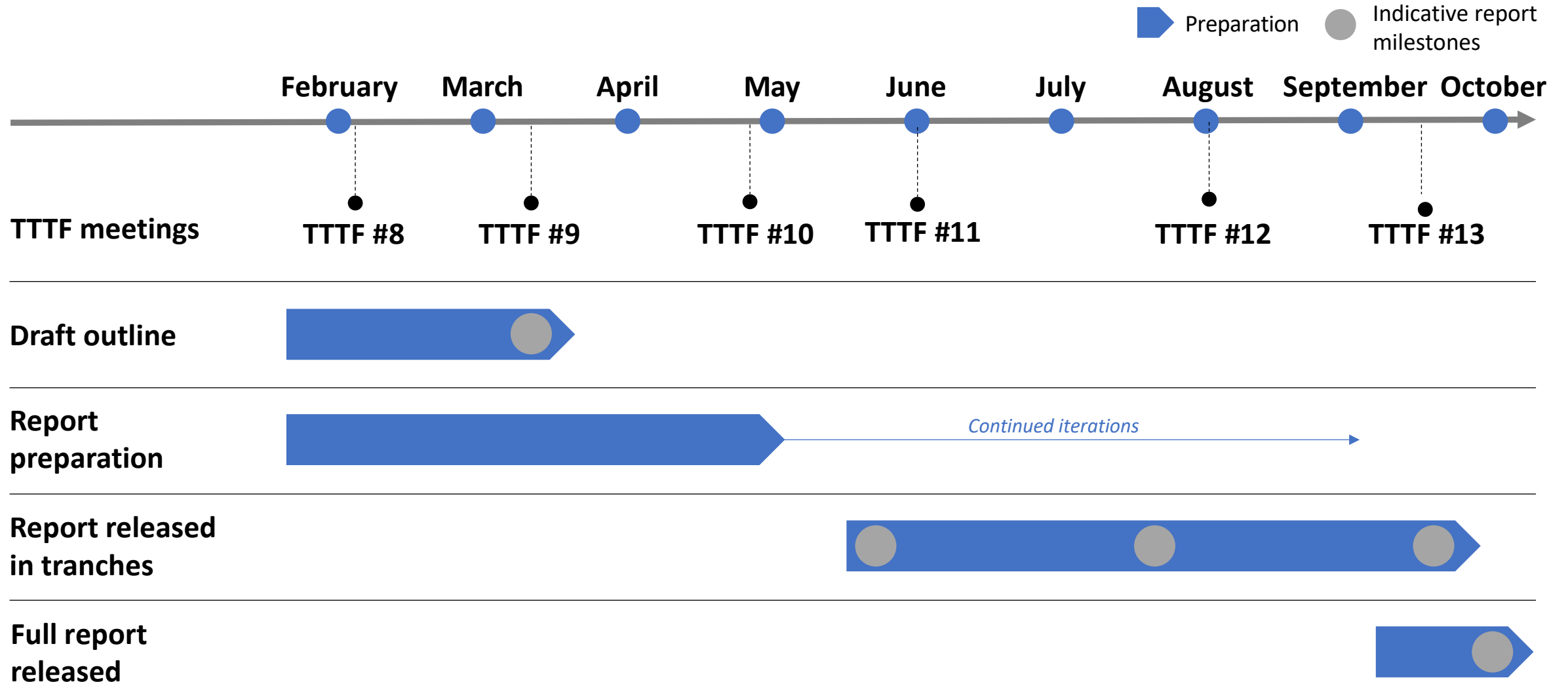
TTTF Meeting 11: Review Tranche 1 of the report with the TTTF

Tranches 2 and 3 will follow in the subsequent meetings

Final consolidated report to be released by October 31, 2025

1. Recommendations areas as set out Government Code section 13979.3 Chapter 1 Section (e)-(f)

Overview of 2025 Workplan & Timelines



Overview of Upcoming Meetings & Report Tranches

Meeting No.	Meeting Date & Location	Taskforce Discussion Topics
TTTF 11	Jun. 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m. LA Metro Board Room Los Angeles, CA	Tranche 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Summary, Introduction, and Guiding Principles Principle: "Boost the speed, frequency, and reliability of transit services" Principle: "Deliver an exceptional customer experience with a strong focus on safety for everyone" Appendix: Detailed Analysis requested under Section 1E of SB 125
TTTF 12	Aug. 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m. BART Board Room Oakland, CA	Tranche 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle: "Increase options for living, working, and learning near high-quality transit routes" Appendix C: Existing adopted policy Appendix D: Aspects outside of the scope of this report that could also need a change to achieve the vision Revisit Tranche 1 with Task Force edits if needed
TTTF 13	Sept. 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Sacramento Area Council of Governments Sacramento, CA	Tranche 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle: "Ensure transit is operationally and financially sustainable with consistent investment" Enablers for Implementation Revisit Tranche 2 with Task Force edits if needed
TBD	TBD Sacramento Area Council of Governments Sacramento, CA	Additional Meeting to Discuss Remaining Topics (if needed)
	Oct. 31, 2025	Final TTTF Report due to the Legislature

Tranche 1 Summary

Executive Summary, Introduction, and Guiding Principles

- Primary Frame: Linking Transit Transformation with the State's Climate and Equity goals.
- Guiding Principles are:
 - *Boost the speed, frequency, and reliability of transit services*
 - *Increase options for living, working, and learning near high-quality transit routes*
 - *Deliver an exceptional customer experience with a strong focus on safety for all*
 - *Ensure transit is operationally and financially sustainable with consistent investment*
- Report also links back to CalSTA's Core Four Priorities
- Report contains recommendations on both Speed, Frequency, Reliability, and Safety for All Principles

Tranche 1 Summary

Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1E

- (1) The services provided by transit agencies and the demographics of transit ridership, with detail on services provided, including persons with disabilities, or specific populations like low-income individuals and students.
- (2) Existing funding sources for transit with a breakdown of funding available for capital and operations, including any constitutional and statutory limitations on these existing funding sources.
- (3) The use of moneys from local transportation funds established pursuant to Section 29530 for other modes, such as streets and roads.
- (4) The cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the future growth of transit systems for the next 10 years.
- (5) The costs and operational impacts associated with federal, state, and local mandates, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132) and the State Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulations (Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 2023) of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations), to the extent feasible.
- (6) Workforce recruitment, retention, and development challenges, impacting transit service.
- (7) Existing policies on state and local metrics to measure transit performance.
- (8) State and local policies that impact service efficiency and transit ridership, including, but not limited to, transit prioritization on roads, land use, housing, and pricing policies.
- (9) Identification of state departments and agencies that have responsibility for transit system oversight, grant administration, and reporting.
- (10) Information on how transit agencies modified their services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting drop in ridership and revenue.
- (11) The division of transit funding between capital and operations.

Thank you!
Questions?