



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MARCH 18, 2026

SUBJECT: ADOPT THE 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

ACTION: ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT the resolution for the 2027 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement (TIP) Program as shown in Attachment A.

ISSUE

As the designated County Transportation Commission for Los Angeles County, Metro is required every two years to submit a Metro Board adopted resolution to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) certifying that Los Angeles County has the resources to fund and is committed to implementing the projects included in the 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026/27 - 2031/32. Inclusion of projects in the FTIP is required for the allocation of federal funds, state and regional funds (as applicable), and for specific federal actions (including federal environmental clearance).

BACKGROUND

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, SCAG is required, under federal and state law, to develop the FTIP. The FTIP is a six-year document that lists projects to be funded with federal, state, and local funds. The FTIP is required to advance the planning and construction of projects included in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). This is achieved through the systematic programming of funds for RTP/SCS projects in accordance with federal and state requirements, including scheduling, financing, and the timely implementation of transportation control measures to help reduce air pollution. The Board is required to approve a resolution certifying that funds are committed to support Los Angeles County projects in the FTIP Adoption. NOTE: Board approval of the individual projects is not required as part of this action, as all the projects have been previously approved through other actions, such as Board approval for Metro projects, State approval for Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects, projects included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), federal earmarks, and the SCAG Call for Projects.

DISCUSSION

Projects from each of SCAG's six counties are included in their respective TIPs and then submitted to SCAG for inclusion in the FTIP. In California, the FTIP is updated every two years to comply with both state and federal requirements. SCAG's 2025 FTIP, which programs funds for FFY 2024/25 - 2029/30, was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on December 16, 2024. SCAG is scheduled to adopt the 2027 FTIP in December 2026. A joint air quality conformity determination from the FHWA and the FTA is required for the approval of SCAG's 2027 FTIP and is also anticipated in December 2026. The 2027 Los Angeles County TIP includes nearly 995 projects valued at approximately \$33 billion for about 100 agencies. All the projects in the 2027 FTIP support both Metro's adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as the local agencies' plans.

For the 2027 FTIP Adoption, Metro hosted several virtual workshops with local agencies to inform agency staff about the adoption schedule and the process for updating existing projects or adding new projects to the FTIP. Workshops occurred on September 8 and 15, 2025. All agencies that could potentially have federal funding programmed in the 2025 FTIP were invited. Metro also provided a step-by-step guide to support agencies through the adoption process. Metro submitted the list of Metro Board approved projects and projects from Los Angeles County agencies as part of the 2027 FTIP Adoption to SCAG on January 6, 2026. SCAG is currently reviewing these projects. After all technical comments are addressed, SCAG will post the projects on its website for public comment from July 9 to August 7, 2026.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will have no direct impact on the safety of Metro customers or employees. The Los Angeles County TIP will allow Metro and other project sponsors to program and receive funding, enabling the timely realization of the projects' anticipated safety benefits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will allow Metro to program and secure federal, state, and regional funds for projects in Los Angeles County.

Impact to Budget

Adoption of the resolution for the 2027 Los Angeles County TIP has no impact on the FY 2026 Budget.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The 2027 FTIP incorporates multiple layers of accountability to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not left behind in transportation improvement projects. Many of Metro's projects in the FTIP are guided by the Equity Platform's four pillars for planning and implementing projects in

disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles County. In addition, Metro is collaborating with SCAG to further integrate the MPO's Racial Equity Early Action Plan, adopted in July 2020 by its Regional Council, into the FTIP for local agencies' projects.

Similar to the most recent adopted 2025 FTIP cycle, SCAG is implementing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations into the 2027 FTIP by working with County Transportation Commissions, including Metro, to incorporate new equity input. These considerations will assess how and where investments are being made across the region and address equity issues within transportation improvements in Environmental Justice areas, Disadvantaged Communities, Priority Equity Communities, and/or Communities of Concern.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

While the agency remains committed to reducing VMT through transit and multimodal investments, some projects may induce or increase personal vehicle travel. However, these individual projects aim to ensure the efficient and safe movement of people and goods. Although the highway project improvements included in the FTIP may not directly contribute to achieving the Board-adopted VMT Reduction Targets, the VMT Targets were developed to account for the cumulative effect of a suite of programs and projects within the Metro region, which, individually, may induce or increase VMT. Additionally, Metro has a voter-approved mandate to deliver multimodal projects that enhance mobility while ensuring the efficient and safe movement of people and goods. As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT.

This item supports Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT by providing funding to enhance transit systems and to support various multimodal plans, programs, and infrastructure improvements throughout the region. These investment activities will benefit and further encourage transit ridership, ridesharing, and active transportation. Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets were designed to build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of these recommendations will support the following Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 3: Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity by securing funding that will conduct planning, create and enhance programs, and build infrastructure that accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively further fair housing, and reduce VMT.

Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration and national leadership by facilitating partnerships to deliver transportation projects with significant geographic or regionwide benefits.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to adopt the resolution shown in Attachment A. Staff does not recommend this alternative. By not adopting the resolution, the Los Angeles County TIP will not be included in SCAG's 2027 FTIP. Therefore, Metro and other agencies in Los Angeles County will not be able to program and receive federal, state, and regional funding allocations for their projects. This may jeopardize the timely implementation of projects in Los Angeles County that have funds programmed through FFY 2031/32. It may also result in the loss of funding allocations due to federal and state lapsing and/or project inactivity policies, as well as in the ineligibility for future funding allocations.

NEXT STEPS

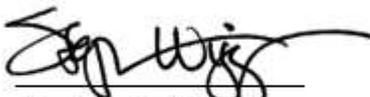
With Board approval of our recommendation, staff will submit the resolution to SCAG by the March 31, 2026, deadline.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A Resolution for the 2027 Los Angeles County TIP

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) WHICH CERTIFIES THAT LOS
ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2026/27 – 2031/32 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT
ALL PROJECTS IN THE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is located within the metropolitan planning boundaries of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) requires SCAG to adopt a regional transportation improvement program for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA also requires that the regional transportation improvement program include a financial plan that demonstrates how the transportation improvement program can be implemented, indicates resources from public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the transportation improvement program, and recommends any additional financing strategies for needed projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA is the agency responsible for short-range capital and service planning and programming for the Los Angeles County area within SCAG; and

WHEREAS, as the responsible agency for short-range transportation planning, LACMTA is responsible for the development of the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including all projects utilizing federal and state highway/road and transit funds; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA must determine, on an annual basis, the total amount of funds that could be available for transportation projects within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA has adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026/27 - 2031/32 Los Angeles County TIP with funding for FFY 2026/27 and FFY 2027/28 available and committed, and reasonably committed for FFY 2028/29 through FFY 2029/30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by LACMTA that it affirms its continuing commitment to the projects in the FFY 2026/27 - 2031/32 Los Angeles County TIP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FFY 2026/27 - 2031/32 Los Angeles County TIP Financial Plan identifies the resources that are available and committed in

the first two years and reasonably available to carry out the Program in the last four years, and certifies that:

1. Projects in the FY2026/27 - 2031/32 Los Angeles County TIP are consistent with the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program scheduled to be approved by the California Transportation Commission in March 2026; and
2. The local match for projects funded with federal STBG Program and CMAQ Program funds is identified in the Los Angeles County TIP; and
3. All the Federal Transit Administration-funded projects are programmed within the IIJA Guaranteed Funding levels.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, ____.

CERTIFICATION

COLLETTE LANGSTON
LACMTA Board Clerk

DATED:
(SEAL)



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Planning and Programming Committee

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Metro

Recommendation

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Background

- SCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, is required under federal and state law to develop the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years
- The 2027 FTIP is a required six-year programming document that advances the planning and construction of projects funded with federal, state, and local funds



Background

- The 2027 FTIP covers the period from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 27 to FFY32, with nearly 995 projects in Los Angeles County totaling \$33 billion for about 100 agencies
- Adopting the Resolution for the 2027 FTIP would allow agencies in Los Angeles County to program and receive funding allocations for the on-time delivery of projects

Next Steps

- Upon Board approval of the recommendation, staff will submit the resolution to SCAG by the March 31, 2026, deadline.