



# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

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# Federal Fiscal Year 25/26

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- Federal Fiscal Year Reminders, please ensure:
  - Exhibit 9-C: Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form has been submitted for project receiving CON authorizations within FFY 25/26.
  - QAP has been updated in the past 5 years if a project will be receiving federal CON funds this year.
  - Most recent version of LAPM and LAPG Exhibits are being used when submitting documentation.

# Inactive Invoices

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- Deadline to submit inactive invoices for this quarter is **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**. Please work with your assigned Local Assistance Area Engineer if you have any outstanding inactive invoices this quarter.
- New inactive quarter will begin on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
- Deadline to submit inactive invoices for next quarter is **Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
- Reminder letters will soon be sent out for the current quarter.
- Inactivity may prevent E-76s from being processed.
- The official inactive list can be viewed here:
  - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/about-local-assistance/project-management-oversight/inactive-projects>
- If you have questions or issues with submitting invoices, please contact your assigned Local Assistance Area Engineer for further assistance.

# CTC Meetings

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- The [2026 CTC Meeting Schedule](#) has been posted on the [CTC Meeting Webpage](#).
- Next CTC Meetings:
  - May 14 - 15, 2026 – San Jose
  - June 25 – 26, 2026 – Sacramento
- Next deadlines to submit allocations and time extensions to District 12 Local Assistance (see the [2026 CTC Preparation Calendar](#)):
  - Mon, Apr 27 for the June CTC Meeting..
  - No April CTC Meeting.

# Active Transportation Program (ATP)

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- Proposed Schedule for ATP Cycle 8 Program Milestones is posted on [Caltrans ATP Cycle 8 Webpage](#):
  - Call for Projects – **Open Now:** [Application Access Portal](#)
  - **Project Applications Deadline** – 11:59 PM on June 22, 2026
- ATRC
  - **New\*** [Count Methodology Guide](#)
    - Projects Allocated for CON or CON/NI after the March 2026 CTC Meeting will follow this new guidance.
  - ATP NI/Plan Office Hours - April 16 & May 21 – [Register Here](#)
  - Sign-up for the [ATRC Mailing List](#) for Monthly Updates.
- Please submit project reports through CalSMART in a timely manner, automatic reminders are sent to agencies periodically regarding projects.
  - Reporting Training video and resources available on the [Caltrans ATP Reporting Webpage](#).
- FY25/26 Q3 ATP Reporting Period: Begins April 1st, 2026 - Ends April 15th, 2026
  - Please be aware that corrections may be needed after a project report submission. Corrections are needed in a timely manner (typically by the end of the month of that reporting period).
- Please contact your Local Assistance Area Engineer with any questions.

# Highway Bridge Program (HBP)

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- New financially constrained programming lists for HBP projects have been finalized in March and have been submitted to MPOs for FTIP amendment. Programming lists were distributed to local agencies and will be posted on the [HBP Listings - Orange](#) webpage pending ADA-remediation.
- EPSP now open for HBP projects with programming within FFY 29/30. Please reach out to request an EPSP if your project is ready to advance and authorize in this current FFY 25/26.
- New pilot [LAPG 6-A HBP Application and 6-D Cost/Schedule Change Request forms](#) are now available on the Caltrans HBP webpage and should be used moving forward.
- High-Cost Agreement (HCA) status – Based on the current funding outlook of high-cost programming, the earliest federal funds can be programmed in a High-Cost Agreement is in FFY 29/30. Funding capacity may change depending on the next federal transportation act. Local Advance Construction (AC) for high-cost programming is still optional.
- Information may be subject to change. For additional information and guidance, please see Caltrans HBP webpage: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-bridge-program>.

# Competitive Grant Program (CGP)

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- For FFY 2023 awarded CGP projects, the obligation deadline is **September 30, 2026**.
- Revised Designated Subrecipient Agreement (DSA) templates for RAISE Pass-Through projects under development by HQ and CT Legal.
  - ETA for revised DSA template for FFY 2023 awarded CGP projects: end of April 2026.
- FHWA GrantSolutions system for project reporting is required on all local administered Caltrans Pass-Through projects.
  - Caltrans will submit all project reports to FHWA via GrantSolutions.
  - GrantSolutions access and training is forthcoming.

# Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP)

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- Clean California Local Grant Program will allow additional time extensions for Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 projects.
  - Cycle 1 projects are eligible for the following:
    - Completion of construction and all reimbursable work by September 30, 2026.
    - Completion of project closeout by February 1, 2027.
  - Cycle 2 projects are eligible for the following:
    - Completion of construction and all reimbursable work by September 30, 2027.
    - Completion of project closeout by February 1, 2028.
- Please see the Clean CA webpage for more info and program guidelines:  
<https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grant-program>.

# Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)

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## DBE Program Suspension

- [Caltrans Office Bulletin #25-07 R2: Suspension of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\) Program:](#)
  - In response to the [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program \(DBE\) Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) published on October 3, 2025, which addresses amendments to 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 concerning the Airport Concessions DBE and DBE Program, the DBE Program is suspended effective October 3, 2025.
  - October 3, 2025, DBE Contract Goal Setting, Counting, along with DBE monitoring and compliance, is suspended.
- A Caltrans Advisory on DBE Program IFR webinar was hosted by DLA OCR/LCC to discuss significant changes resulting from the DBE IFR. The webinar recording, presentation file, and additional information can be found at the [relevant CALTAP webinar posting](#).
- Supplemental Resources to the DBE IFR: [IFR Frequently Asked Questions](#) published U.S. Department of Transportation December 2025 and [Webinar Recording: Caltrans Advisory on DBE Program IFR](#) produced by CA Local Technical Assistance Program October 2025.

## DBE Reevaluation

- On March 2, 2026, the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) issued reevaluation notices to firms certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in California prior to October 2, 2025. All certifying agencies in the CUCP will reevaluate the DBE's they originally certified. The Caltrans Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for reevaluating over 3,200 DBE firms and is available to provide technical assistance throughout this process.
- OCR is hosting a series of webinars to assist DBE firms with the reevaluation process. Visit the bottom of the Caltrans [DBE Reevaluation](#) webpage for dates and times. For inquiries regarding technical assistance or the DBE reevaluation process, please [email](#) the Caltrans Office of Civil Rights at [DBE.Evaluation@dot.ca.gov](mailto:DBE.Evaluation@dot.ca.gov)
- For any general questions about the IFR and the DBE Program, please contact [DBE.compliance@dot.ca.gov](mailto:DBE.compliance@dot.ca.gov) or (916) 324-0990. Please contact your assigned Local Assistance Area Engineer with any other questions or for further assistance.

# DBE/QAP Annual Forms

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- [LAPM Exhibit 9-C: Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form](#) will continue to be collected on an annual basis with Caltrans D12 Local Assistance prior to processing Federal Fund Request for Authorization (E76).
  - Exhibit 9-C is unaffected by the DBE IFR and due to Caltrans D12 Local Assistance by June 30 of each year.
- Quality Assurance Program (QAP) is required to be updated and approved every 5 years by Caltrans Materials Engineering and Testing Services (METS).
  - Submit to Caltrans D12 Local Assistance to commence approval process.
  - [QAP Template](#), published December 2025 can be utilized to amend existing agency QAP.
- If you have questions or issues with submitting DBE/QAP forms, please contact your assigned Local Assistance Area Engineer for further assistance.

# PED Extension

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- New way to request extensions for Project End Dates (PED).
  - Entirely online and replaces old E-76 system.
  - Link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/dd8ec43edae54b8aad35159cacec011a>
- Work done after a PED cannot be reimbursed!
- More info, helpful tools, and a report listing upcoming PED expirations can be found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects-with-expiring-end-dates>

# Title VI

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- Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination by recipient of Federal assistance on the basis of race, color, and national origin, including the denial of meaningful access for limited English proficient (LEP) Persons.
- Requirements include but are not limited to:
  - Title VI nondiscrimination statement
  - Assurances (as part of the Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement.
  - Designation of a Title VI Coordinator.
  - Complaint Procedures.
  - Data Collection.
  - Training.
  - Dissemination of Information.
  - Contracts and Agreements.
  - Environmental Justice.
  - Public Hearings and Meetings.
  - Right of Way activities.
  - Construction contract compliance.
  - Monitoring.
- Caltrans has also recently updated our webpage on [Filing a Complaint](#), where guidance is provided to local agencies on how to process Title VI complaints.
- Title VI Branch Website: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/title-vi>

# References and Training Opportunities

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- Caltrans Local Assistance Webpage:
  - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance>
- California LTAP training:
  - <https://caltap.org/training.aspx>
- Local Assistance Blog/DLA Training Programs (website undergoing maintenance):
  - <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/>
  - <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/local-assistance-training/>
- Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM):
  - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm>
- Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG):
  - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-program-guidelines-lapg>

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