



2024 CalSTA Accomplishments Report







State of California
Gavin Newsom, Governor



**California State
Transportation Agency
(CalSTA)**
Toks Omishakin, Secretary

The Port of Los Angeles and the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Cover

Top: A San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Trolley near the Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego.

Middle: The Sixth Street Viaduct connects the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles with the Boyle Heights neighborhood.

Bottom: Cyclists on West Harbor Drive highlight San Diego's bike-friendly infrastructure.



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Message from the Secretary

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) proudly reflects on a year of innovation, resilience and progress. Our Agency works tirelessly to create meaningful change across the Golden State.

As California's complex transportation needs evolve, CalSTA has responded boldly with our first-ever Strategic Plan, a guiding framework for addressing the state's future while staying deeply focused on the current needs of Californians. This plan sets forth a vision that encompasses both ambitious goals and practical day-to-day actions for CalSTA's eight departments, boards and commissions.

Serving nearly 164,000 square miles, CalSTA has committed to a people-centered approach through our Core Four priorities of Safety, Equity, Climate Action and Economic Prosperity, while also placing a strong focus on Mobility and Innovation. These principles drive every project and decision under our purview and are the foundation of improved transportation across California. Every person who travels in our state deserves not only a functional transportation network, but enhanced quality of life.



Lithium Valley Commissioner Luis Olmedo and Secretary Omishakin during a tour of the Lithium Valley/Salton Sea.

Secretary Omishakin observing an operator in the cab of a new Caltrain electric trainset.



The Secretary touring the Topanga Canyon landslide area.

Under Governor Newsom’s leadership, our agency has reinforced its commitment to a California for All, where communities are better connected, safer and more sustainable. 2024 reflects not just policy achievements at CalSTA, but a broader mission to uplift and empower all Californians.

CalSTA has successfully tackled some of the state’s most pressing challenges from reducing organized retail theft to pushing forward with high-speed rail construction that creates thousands of good-paying jobs. Strategic investments in safety and enforcement underscore our commitment to protecting lives on California’s roadways while simultaneously building infrastructure that will serve generations.



Looking back on 2024, our team at CalSTA celebrates both the milestones reached and the partnerships that have made these exciting results possible. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our transportation teams from our departments, boards and commissions. Our accomplishments have laid a strong foundation for the year ahead. Our efforts embody transportation as more than a means of getting from one place to another; it’s a vital lifeline connecting people with opportunities, services and one another.

At CalSTA, we are looking forward to 2025 as we renew our commitment to transportation work with optimism and gratitude, knowing that each project contributes to a California in which all people have the freedom and support to thrive. This annual report is more than an account of achievements—it is a testament to the transformative potential of collaboration, innovation and dedication to the vision that all Californians deserve access to sustainable, equitable and safe transportation.

Thank you,

Toks Omishakin
Secretary, California State
Transportation Agency



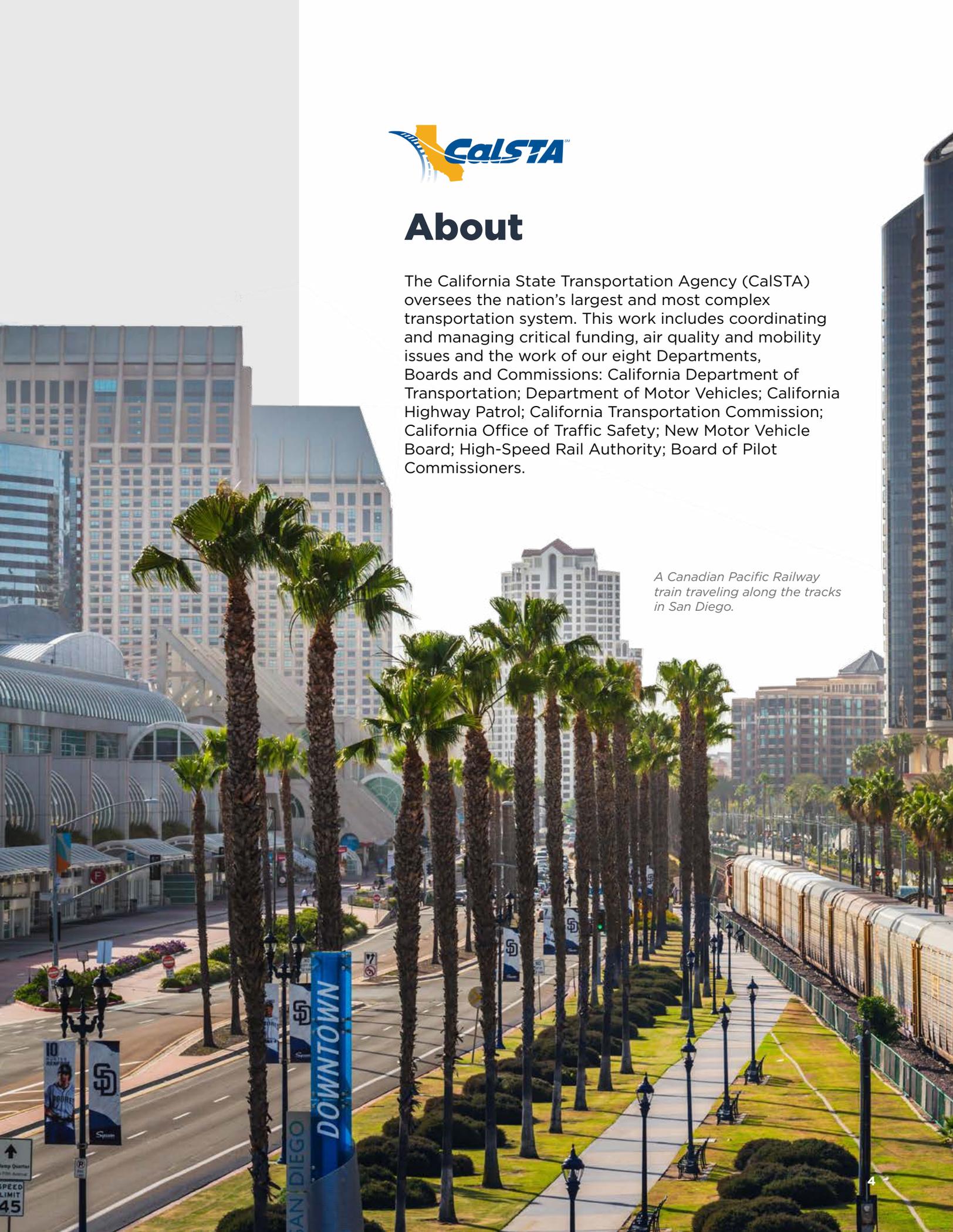
The Secretary with HSRA workers in Fresno.



About

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) oversees the nation's largest and most complex transportation system. This work includes coordinating and managing critical funding, air quality and mobility issues and the work of our eight Departments, Boards and Commissions: California Department of Transportation; Department of Motor Vehicles; California Highway Patrol; California Transportation Commission; California Office of Traffic Safety; New Motor Vehicle Board; High-Speed Rail Authority; Board of Pilot Commissioners.

A Canadian Pacific Railway train traveling along the tracks in San Diego.



A photograph of a modern city street. In the foreground, a light rail train with silver and yellow cars is moving along tracks. The street is lined with palm trees and modern buildings. One building has a sign that says "Cura Hotel". The sky is clear and blue.

Vision

Whoever you are, wherever you live, every person has access to a safe, sustainable and convenient transportation system throughout California.

Mission

We lead people-first transportation programs and policies to enhance safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity for all Californians.



Core Four Priorities

To understand where all our work begins, we look to our Core Four priorities of Safety, Equity, Climate Action and Economic Prosperity. CalSTA's gauge for progress and success is people and their quality of life, so every aspect of our work is people-focused and viewed through the lens of these four values. Each of our eight Departments, Boards and Commissions rely on our Core Four through policies, initiatives and everyday actions. Because we can't attain our goals without a solid foundation supporting our values, the Core Four framework consistently drives every area of our decision-making.

- **Safety**
- **Equity**
- **Climate Action**
- **Economic Prosperity**

Aerial view of SR-12, where safety upgrades improve equity, support climate action and boost economic prosperity.





Safety

Nearly 10 percent of all 2022 traffic deaths in the United States occurred on California roadways. We have the responsibility and the opportunity to achieve better outcomes by embedding the Safe System Approach into our investments, planning, design and programs. We are committed to being proactive and inclusive as we work towards our goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.



Equity

Transportation must be a connector, not a divider. Many historic transportation decisions focused on vehicles over people, particularly in California's underserved communities. Moving forward, it is our responsibility to approach every plan, every project and every action through a lens of equity in order to provide equitable access and opportunities for all people.



Economic Prosperity

A vibrant quality of life is an essential component of our work, so the ongoing wellness of all people in our state is a top priority. A strong economy, good-paying jobs and a robust supply chain contribute to thriving communities. We continue directing our efforts to enhance the physical and economic health of every Californian, every day.



Climate Action

California's transportation sector is the source of nearly half of all climate-changing pollution in our state. Investment in a multimodal system, implementation of smarter land use development and increased innovation centered on zero-emission vehicles will help accelerate California's path to carbon neutrality.



Departments, Boards and Commissions Accomplishments

In 2024, by implementing CalSTA's Core Four priorities of Safety, Equity, Climate Action and Economic Prosperity in all its work, CalSTA's eight Departments, Boards and Commissions made significant and measurable contributions that have demonstrably improved California's transportation infrastructure.



We are committed to becoming a global leader in clean transportation.

We proudly celebrate our accomplishments in this report, but we are just getting started. Momentum is strong, and we look forward to seeing continued, impactful results play out in our communities. Improving transportation accessibility and safety for everyone, providing good jobs, being stewards of our environment and fostering economic growth benefits for all Californians and those who visit our great state.

A Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train passing through the Antioch Station.





Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

California intensifies efforts against organized retail crime

California's Organized Retail Crime Task Force, led by the California Highway Patrol (CHP), continues its proactive approach to combatting organized retail theft statewide. As of November 2024, the CHP has conducted 777 investigations, resulting in the recovery of over 671,000 stolen items valued at \$13.1 million. Notably, arrests have surged by 40 percent compared to 2023, reaching a total of 1,406.

Governor Gavin Newsom signing 10 new bills aimed at combating retail crime in California.



The CHP Border Division seizes \$3.7 million worth of stolen beauty products.

Stolen goods worth over \$326,000 were recovered in Oakland in April.



To further bolster local law enforcement efforts, California allocated \$267 million to 55 agencies in late 2023. This funding empowers communities to increase police personnel, enhance arrest rates, and secure more felony charges against suspects involved in organized retail crime.

In the first half of 2024 alone, grant recipients reported over 6,900 arrests statewide related to retail theft, motor vehicle theft, and cargo theft offenses as a result of the leadership provided by the CHP.



A scene at Las Americas Premium Outlets, where 23 arrests were made and 264 stolen items were recovered, totaling more than \$11,500 in merchandise.

The CHP Valley Division, along with agencies from Sacramento, San Joaquin, Placer and Yolo counties made 71 arrests, and recovered more than 800 stolen items in January.



Safety

Accomplishments

CalSTA, CHP, Caltrans and OTS

Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) safety campaign increased awareness, reduced crashes

More than a dozen partners collaborated on a safety makeover for a 21-mile stretch of PCH in Malibu, where 60 people have been killed in traffic crashes since 2010. In September Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 1297 authorizing speed safety cameras to be installed at five locations along Pacific Coast Highway. SB 1297 will go into effect in 2025. Efforts to make the iconic stretch of highway safer include infrastructure upgrades, increased traffic enforcement and a new Go Safely PCH public education campaign.

CHP and local agencies conducting enforcement along PCH in Malibu.



The Go Safely PCH campaign poster.

An aerial view of PCH in Malibu looking north.



Safety

Accomplishments

The announcement of the Go Safely PCH campaign follows the work of the PCH Task Force, a coalition of law enforcement, traffic engineers, Caltrans and local and state elected officials working to find solutions to end the reckless and illegal driving behavior along the iconic PCH. Caltrans installed optical speed bars, which are stripes spaced at decreasing distances that make drivers aware of their speed and prompt them to slow down, as well as 13 speed feedback signs. Additional proposed work includes pavement upgrades, new bike lanes and pedestrian access improvements from the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica to the Ventura County line.

Law enforcement issued 82 percent more citations during the first six months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, and injury crashes were down 36 percent. The Go Safely PCH education campaign alerted drivers of the increased law enforcement presence and consequences of speeding while reminding them to slow down on PCH. Messages were shared on billboards, lawn and beach signs, flyers, posters and on social media. Californians were also encouraged to take a traffic safety pledge and commit to practicing safe driving behaviors when visiting beaches, parks, shops and restaurants along PCH.



Secretary Omishakin, Caltrans Director Tavares, OTS Director Barbara Rooney and local representatives at the May "Go Safely PCH" news conference in Malibu.

CalSTA Secretary Omishakin speaking at a May news conference in Malibu.





Safety

Accomplishments

DMV

Nine million test miles successfully driven by autonomous vehicles

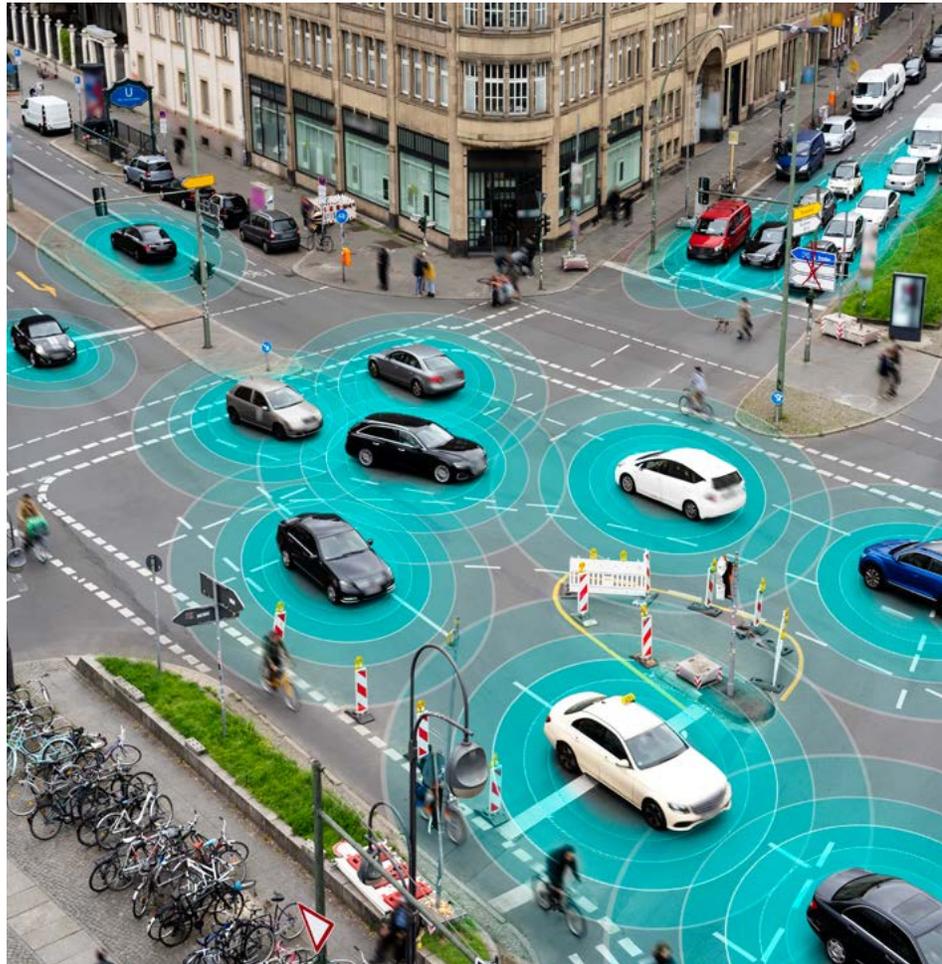
Companies with permits to test Autonomous Vehicles (AV) in California reported their technologies drove more than nine million miles during the latest reporting period beginning December 2022 and ending November 2023.

The annual reports revealed that manufacturers testing autonomous vehicles in California traveled more than 5.8 million miles with a safety driver and 3.2 million miles of driverless testing. The total is an increase of about 3.3 million miles from the previous reporting period.



Rendering of autonomous self-driving in normal traffic

Artist visualization of autonomous, self-driving cars in city traffic.



As of November 2024 the DMV has issued the following permits:

- 31 manufactures are permitted to test autonomous vehicles with a safety driver on any public road within California.
- 7 manufactures are permitted to test autonomous vehicles without a safety driver, in specific areas and during specific times.
- 3 manufactures are permitted to deploy autonomous vehicles with speed, weather, location and time restrictions.

The DMV's permitting program is providing a path for the testing and deployment of AV technology that has the potential to enhance safety and mobility.



Safety

Accomplishments

BOPC

BOPC implements new Pilot Fatigue Mitigation regulations

New regulations mandate work-hour limitations and minimum rest periods between work to prevent pilot fatigue and ensure the safe operation of vessels.

The new rules were the culmination of many years of effort, starting with a legislative mandate to study the problem and develop regulations based on that study. Pilots are now limited to a maximum work period of 14 hours, and a maximum of 18 night-time hours worked in any 72-hour period. Pilots are now limited to a maximum 15 consecutive days of being available for assignment and minimum rest periods are now required between shifts.



Captain Anne McIntyre, Business Director of the San Francisco Bar Pilots (SFBP) and several of the SFBP pilots in San Francisco.



Pilot vessel San Francisco navigating the Oakland Estuary, ensuring safe passage for larger vessels.



Safety

Accomplishments

Caltrans

High intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) systems enhance safety for students and other pedestrians

Caltrans has installed 10 High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) systems throughout the state that will potentially reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by five percent at installed intersections.

HAWK systems are one of the Federal Highway Administration's proven safety measures that provide appreciable reductions in crashes, especially those involving automobiles and vulnerable road users. One project located in front of Hilmar High School in Merced County uses a combination of flashing or solid lights to provide proper warning to motorists and requires vehicles to slow down and stop at the crosswalk. This location involves a busy state route that runs between numerous homes on one side of the highway and a high school on the other, resulting in significant amounts of pedestrian traffic at certain times of the day.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new HAWK beacon system on State Route 165 in Hilmar, improving road safety through community advocacy.

A High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) system at a busy intersection, improving pedestrian safety and traffic flow.





Safety Accomplishments

DMV

Increased number of Californians have a REAL ID ahead of May 2025 deadline

More than 18.4 million Californians now have a REAL ID - an increase of more than 1.6 million individuals in the last year, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Beginning May 7, 2025, a REAL ID, or other federally approved identification, will be necessary to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities.

The REAL ID does not replace a passport for international travel, but it does ensure that you can continue flying within the United States and accessing secure federal locations without additional documentation. The application process can be started online at REALID.dmv.ca.gov, where documents can be uploaded before visiting a DMV office to complete the application. This streamlined process is quick and efficient while significantly reducing the amount of time applicants spend for an office visit.



Images from the REAL ID outreach campaign.





Safety Accomplishments

OTS

Bay Area Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Forum recognized officers for taking suspected impaired drivers off California roadways

The Office of Traffic Safety hosted its first Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Forum in the San Francisco Bay Area in June after holding a similar event in Southern California in 2023. This year's event brought together over 260 dedicated law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, toxicologists and researchers to discuss the biggest traffic safety challenges and explore the best solutions.

Fourteen outstanding officers were recognized by the OTS and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for their incredible work in taking suspected impaired drivers off California roads.



The OTS hosted its first Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Forum in the Bay Area, bringing together experts to address traffic safety challenges and honor officers for their efforts against impaired driving.



Safety Accomplishments

NMVB and OTS

CheckToProtect.org campaign increased vehicle recall awareness

The New Motor Vehicle Board (NMVB) and the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) brought state and federal agencies together to encourage California residents to check the recall status on their vehicles with CheckToProtect.org and have any open recalls fixed.

The OTS, New Motor Vehicle Board (NMVB), California New Car Dealers Association, National Safety Council (NSC) and Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) held news conferences throughout California to alert vehicle owners of the urgent safety risks of unchecked recalls and that repairs can be completed at no charge to the vehicle owner.

This effort resulted in a more than 4,000 percent increase in web visits to the CheckToProtect.org website. The DMV started issuing notices to the last known registered owners of vehicles on file with defective Takata airbags that have not been fixed. The notice provided resources for scheduling a free repair and information on how to check for any open vehicle recalls.



News conferences were held in the Sacramento and Los Angeles areas in May to alert vehicle owners of the urgent safety risks of unchecked recalls.

IS YOUR AIRBAG RECALLED? YOU MAY BE AT RISK.

6.4 MILLION VEHICLES ON THE ROAD TODAY
HAVE DANGEROUS AIRBAGS IN NEED OF
URGENT REPAIR.



CheckToProtect.org for auto recalls

MAKE YOUR **FREE** REPAIR APPOINTMENT
AT YOUR LOCAL VEHICLE DEALER



A poster promoting the CheckToProtect.org campaign to increase vehicle recall awareness.



Safety

Accomplishments

Caltrans

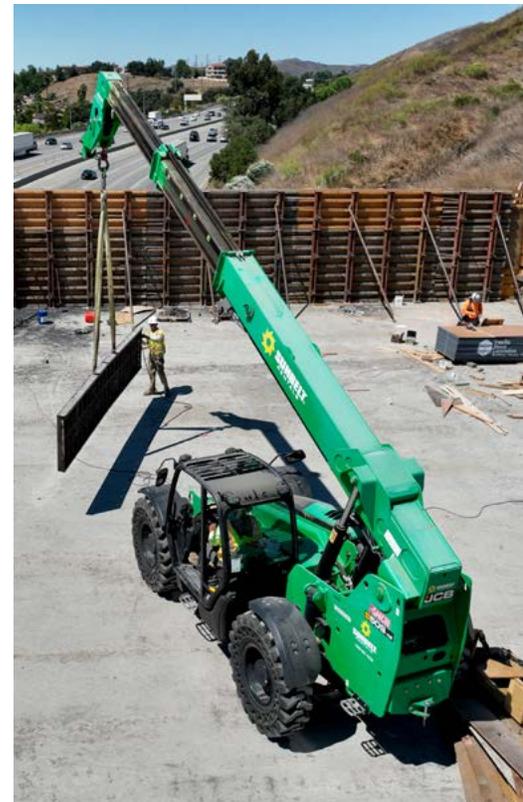
Largest wildlife crossing in the world broke ground in Agoura Hills

On the evening of April 16, 2024, the first horizontal girder of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing was placed above US-101 in the Liberty Canyon section of Agoura Hills. The multimillion-dollar public-private effort will provide a safe crossing for mountain lions and other species and will ultimately include another 82 beams, weighing approximately 130 tons each.

The crossing is particularly critical for the mountain lions of the Santa Monica Mountains, which have declined and become genetically isolated because the Ventura Freeway prevents them from moving between the mountains and the Simi Hills to the north.

When complete, the Annenberg Wildlife Crossing will be the largest corridor of its kind in the world. It will increase safety for motorists traveling on US-101 and provide a safe route for the animals to cross the freeway.

Construction underway on the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing in Agoura Hills, spanning over the 101 Freeway to support wildlife connectivity.





Safety

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Weekend closures of state highways and interstates reduce long term inconvenience for motorists and increase safety for workers

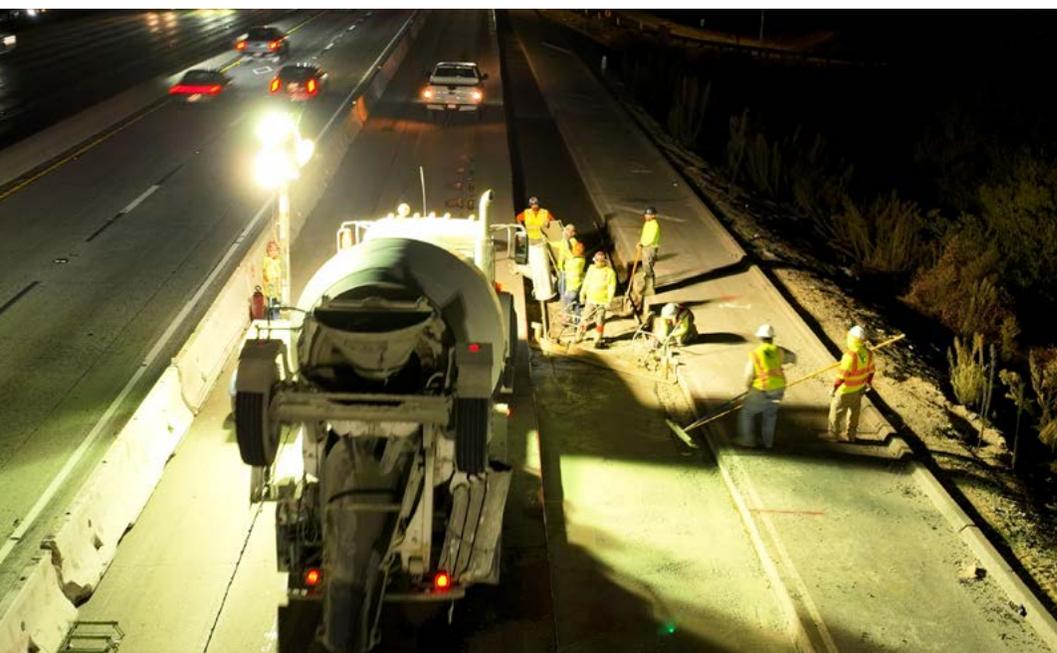
Throughout 2024, Caltrans successfully completed 79-hour and 55-hour weekend full closures of busy freeways, including the extended closure of I-680 in Pleasanton, and other closures on SR-37 in Solano County, SR-12 in the San Joaquin Delta, and SR-74 in Riverside County.

Each weekend closure eliminates the equivalent of 40 or more regular overnight construction shifts. That means contract workers, Caltrans inspectors, and the traveling public face greatly reduced exposure to the risks that ongoing overnight work brings.

Extended closures also result in faster project completion times, thereby reducing traveler inconvenience in the long run. Caltrans looks to expand the use of weekend full closures as a strategy to save time and money each year. Policies and protocols are currently being developed and are targeted for implementation in 2025.



Construction crews work on the westbound lanes of SR-37 while traffic flows in the eastbound direction.



Workers pour concrete on northbound I-605 in Downey during an October extended weekend closure.



Safety

Accomplishments

CHP

Record number of CHP applications sets a new record for 2024

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) continued to see a surge in the number of cadet applications, intaking 23,237 through November 2024, the most cadet applications received by the Department since 2013.

Following the launch of the “Join the CHP 1000” recruitment campaign and other recent recruitment efforts and hiring investments, CHP reports numbers of cadet applications are running nearly 30 percent over 2023 figures. As of November 2024, 649 officers have been sworn in this year. More than 1,000 officers have been sworn in since the beginning of the recruitment campaign in 2022.



106 cadets are sworn in during the May graduation ceremony at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.



CHP cadets participate in the 5-mile run from the CHP Academy across the Tower Bridge to the Peace Officers Memorial and Capitol.



CHP Commissioner Duryee inspects cadets at the May graduation ceremony.



Safety

Accomplishments

OTS

Record \$150 million funding to deter dangerous driving and increase safety education for bicyclists and pedestrians

The OTS received a record 522 applications and allocated nearly \$150 million in federal funding for 497 grants that expand safe biking and walking options and provide critical education and enforcement programs that will make roads safer throughout the state. This is the third consecutive year of historic funding, exceeding last year's amount by \$21 million.

The funding includes approximately \$51 million for more than 200 law enforcement agencies to conduct equitable enforcement targeting the most dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding and distracted and impaired driving that put bicyclists, pedestrians and other road users at risk. Bicycle and pedestrian safety programs received nearly \$13.5 million, a 12 percent increase for bicycle and pedestrian safety from the previous Federal Fiscal Year 2023.

Pedestrians use a crosswalk to cross Balboa Street in San Francisco.



DMV

Artificial Intelligence (AI) more efficiently reviewed personalized license plates saving time and money

The DMV has implemented AI to determine if a requested personalized license plate is acceptable. AI has reviewed more than 166,000 personalized license plate configurations, and less than five percent of the decisions made by AI were reversed by staff review.

A 1941 Chevy with a personalized front license plate parked in Glendale.

This AI solution ensures consistency in the decision-making process and reduces manual research. AI looks for inappropriate language, illegal activity, violence or a resemblance to an existing plate configuration used by the state for regular issued plates. Over time, the number of staff reversals will decrease as AI learns from the decisions that were reversed. In the future, staff will only need to review a random sampling of AI decisions, which will allow staff more time to focus on other critical tasks.





Equity Accomplishments

CalSTA and Caltrans

Groundbreaking effort reconnects communities divided by freeways

California launched the groundbreaking new Reconnecting Communities pilot program to transform and reconnect underserved communities historically divided by the construction of highways.



Caltrans closed I-805/43rd Street ramps for maintenance in October and opened the lanes to the public for a Reconnecting Communities/ Highway 2 Boulevards event in San Diego.



Community members join CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin and Caltrans Director Tony Tavares at a Reconnecting Communities press event in National City.



The Connect 4 South San Francisco project improves pedestrian access to areas in South San Francisco.



The communities of Arcata, South San Francisco and southeast San Diego/ National City were selected for the pilot.

The pilot program, initially proposed in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, seeks to convert underused highways that divide underserved communities into multimodal corridors and vibrant public spaces.

Caltrans will assist the selected communities as the projects move from concept to project delivery on a community-driven vision to reconnect their neighborhoods.

This includes helping pilot communities obtain additional grant support for project completion through the federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program. Caltrans has begun engaging partners in all three cities, including community-based organizations, to develop, plan and ultimately build projects that address the historic transportation inequities. This effort will help advance health and equity outcomes by removing barriers associated with transportation infrastructure.



Community members in National City, doing a land acknowledgment ceremony on land they are reclaiming from a highway to a community park.



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Equity

Accomplishments

NMVB

NMVB addresses equity, justice and inclusion initiatives

The newly appointed Assistant Director and Equity Officer, Kim Vaye, had the opportunity to lead her first New Motor Vehicle Board (NMVB) Equity, Justice and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee meeting in August. This meeting was pivotal in determining this committee's next steps in advancing equity for the NMVB.

It was decided that the committee will develop a Charter, new mission statement, an equity assessment criteria to utilize when reviewing NMVB policies and practices and an Equity Glossary for NMVB.



The first meeting of the NMVB Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee in August.



Equity

Accomplishments

CHP

CHP celebrates 50 years of women serving as sworn officers

This year, Governor Newsom and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) proudly marked a historic milestone: 50 years since women first joined the CHP's rank of Officer - paving the way for women in the department.



CHP celebrates 50 years of women in the department, honoring their contributions and milestones in law enforcement.

In 1974, female cadets, including Deborah A. Street, who earned the pistol shooting award with a perfect score, entered the CHP Academy for the first time. The success of the Women Traffic Officer Project (WTOP) class paved the way for future female officers in law enforcement.

On September 30, 1974, a group of 40 women reported to the CHP Academy as part of the Women Traffic Officer Program, launched as a trial. Of those women, 27 completed Academy training and were sworn in as CHP officers on January 16, 1975. Today the CHP has more than 430 women serving as sworn officers.

In September, members of the inaugural WTOP class reunited in Sacramento to celebrate their legacy and share stories of service, highlighting their pride in careers dedicated to community service and safety.





Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Community project enhances Karuk Tribe heritage

In collaboration with the Karuk Tribe, the township of Orleans and Humboldt County, the Orleans Community Enhancement Project along the Bigfoot Scenic Byway of State Route 96 features two new gateway monuments bearing the community's name in both English (Orleans) and Karuk (Panamnik) languages. Located approximately 50 miles northeast of Arcata, the monument's tribal design along Orleans' lone crosswalk reflects the area's Karuk heritage.

The \$495,000 effort will serve to strengthen community pride and improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists in the area.

Gateway sign in Orleans displaying the town's name in both English and Karuk (Panamnik).



Highways to Boulevards initiative takes an important step to reverse inequities and improve access to education, services, and quality of life for all.



Equity

Accomplishments

NMVB

Implementation of the first New Motor Vehicle Board Strategic Plan

For the first time in its 50-year history, the New Motor Vehicle Board has adopted a Strategic Plan. The plan, covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030, contains 28 objectives under four overarching goals aimed at improving outcomes for all California motorists, contributing to the CalSTA Core Four priorities, transforming the organization to improve resiliency and conserve resources and enhancing organizational engagement with our public stakeholders.

With eight objectives tied directly to the CalSTA Core Four priorities, the NMVB 2024-30 Strategic Plan assures the Board has made this work part of its own DNA, assuring the Board's place in CalSTA's modern legacy of leading people-first transportation programs and policies to enhance safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity for all Californians.

Successful implementation of this first-ever NMVB Strategic Plan means that marginalized and underserved communities will be better connected with government, that industry will partner with government to educate and prepare California motorists for a Zero-Emission Vehicle future, and that the NMVB is a modern, resilient and accessible government agency which values and conserves its limited resources.

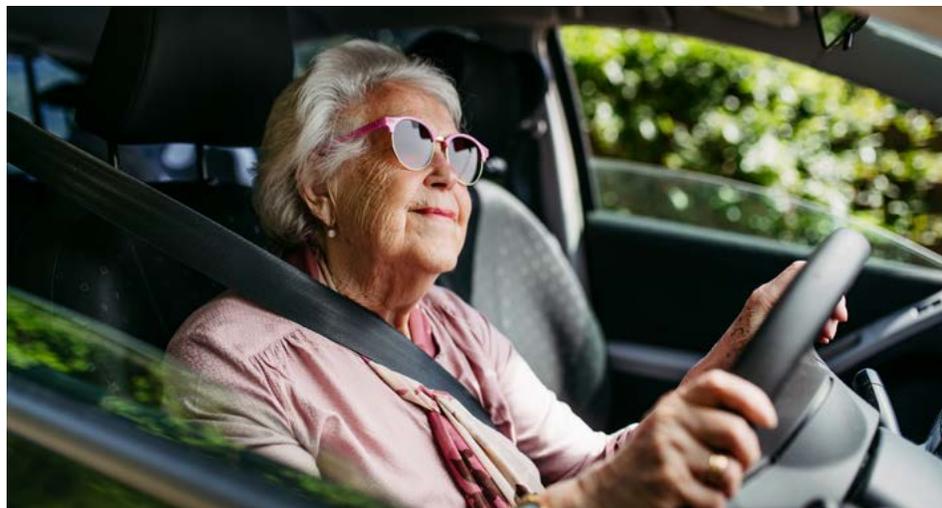


DMV

DMV eliminates written driver's test for most aging drivers

Drivers aged 70 and older in California whose licenses expire in 2024 and beyond are no longer required to take a written knowledge test to renew their license. An office visit is still required for drivers requiring a vision exam and an updated photo.

This change allows thousands of drivers aged 70 and older to spend less time traveling to a DMV office and enables other DMV customers who need to take care of in-person transactions in one of our offices to spend less time completing their business.



More than 10 percent of California's licensed drivers are over the age of 70.



Equity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Caltrans awards billions to Small Businesses, Disabled Veteran-owned Businesses and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-24, Caltrans committed more than \$894 million from all funding sources to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), exceeding the Department's triennial DBE goal of 22.2 percent by 0.5 percent. Caltrans shows a fluctuation in contract awards, with signs of progress despite ongoing challenges among the two groups with the most disparity in the 2021 study: African American and Hispanic firms.

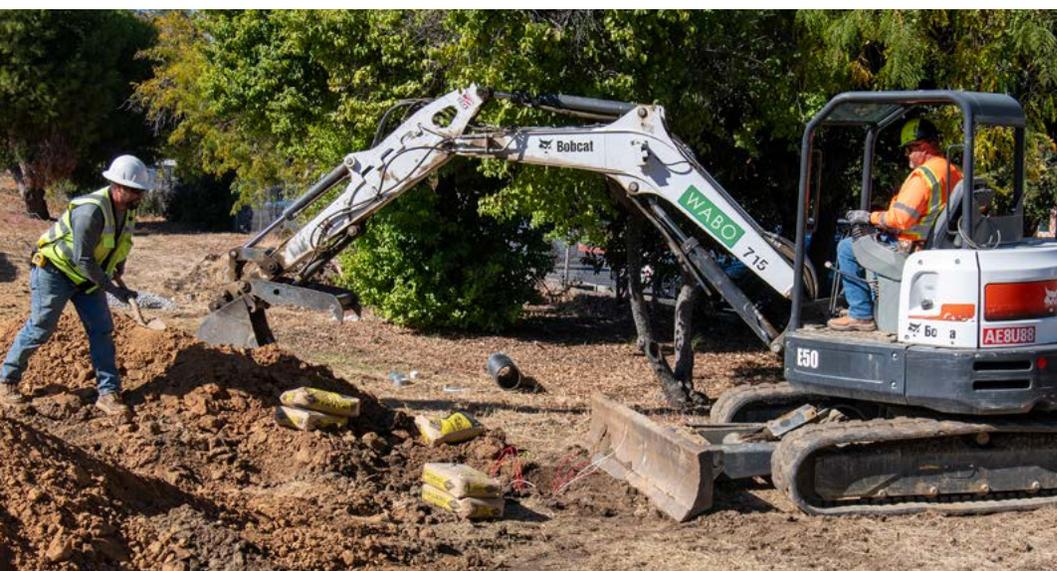
Caltrans awarded over \$40 million to African American firms in 2023-24, a notable decrease from the over \$59 million awarded in 2022-23 but slightly higher than the \$38 million provided in 2021-22.

Hispanic American firms received over \$339 million in 2023-24, an increase from the \$318 million awarded in 2022-23 and significantly more than the \$270 million received in 2021-22. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is dedicated to fostering a brighter future for all by enhancing the participation of small, disadvantaged, and disabled-veteran-owned businesses in Caltrans contracts. OCR achieves this through initiatives such as certification, workforce development, outreach, education, supportive services, and more.

In State Fiscal Year 2023-24, Caltrans awarded over \$900 million to small and micro businesses and more than \$76 million to disabled veteran-owned businesses (DVBES). These achievements surpassed the 25% minimum participation goal for small businesses and met the 3% goal for DVBES.



Contractors near the 65th Street on-ramp to westbound US 50 in Sacramento.





Equity

Accomplishments

CTC, Caltrans and CalSTA

Interagency Equity Advisory Committee subcommittees approved

The Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) was formed as a shared priority of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and Caltrans. The EAC is intended to elevate diverse and historically marginalized voices to advise the three agencies on how to achieve meaningful outcomes in transportation equity, environmental justice and equitable economic opportunities.

In April, the 15-member EAC took action to form three ad hoc subcommittees. The three subcommittees are Safety and Climate; Housing, Infrastructure and Broadband; and Walkability, Disability and Complete Streets. The EAC developed and adopted a charter to govern the committee and elected a Chair and Vice Chair. EAC members provided input on funding program guidelines, reviewed funding program applications, and participated in briefings on various transportation programs, plans and related initiatives.

Members of the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee convene to adopt their charter, advancing equity initiatives.



Caltrans

Innovative public engagement online portal launched

In May, Caltrans implemented an online portal to collect public outreach and engagement data consistently and comprehensively.

The new system provides simplified ways for the public to provide comments on plans and projects using online and paper surveys, emails, voicemails, texting and virtual meetings.

This allows Caltrans to organize correspondence and provide continuous stakeholder communication and engagement throughout the life of a project. Improved customer experience and resource savings are achieved by streamlining the collecting, categorizing and retaining of public comments, improving on the previous manual process.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

HSRA

High-Speed Rail worker at the Hanford Viaduct.

Creating jobs in the Central Valley

High-Speed Rail celebrated the creation of more than 14,200 construction jobs helping build the nation's first high-speed rail system, with more than 70 percent of those jobs going to residents of California's Central Valley.



High-Speed Rail workers at the Wasco Viaduct.



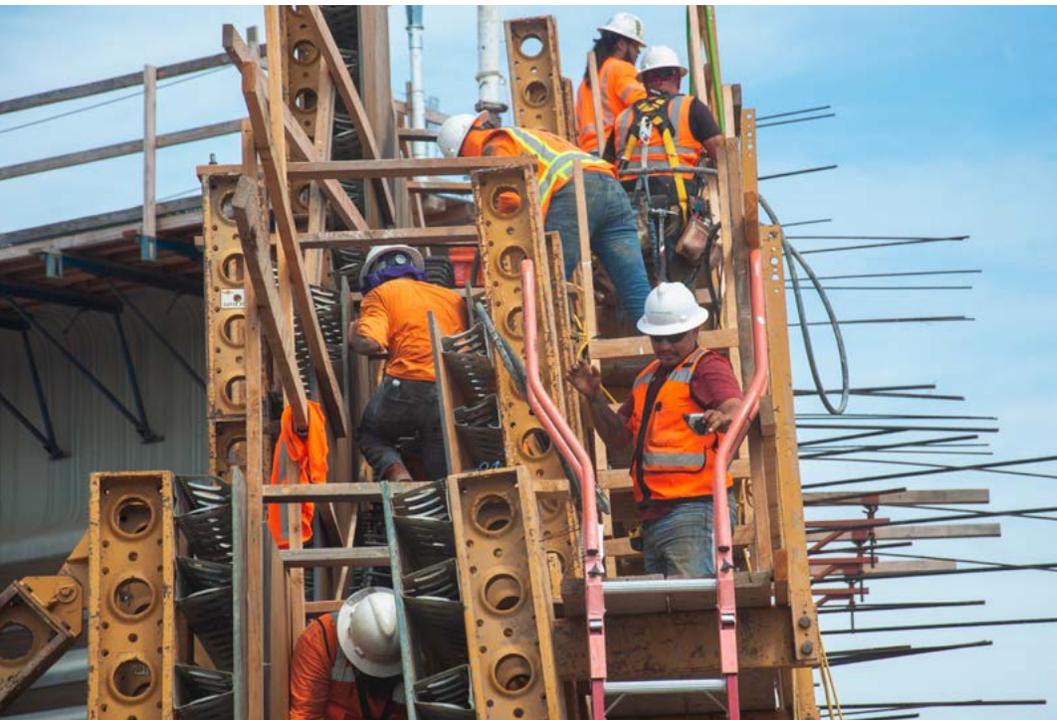


On average, nearly 1,400 individuals are dispatched each day to more than 25 active high-speed rail construction sites. For more than a decade, the HSRA has been strong partners with the California State Building Trades.

In 2023, the Authority marked 10 years since the establishment of its Community Benefits Agreement, which has helped create thousands of good-paying union jobs. This announcement came on the heels of the creation of the California Jobs First Council focused on aligning economic resources to create more jobs, faster for Californians in every community, including the Central San Joaquin Valley.



Workers on site at the Floral Avenue Grade Separation project.



Workers inside the concrete forms constructing wing walls for the Avenue 12 overcrossing.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

Caltrans

Clean California creates more than 18,000 jobs in three years

Since its inception in July 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom's \$1.2 billion Clean California initiative has created more than 18,000 jobs, including more than 3,800 positions for individuals who were formerly incarcerated and nearly 2,800 for people experiencing housing insecurity.

These dedicated workers have helped California clear more than 2.6 million cubic yards of litter—enough to cover nine lanes of Interstate 5 with an inch of trash from San Diego to the Canadian border, 50,000 tires and more than 12,000 mattresses—over the past three years, demonstrating the transformative power of Clean California at both the community and individual levels. So far, 94 of 312 projects have been completed, and another 171 are expected to be finished in the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Volunteers at a Clean California pickup event removing litter along Highway 99 in Sacramento.



Governor Newsom, CalSTA Secretary Omishakin and Caltrans Director Tony Tavares join Clean California team members in the Lost Hills area of Kern County.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

HSRA

Thousands visit High-Speed Rail train and station mock-ups at the California State Fair

More than 50,000 fairgoers got their first look at a full-scale HSR project exhibit at the California State Fair. The State of the Future exhibit took visitors through the history of the project – from construction into operations of the nation’s first 220 mph electrified high-speed train system. Guests enjoyed full-sized train mock-ups, toured virtually through bustling future station designs for Bakersfield, Fresno, Kings/Tulare and Merced, climbed the superstructures just like a seasoned construction worker and got an exclusive glimpse inside our state-of-the-art trains.

In February, Administrator Amit Bose of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and other officials from the FRA and the U.S. Department of Transportation visited the white train interior mock-ups and Central Valley station models to provide feedback prior to station procurement activities.

Administrator Amit Bose of the Federal Railroad Administration views station models at the California State Fair exhibit.



A full-sized mock-up of a High-Speed Rail train at the California State Fair.

50,000 fairgoers toured the High-Speed Rail exhibit at the California State Fair.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

DMV

DMV innovations offer customer convenience

The Department of Motor Vehicles is making it easy for Californians to take care of business through its customer-focused digital transformation. The DMV no longer processes in-office simple transactions that can easily be completed online or through other convenient options. Now more than 90 percent of all DMV transactions can be performed online.

Starting June 3, the DMV began only processing the following transactions through alternative, out-of-office options:

- Simple vehicle registration renewals that are not past the due date
- Driver's license renewals that do not require an in-person visit
- Requests for copies of vehicle registration records, which show a vehicle's ownership history
- Requests for copies of driver's license records, which show a driver's history
- Replacing a lost or stolen driver's license/identification card

The DMV has also shortened the time it takes for Californians to receive vehicle stickers and driver's licenses to just two weeks in most cases. As more customers go online and use other service channels, DMV offices can better accommodate Californians who need a REAL ID or otherwise must visit an office, and DMV staff can devote their energy to critical tasks.

HSRA

High-Speed Rail is a good investment for California

The HSR project has created a total of 92,000 job-years of employment, spurring \$7 billion in total direct labor income earned by workers on the project and \$18 billion in total economic activity. A 2023 Economic Impact Analysis Report shows that high-speed rail continues to be a proven job creator that bolsters the local economy, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Ninety-nine percent of the project's 2022-23 fiscal year expenditures went to California businesses and workers, with two of every three of those dollars going to disadvantaged communities, driving economic activity in these areas.



California High-Speed Rail crews assembling scaffolding for the construction of a trench box lid.



Economic Prosperity

Accomplishments

DMV

Innovative smartphone driver's licenses piloted by the DMV

The DMV has made it easy for iOS and Android phone users to add their California driver's license or state ID to their smartphones. As of October 2024, more than 700,000 mobile driver's licenses have been added by Californians to their phones as part of a pilot program that launched in late 2023.



A poster in an airport terminal promoting California's digital driver's license.



This pilot is limited to 1.5 million participants. Californians can use this new feature for identity purposes at airport security checkpoints (TSA certified), including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Jose International Airports and dozens of airports across the country. Age verification (TruAge) is also available at select retail locations.

A TSA officer examines a traveler's electronic boarding pass, as innovative smartphone driver's licenses are piloted by the DMV.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

CalSTA develops domestic and international partnerships to advance climate action

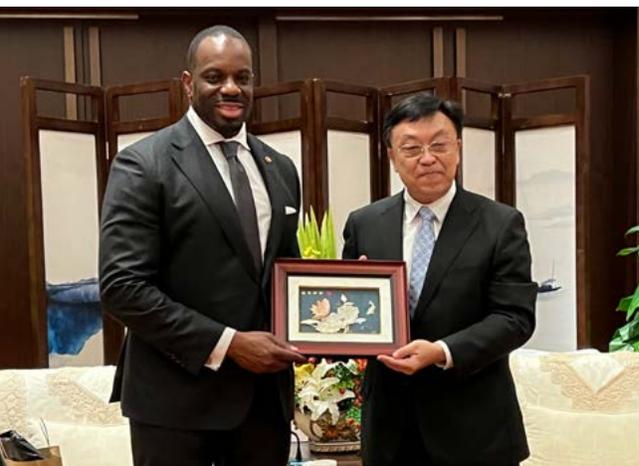
In April, CalSTA published its first-ever Strategic Plan. CalSTA's 16-page, 2024 - 2026 Strategic Plan includes the following strategic goal, "Expand and strengthen California's engagement as a global leader in clean transportation by developing domestic and international partnerships that advance climate action."

To advance this goal and others, Alana Sanchez joined CalSTA as International Transportation Policy Manager in July to help develop international partnerships.

During the year, Secretary Omishakin traveled to the following areas:

The People's Republic of China

- In March, Secretary Omishakin and CalEPA Secretary Yana Garcia co-led a climate delegation to Shanghai, Hainan Province (Haikou), Guangdong Province (Shenzhen) and Hong Kong.
- During this year's visit, work plans for the August 2023 Hainan-California Climate MOU (signed by Secretary Omishakin) and the October 2023 Shanghai-California Climate MOU were adopted.
- In August, to implement CalSTA's climate MOU with China's Hainan Province, CalSTA convened the California Battery Swap Electric Truck Forum to explore innovative electric vehicle business models being pioneered in China. The day-long forum held in Davis brought together leaders of Chinese companies that use battery-swapping trucks, researchers studying opportunities for battery swapping in the United States and stakeholders to discuss the potential benefits and challenges of developing and implementing battery-swap technology in California.



CalSTA Secretary Omishakin with Feng Fei, Hainan Party Secretary.

The CalSTA climate delegation with representatives from Hainan.



Africa

- Secretary Omishakin participated in California's delegation to Climate Week NYC 2024, where CalSTA coordinated an event with State agency partners showcasing California's climate leadership and where Secretary Omishakin also highlighted California's clean transportation efforts at the Clinton Global Initiative and an event sponsored by Octopus Electric Vehicles.
- CalSTA also leveraged its participation in Climate Week to coordinate bilateral discussions between Secretary Omishakin and several African international leaders to deepen CalSTA's clean transportation engagement with African nations.

- In December, CalSTA led an advance planning trip to Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana with UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) and the Bay Area Council to prepare for a California-climate and trade delegation to Africa sometime before the end of Summer 2025.
- CalSTA is working with UC Davis ITS to develop a California - Africa Climate Partnership organization within the University's Global South Center for Clean Transportation that will support sustained, durable and meaningful climate partnerships between California and Africa.

Mexico

- In October, CalSTA continued its relationship-building with international partners.
- CalSTA met with the Head of the North America Unit at the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Roberto Velasco-Alvarez, during the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's binational delegation to Mexico City.
- CalSTA met with US Ambassador to Mexico Ken Salazar and Director General of Roadways in the Secretaria de Infraestructura, Comunicaciones y Transportes, Rafael Cervantes de la Teja (a new official in the Sheinbaum Administration).



UC Davis China Center for Energy and Transportation Director Yunshi Wang, Secretary Omishakin and UC Davis Professor Dr. Daniel Sperling at the California Battery-Swap Electric Truck Forum at UC Davis.



Secretary Toks Omishakin joined Washington Governor Jay Inslee and other dedicated climate supporters at the U.S. Climate Alliance meeting at Climate Week NYC.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

HSRA

High-Speed Rail environmentally cleared from Los Angeles to San Francisco

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors approved the final environmental document for the 38-mile segment between Palmdale and Burbank. At speeds up to 220 mph, this most recent section will connect the Antelope Valley to the San Fernando Valley in a roughly 17-minute train trip - more than twice as fast as traveling by car.

The Palmdale to Burbank Project Section will connect two key population centers in Los Angeles County by linking future multimodal transportation hubs in Palmdale and Burbank. The section features about 30 miles of tunneling, including 28 miles through mountains. The approval of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) was the last environmental clearance needed between downtown San Francisco and downtown Los Angeles.



Map showing the 38-mile segment between Palmdale and Burbank.



Climate Action Accomplishments

CalSTA

CalSTA announces \$1.3 billion for passenger rail and transit projects

Twenty-seven projects received more than \$1.3 billion from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to improve transit and passenger rail service in California. Projects are being funded statewide and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 4.3 million metric tons – equivalent to taking more than 1.3 million gas-powered cars off the road.

This funding announcement is part of a multiyear, multibillion dollar investment to modernize and expand the state’s public transit network and prioritizes safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity in the transportation decisions California makes. This \$1.3 billion in competitive awards follows more than \$2.2 billion distributed to agencies during the summer of 2024 on a formula basis pursuant to SB 125. The project awards will leverage more than \$8.6 billion in matching local, federal and other state funding.



Secretary Omishakin with TIRCP award recipients from the Orange County Transportation Authority, SANDAG and the North County Transit District.

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding awarded to BART-led North Berkeley Mobility Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Enhancements Project and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Train Control Upgrade Program.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

HSRA

California High-Speed Rail Authority releases 2024 Sustainability Report

High-Speed Rail released its annual Sustainability Report. The report details the cumulative and annual progress the high-speed rail project has made on its social, economic and environmental goals in the last year as it builds one of the most significant, greenest public infrastructure projects in the nation.

Significant achievements include:

- Increasing the number of small and disadvantaged businesses at work on the project; small businesses have increased by nearly 166 percent since 2015. The number of disadvantaged business enterprises has grown by 191 percent since 2015.
- Avoiding more than 570,000 pounds of criteria air pollutants, including short-lived climate pollutants since the start of construction.
- Preserving and restoring more than 4,400 acres of habitat; protecting more than 3,400 acres of agricultural land from development.
- Diverting more than 95 percent of non-hazardous waste from landfills: 306,159 tons of 323,739 total were recycled or reused. In 2023 alone, we diverted 3,198 tons of the 4,445 tons of non-hazardous waste generated.
- Advancing station design and delivery to prioritize a phased build-out that brings value to communities and builds ridership.
- Keeping in touch with the core public: over 33,700 community members joined the 346 community meetings we've hosted.



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Cover of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's 2024 Sustainability Report, emphasizing the project's commitment to sustainable infrastructure and environmental progress.



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Accomplishments

Caltrans

Caltrans launched Venture passenger rail cars

Caltrans and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission launched the first set of seven next-generation passenger rail cars on the Amtrak San Joaquins line in a public ceremony held in Stockton in March. The event showcased the new ADA-accessible train cars, which provide individuals in wheelchairs far more access than previous rail cars by including wider doors, wider aisles, automatic doors between train cars and automatic restroom doors.

Each seat has USB power to charge devices and best-in-class “next Gen Wi-Fi” is available throughout the train. Trains offer more storage, larger workstations, panoramic windows, large overhead digital information signs and high-quality public address audio systems. The first trainset covers one round-trip from Oakland to Bakersfield each day. By the end of 2025, seven full sets of new cars will completely replace all older rail cars on the San Joaquins itinerary. Caltrans spent \$132 million to replace the existing rail cars on the San Joaquins line.

Interior of Venture rail car.



Caltrans mascot Safety Sam boards an Amtrak San Joaquins rail car.

Caltrans Director Tony Tavares announces next generation Venture passenger rail cars going into service on the Amtrak San Joaquins line.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

Caltrans

\$51.4 million to strengthen California's climate resilient transportation

Caltrans awarded \$51.4 million in planning grants for 89 sustainable, climate-resilient transportation projects throughout California to help communities withstand the impacts of extreme weather events fueled by climate change. Of the total, \$48.3 million (94 percent) will benefit disadvantaged communities.

Three cyclists enjoy a ride near Cambria.

The selected projects will help reduce planet-warming pollution, improve the resiliency of the state highway system, enhance access to safe walkways and bike paths and expand natural disaster preparedness. Nearly \$29 million comes from one-time state and federal sources made possible by Governor Newsom's historic \$15 billion clean transportation package in the 2022-23 state budget to further the state's ambitious climate goals. Another \$12.4 million comes from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The awards will fund project planning and conceptual design efforts, helping move the projects closer to construction.



DMV

Clean Air Vehicle decals now available online

There are currently 411,133 vehicles in California with active CAV decals. Californians with a qualifying zero- or low-emission vehicle can now skip the paper application, save the stamp and complete the application process quickly and conveniently online.

This latest digital offering from the DMV has more than doubled the number of online transactions during the past few years to more than 1 million decals, allows customers to confirm their vehicle's eligibility instantly and expedite their request so they can receive their decal sooner.

Low emission vehicle with a Clean Air Vehicle sticker on the right rear bumper.





Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

Transit Transformation Task Force to improve the future of transit

The 25-member Transit Transformation Task Force convened in person this year for the first time. Members include representatives from the department, various local agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations and other stakeholders.

The Task Force is required to solicit and develop a structured, coordinated process for the engagement of all parties to develop policy recommendations to grow transit ridership and improve the transit experience for all users of those services. The Task Force will submit a report of findings and policy recommendations to policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before October 31, 2025.

The first in-person meeting of the Transit Transformation Task Force was held in February.



A San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train carrying commuters to destinations in San Francisco, the East Bay and San Mateo County.





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Accomplishments

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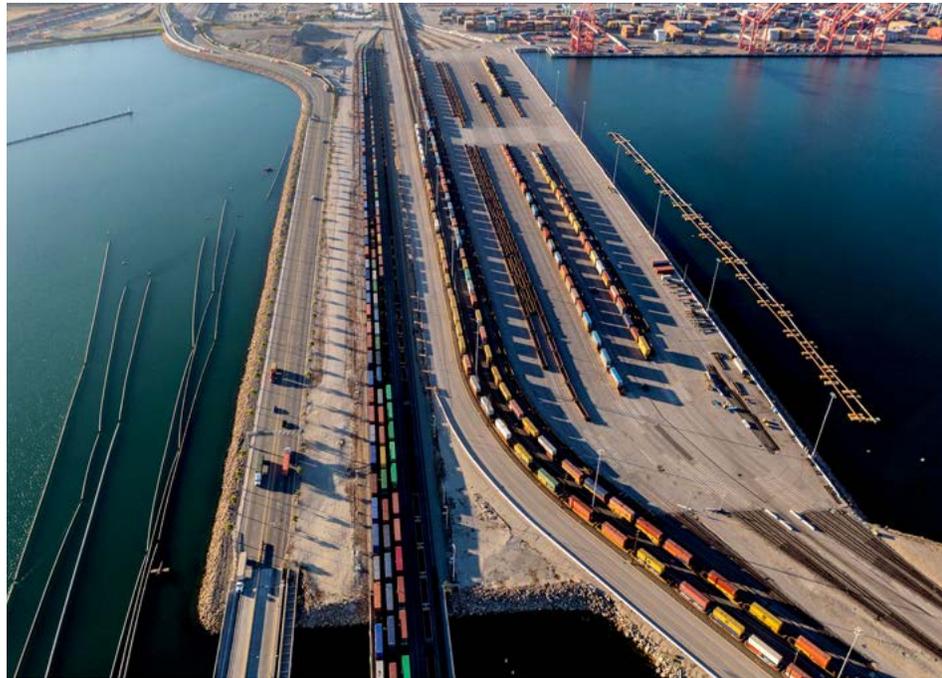
California ports get \$1 billion grant for zero-emission transition

Seven California ports received more than \$1 billion to build zero-emission infrastructure and implement plans to clean up air quality. California ports received a third of the total funding announced nationwide.

California's ports handle about 40 percent of the nation's containerized imports and 30 percent of America's exports. Prior to this major federal infrastructure funding award, CalSTA led a delegation of California ports to Washington D.C. to advocate for zero-emission infrastructure funding with the Biden-Harris Administration. CalSTA also helped coordinate a Congressional sign-on letter with almost 30 California Members of Congress requesting zero-emission port infrastructure funding from the Biden-Harris Administration.

The seven ports include:

- Port of Los Angeles \$411.69 million
- Port of Oakland \$322.17 million
- Port of Stockton \$110.47 million
- Port of San Diego \$58.6 million
- Port of San Francisco \$55.39 million
- Port of Hueneme \$42.29 million
- Port of Redwood City \$1.97 million



Aerial view of cargo trains lined up at the Port of Los Angeles, showcasing the major freight movement hub in Southern California.



Climate Action

Accomplishments

Caltrans

California, Oregon and Washington partner on Zero-Emission I-5 freight corridor

California, Oregon and Washington have secured \$102 million to install charging stations and hydrogen fueling stations for trucks along Interstate 5 and other key freight corridors.

The West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project is an innovative and collaborative multi-state effort to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) in the trucking and logistics industries. Trucks total 6 percent of vehicles on California’s roads, but they account for over 35 percent of its transportation-generated emissions of smog-causing nitrogen oxides and a quarter of the state’s on-road greenhouse gas emissions. The funding comes from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. The award will result in new, publicly accessible charging stations and hydrogen fueling stations. These stations will support the emissions-free movement of goods locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Construction of the new charging stations is expected to begin in 2026.



California Governor Gavin Newsom remarks on a \$12.6 billion project to build the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems hydrogen hub during a press conference in Oakland.

West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project map



Climate Action

Accomplishments

HSRA

Moving forward with high-speed trainset procurement

In April, the Authority's Board of Directors approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to industry for the nation's first 220 mph electrified high-speed trains. The Authority solicited proposals from Alstom Transportation, Inc., and Siemens Mobility, Inc., the two prequalified shortlisted firms announced in January 2023. This trainset procurement process will allow the Authority to:

- Procure six trainsets capable of operating at 220 mph and tested up to 242 mph.
- Receive two prototype trainsets to support testing and trial running.
- Receive an additional four trainsets by the end of 2030 to support revenue operations on the 171-mile Merced to Bakersfield section.

This procurement is possible in part due to the \$3.1 billion grant awarded to the Authority in December 2023 that included funding for new electric trains. In accordance with federal funding, trainset procurement will be Buy America compliant. The Authority plans to reward the contract in 2025.



Mockups of the California High-Speed Rail trainsets, showcasing innovative design and engineering for the project.





Climate Action

Accomplishments

CalSTA

Closing out of all Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) actions, development of new actions in progress

CalSTA finalized its Second Annual CAPTI Report on January 29, 2024, after releasing a draft for public feedback in November 2023. This report detailed how, in only two years since the adoption of CAPTI, California had nearly completed all the actions to align the state's transportation funding programs with its climate goals. As of July 2024, all 34 actions have been closed out.

CalSTA has dedicated this year to engaging external partners throughout the process of developing new actions to implement CAPTI's investment framework. In total, the Agency held three listening sessions in the spring, three workshops in the fall and presented to the joint California Air Resources Board/Housing & Community Development/California Transportation Commission meeting in November. Based on feedback from the listening sessions, ideas for draft actions were developed and shared for the fall workshops and further refined for the November presentation. Draft actions will be included in an upcoming update of CAPTI scheduled for release in early 2025.



Bicyclists in Sacramento.



Caltrain in Palo Alto.



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