



Ventura County
Transportation
Commission

Legislative Update

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Reauthorization bill: where we are

Bill to replace IIJA in legislative process

- Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) expires Sept. 30, 2026
- BUILD America 250 Act introduced in May as 5-year surface transportation bill
- BUILD authorizes \$580 billion over five years
- About \$474 billion is guaranteed; \$106 billion subject to future appropriations from Congress
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee held a full markup in May, advanced bill on 62-2 vote





California budget: where we are

**Governor, Legislature approve FY 2026-27 plan;
budget amendments likely in coming months**

- Budget is a \$351 billion spending plan with \$35 billion in reserves
- Codifies, through the Transportation Trailer Bill, one-year extension of Covid-era relief for transit agencies, including suspension of farebox recovery ratio penalty, pending governor's signature
- Does not address Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Expenditure Plan restructuring
- Does not include remaining \$690 million for Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (SB 125)
- Does not include \$35 million in state operating support for Metrolink



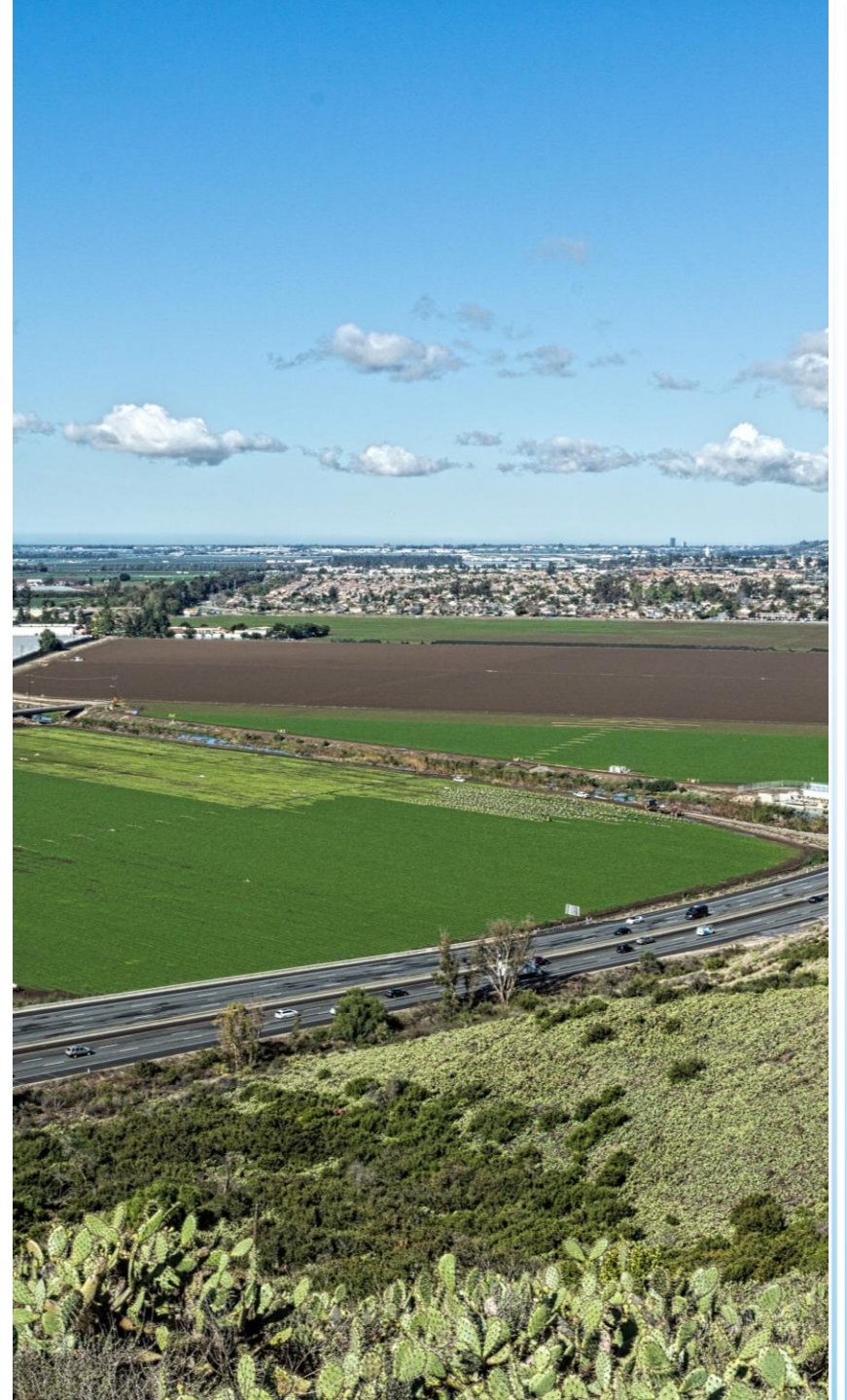
GGRF Expenditure Plan: why it matters

- Cap-and-Invest emissions allowance auctions provide revenue for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) programs
- Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds VCTC's free fare programs and have funded weekend Metrolink service; Transit and Intercity Rail (TIRCP) used for zero-emission vehicles, ZE infrastructure
- LCTOP, TIRCP are in last of new GGRF Expenditure Plan tiered system
- Each tier must be made whole before lower tiers are funded



Looking ahead: what's next

- Legislature in summer recess until Aug. 3
- GGRF Expenditure Plan discussions expected to continue after summer recess
- Work to begin to implement directives in governor's executive order on transportation
- Legislature adjourns Aug. 31
- Governor has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto bills passed by Sept. 1





Thank you