



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

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Federal Fiscal Year 25/26

- 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

- Deadline to submit inactive invoices for this quarter is **February 20th, 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 **April 1st, 2026**.
- Deadline to submit inactive invoices for next quarter is **May 22nd, 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

- The [2026 CTC Meeting Schedule](#) has been posted on the [CTC Meeting Webpage](#).
- Next CTC Meetings:
 - March 19 - 20, 2026 – Malibu.
 - May 14 - 15, 2026 – San Jose.
- Next deadlines to submit allocations and time extensions to District 12 Local Assistance (see the [2026 CTC Preparation Calendar](#)):
 - March 16th, 2026 for the May CTC Meeting.
 - No April CTC Meeting.

Active Transportation Program (ATP)

- Proposed Schedule for ATP Cycle 8 Program Milestones is posted on [Caltrans ATP Cycle 8 Webpage](#); notable dates as follows:
 - Call for Projects – March 19-20, 2026
 - Project Applications Deadline – 11:59 PM on June 22, 2026
- Please submit project reports through CalSMART in a timely manner, automatic reminders are sent to agencies periodically regarding projects.
- September 2025 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; see the [Caltrans ATP Reporting Webpage](#) for further details).
- Please contact your Local Assistance Area Engineer with any questions.

Highway Bridge Program (HBP)

- Current programming lists for HBP projects finalized in October and have been submitted to MPOs for FTIP amendment. Project lists are currently posted on the [HBP Listings - Orange](#) webpage with ADA-remediation.
- General EPSP and Post-Programming changes for HBP projects are currently suspended unless approved by HBP Managers. If there are any projects that require de-obligation of prior programmed years, please reach out to your assigned LAEE to start the de-obligation process to provide additional capacity for future EPSP and Post-Programming of other HBP projects.
- New pilot [LAPG 6-A HBP Application and 6-D Cost/Schedule Change Request forms](#) are now available and should be used going 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.
- New approved [CTC escalation rate of 6.19%](#) for construction cost escalation. HBP participation in construction cost escalation should not exceed the escalation factor as approved by the CTC.
- 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)

- FHWA revising Recipient Agreement (RA) template, Terms & Conditions.
 - Revisions completed for PROTECT and Culvert AOP programs.
 - Pending revisions on other programs - BUILD/RAISE, RCP, INFRA, MEGA, BIP, etc.
- New change of awardee process to allow the selected applicant (e.g. local agency) to transfer grant award to another entity (e.g. Caltrans) – Direct vs. Pass-Through CGP project.
- New GrantSolutions system for project quarterly reports and management on all new and revised grant agreements.
 - Starting October 1, 2025 - All grant programs except RCP, NAE, BUILD, RAISE, TIGER, SS4A, INFRA.
 - Starting January 1, 2026 - TIGER, BUILD, RAISE.
 - Districts required to gather and submit project quarterly reports to FHWA via GrantSolutions by reporting deadlines.
- Revised Designated Subrecipient Agreement (DSA) templates for D12 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.

Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP)

- 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)

- [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. During the suspension, there will be no Effective:
 - No contract DBE goals
 - No Good Faith Effort Evaluation
 - No counting of DBE participation
 - No monitoring of DBE program compliance
 - No DBE forms submission
- 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](#).
- Caltrans Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has reviewed the IFR in detail and in coordinating with the U.S. Department of Transportation provided further guidance via [IFR Frequently Asked Questions](#) published December 2025. As the DBE pause continues, additional guidance, policy updates, and procedural instructions will be issued to ensure compliance and support for recipients and stakeholders.
- For any general questions about the IFR and the DBE Program, please contact 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

- QAP and [Exhibit 9-C: Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form](#) need to be up to date and on file with Caltrans D12 Local Assistance in order to process E-76s and receive federal funding.
 - Title VI and ADA requirements remain and are not affected by the DBE IFR.
 - LAPM Exhibit 9-C: Local Agency ADA Annual Certification Form is unaffected by this DBE IFR will continue to be collected on an annual basis.
- Quality Assurance Program (QAP) forms need to be updated and approved every 5 years.
- If you have questions or issues with submitting DBE/QAP forms, please contact your assigned Local Assistance Area Engineer for further assistance.

PED Extension

- 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

- 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

- 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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