



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Executive Committee

Members are: Wendy Askew, Chair; Chaps Poduri, 1st Vice Chair; Luis Alejo, 2nd Vice Chair; Chris Lopez, Past Chair; Glenn Church, County Representative; Jose Rios, City Representative

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933
Supervisor Askew's office

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's office

1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930
Supervisor Chris Lopez's office

147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926
Mayor Jose Rios's office

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. **APPROVE** Executive Committee draft minutes of August 6, 2025.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues and **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

- Christina Watson, Ariadne Sambrano

This report includes updates on state and federal legislative activities and proposed positions on draft legislation.

5. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for September 24, 2025, TAMC Board meeting.

- Todd Muck

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant

Elouise@tamcmonterey.org

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: September 3, 2025
Subject: **Executive Committee Draft Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of August 6, 2025.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exec draft minutes August 6 2025-1

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members: Wendy Root Askew (Chair), Chaps Poduri (1st Vice Chair),
 Luis Alejo (2nd Vice Chair), Chris Lopez (Past Chair),
 Glenn Church (County representative), Jose Rios (City representative)*

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25
Wendy Root Askew, Chair Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chaps Poduri, 1st Vice Chair Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 2nd Vice Chair Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Chris Lopez, Past Chair Supervisor District 3 (Priscilla Ramos)	P (VC)	P	E	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Glenn Church, County Representative Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	*P(A) (VC)	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Jose Rios, City Representative , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	A	*P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

P = Present

P(A) = Alternate present

* = New Representative

TC = Teleconference

A = Absent

E = Excused

(VC) Video Conference

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guther, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting; Javier Gomez and Jasmine Mejia Cortez, District 1; Margaret D'Arrigo, City of Salinas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 4, 2025.

Committee member Church arrived after the consent agenda item.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state and federal legislative issues.

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that State legislators will return from recess on August 18th and will take action on all bills by August 29th. Mr. Khouri noted that the negotiations on extending the Cap and Trade program are ongoing.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that on June 30, 2025, the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) unveiled a sweeping overhaul of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) designed to fast-track infrastructure projects.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that California's Senators nominated the SR 156 and Seaside Broadway projects for funding in the Transportation Housing Urban Development appropriations bill, but unfortunately those nominations were not included in the bill that was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee.

5. MID-CYCLE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

On a motion by Committee Member Church and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt programming \$10.5 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for a Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program of Projects. The Committee agreed that a full list of all the projects with detailed information be presented to the Board of Directors on August 27 and maintaining the \$3 million in reserve for future issues that come up.

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner, reported The Transportation Agency has \$13.5 million of unprogrammed surplus that the Agency is committed to disbursing to local agencies. Staff recommends utilizing \$10.5 million of excess funds for the Mid-cycle RSTP Grant Program. She noted that the Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program establishes a new, one-time funding opportunity prior to the 2026 Competitive Grant Program with the objective of disbursing previously unaccounted-for funds as quickly as possible.

Agency staff received 15 funding requests from 10 jurisdictions with a total request of \$22.3 million. Of the 15 requests, 7 have completed design and will release bids for construction between August 2025 and February 2026. Three projects are currently under construction. The Transportation Agency recommends funding the following program of 10 projects with the Mid-cycle Competitive Grant funds for a total of \$10.5 million:

- City of Gonzales – Fifth Street Truck Ban Signage: \$38,512
- City of Greenfield – Walnut Avenue Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvement Project: \$100,000
- City of King – US 101/ Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement Project: \$1,488,000
- City of Marina – Imjin Parkway & 3rd Avenue Signal Improvements Project: \$450,000
- City of Monterey – Madison/ Hermann/ Larkin Traffic Circle: \$130,000
- City of Salinas – Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project (Phase 1): \$1,000,000
- City of Sand City – West End Improvement Project: \$2,000,000
- City of Seaside – Broadway Corridor Improvements: \$4,000,000
- City of Soledad – West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project: \$882,480
- County of Monterey – Laureles Grade/ Carmel Valley Road Roundabout: \$450,000

The Cities of Pacific Grove, Del Rey Oaks and Carmel-by-the-Sea did not have any projects that fit the criteria for the mid-cycle RSTP Grant Program.

6. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of August 27, 2025. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program of Projects
- SR 156 / Castroville Boulevard – SB 1 Baseline Agreement
- Proposition 116 Annual Report
- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway – California Avenue and Jerry Smith Trailhead Segments Update
- Closed Session

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning, Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 3, 2025
Subject: **Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on state and federal legislative issues and **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

SUMMARY:

This report includes updates on state and federal legislative activities and proposed positions on draft legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Proposed legislation could impact transportation funding availability.

DISCUSSION:

Agency state legislative analysts Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss will present an update on state legislative activities and staff will present an update on federal legislative activities.

Attachment 1 is an updated bill list limited to bills that are still active, and online as **web attachment 1** is the list of inactive bills. Changes from what was presented to the Board in August are indicated by cross-out or underline. There are no new position recommendations as of the drafting of this staff report. Staff or consultants may recommend a new position verbally at the meeting.

Attachment 2 is a federal legislative update that reviews various federal activities that may impact transportation projects and funding.

The 2025 adopted TAMC legislative program is online as **web attachment 2**.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. State Bill List
2. Federal Legislative Update

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [State bill list - inactive](#)
2. [TAMC 2025 Legislative Program](#)

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 39 (Zbur) General Plans: Local Electrification Planning Act	7/17/25 Senate Appropriations	This bill, the Local Electrification Planning Act, would require each local jurisdiction to prepare and adopt a specified plan, or integrate a plan in the next adoption or revision of the general plan, that includes the identification of opportunities to expand electric vehicle charging and other zero-emission fueling infrastructure, and includes policies and implementation measures that address the needs of disadvantaged communities, low-income households, and small businesses for equitable and prioritized investments in zero-emission technologies that directly benefit these groups.	Watch Priority 5S
AB 289 (Haney) State highway work zone speed safety program	7/17/25 Senate Appropriations	This bill would authorize Caltrans to establish a speed safety system pilot program for automated speed enforcement in up to 75 state highway construction or maintenance areas. The bill would require Caltrans to adopt written guidelines and would require Caltrans, in developing the guidelines, to consult with the California Highway Patrol and other relevant stakeholder organizations.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 382 (Berman) Pedestrian safety: school zones: speed limits	8/18/25 Senate Appropriations Suspense File	This bill reduces the speed limit in a school zone when children are present, from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph.	SUPPORT Priority 9S Letter sent 6/25/25
AB 544 (Davies) Electric bicycles: required equipment	7/14/25 Signed by The Governor Chapter 36, Statutes of 2025	The bill requires an e-bike that operates on a roadway, sidewalk or bikeway to be equipped with a red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear. This bill provides that a person under 18 years of age who is cited for operating an electronic bicycle (e-bike) while not wearing a proper helmet may avoid resulting court notification and fines if the person delivers proof to the agency that issued the citation that (1) the person has a helmet that meets legal specifications and (2) the person has completed a specialized e-bike safety course.	Watch Priority 9S

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 761 (Addis) Monterey-Salinas District: sales and special taxes	7/10/25 Senate Floor	This bill allows the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, upon the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of its board, to submit to the voters of the district a measure proposing a retail transactions and use tax ordinance of not more than 0.25% in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law before January 1, 2035. The measure exempts this tax from the 2% limit for sales taxes.	SUPPORT Priority 17S Letters sent 4/2/25
AB 875 (Murasutchi) Vehicle removal	7/10/25 Senate Appropriations	This bill authorizes a peace officer to seize and impound an out-of-class electric bicycle and empowers a local government to impose charges to cover related costs.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 891 (Zbur) Transportation: Quick-Build Pilot Program	7/9/25 Senate Appropriations	This bill would establish the Quick-Build Pilot Program through Caltrans to expedite development and implementation of low-cost improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the state highway system. The bill would require Caltrans to develop and publish guidance for the deployment of district quick-build improvements. The bill would require Caltrans to identify and commit to funding a minimum of 6 quick-build improvements statewide.	SUPPORT Priority 14S Letter sent 4/2/25
AB 902 (Schultz) Transportation projects: barriers to wildlife movement	8/18/25 Senate Appropriations Suspense File	This bill would require a lead agency to incorporate appropriate wildlife passage features to feasibly avoid, minimize, and mitigate further impairment to wildlife connectivity into a transportation infrastructure project in a connectivity area that may significantly impair wildlife connectivity. The bill would only apply to a project with a project initiation phase beginning on or after January 1, 2026. This bill does not apply to projects on the state highway system where Caltrans is the lead agency.	Watch Priority N/A

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 954 (Bennett) Interregional transportation strategic plan: bicycle highways	7/9/25 Senate Appropriations	As amended on June 30, this bill requires Caltrans to the extent feasible and consistent with the California Transportation Plan, to assess incorporating bicycle highways into strategic interregional corridors within the interregional transportation strategic plan (ITSP).	Watch Priority 14S
AB 1014 (Rogers) Traffic safety: speed limits	7/8/25 Senate Floor	Existing law sets default speed limits for highways and Caltrans must adjust these limits to the nearest 5 miles per hour based on the 85th percentile of traffic speed. Local authorities can lower speed limits if the current limit is deemed too high for safety or specific conditions, such as designating a highway section as a "safety corridor." This bill would allow Caltrans to similarly lower or keep speed limits under specific circumstances. The bill allows setting a 25- or 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on non-freeway highways. As for enforcement, the bill mandates that any peace officer, instead of just the local authority, must issue only warning citations for the first 30 days of a new lower speed limit.	SUPPORT Priority 9S Letter sent 6/6/25
SB 30 (Cortese) Diesel-powered on-track equipment: decommissioning: resale and transfer restrictions	7/16/25 Assembly Appropriations	As amended July 16, this bill would prohibit a public entity that owns diesel-powered on-track equipment from selling, donating, or otherwise transferring ownership of Tier 0 or Tier 1 equipment for continued use after the public entity decommissions the equipment. TAMC successfully advocated for an amendment to exempt Tier 4 equipment, to help the Central Coast acquire the prospective inventory needed to operate new rail service.	Watch Priority 1S

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 63 (Wiener) San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation funding</p>	<p>7/15/25 Assembly Appropriations</p>	<p>This bill would establish the Transportation Revenue Measure District with jurisdiction extending throughout the boundaries of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa and the City and County of San Francisco and would require the district to be governed by the same board that governs MTC. The bill would authorize a retail transactions and use tax applicable to the entire district to be imposed by the board of the district or by a qualified voter initiative for a duration of 10 to 15 years, inclusive, and generally in an amount of 0.5%, subject to voter approval at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election. After allocations are made for administrative expenses, the bill would require the tax to be allocated by MTC to initiatives included in a specified commission plan and to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the Peninsula Rail Transit District (Caltrain), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for operating expenses, and would require the remaining proceeds to go directly to the counties comprising the district for public transportation expenses.</p>	<p align="center">Watch Priority 1S</p>
<p>SB 71 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects</p>	<p>7/17/25 Assembly Appropriations</p>	<p>This bill would indefinitely extend CEQA exemptions for active transportation plans, restriping on streets and highways, bicycle parking, signage, and storage, transit projects, and transit planning. The July 17 amendments extend the exemption to 2040 for agencies operating Tier 4 locomotives or cleaner provided that the project is not located in an air basin designated as a serious, severe, or extreme nonattainment area for particulate matter and ozone.</p>	<p align="center">SUPPORT Priority 14S Letter sent 4/2/25</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 74 (Seyarto) Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program	7/2/25 Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	This bill would require the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to establish the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies for the development and construction of infrastructure projects facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. The bill would authorize the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to provide funding for up to 20% of a project’s additional projected cost after the project has started construction, including that the local agency has allocated existing local tax revenue for at least 45% of the initially budgeted total cost of the infrastructure project. When applying to the program, the bill would require the local agency to demonstrate challenges with completing the project on time and on budget and how the infrastructure project helps meet state and local goals.	Watch Priority 8S
SB 78 (Seyarto) Caltrans: report: state highway system: safety enhancements	7/8/25 Assembly Appropriations	This bill requires Caltrans to prepare a report to the Legislature that identifies types of safety enhancements that could be implemented on the state highway system, common factors contributing to the delay in the delivery of the project’s safety enhancements, and strategies to expedite the safety enhancements.	Watch Priority 9S
SB 79 (Wiener) Local government land: public transit use: housing development: transit-oriented development	7/17/25 Assembly Appropriations	This bill would allow more housing to be built near major public transportation stops by establishing state standards for transit-oriented zoning around major transit stops.	Watch Priority 14S

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 512 (Pérez) District elections: initiatives	7/17/25 Assembly Appropriations	This bill would authorize the voters of any district that has authority to impose a transactions and use tax for transportation purposes to impose a retail transactions and use tax by an initiative measure. The bill would prohibit the initiative tax from exceeding the maximum authorized rate for a tax imposed by an ordinance enacted by the governing body of the district. The bill clarifies that an initiative proponent may use an expenditure plan adopted by a local agency.	Watch Priority 1S
SB 671 (Cervantes) Pedestrian crossing signals	7/15/25 Assembly Appropriations	This bill requires installation and maintenance of traffic-actuated signals with touch-free Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) on state-owned sidewalks and directs Caltrans to catalogue existing state-owned or operated traffic signals located in specified areas.	Watch Priority 9S
SB 707 (Durazo) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements	7/17/25 Assembly Appropriations	This bill would make numerous changes to the Brown Act. It would revise the definition of a legislative body and specify that bodies with certain subject matter jurisdiction, including budgets, and some advisory committees, are legislative bodies. This bill would include as a “meeting” any conversation between members of a legislative body regarding, among other things, the compensation of a local agency executive, and the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee. This bill would require the agenda to be provided in all languages spoken jointly by 20% or more of the population in the county in which the local agency is located that, among other things, speaks English less than “very well”. This bill would require a body, when reporting an action taken in closed session, to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the action taken. The bill would prohibit a legislative body of a local agency from calling a special meeting regarding the evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a local agency executive, or a member of the legislative body. The bill would prohibit a legislative body from considering the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee at a special meeting, unless the item is properly before the legislative body and certain criteria are met, including that at least 4/5 of the legislative body vote at the start of the meeting to proceed with the meeting.	Watch Priority 16S

TAMC Bill Matrix – August 2025 – Active Bills

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 720 (Ashby) Automated traffic enforcement system programs	7/17/25 Assembly Appropriations	This would authorize cities and counties to establish alternative automated traffic enforcement systems to detect red light violations.	Watch Priority 9S



Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Federal Legislative Update

Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program Rescission

The One Big Beautiful Bill act rescinded \$2.2 billion in unobligated funds from the Biden-era program that aimed to reconnect communities divided by highways, eliminating projects across the country. US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Sean Duffy argued the program prioritized diversity, equity, and climate considerations over “core infrastructure needs,” aligning with the President’s order to eliminate equity and climate-related requirements from infrastructure funding.

Impacts to Monterey County: While no Monterey County projects were awarded Neighborhood Access and Equity grants, nearby [Watsonville’s \\$2.35 million NAE planning grant](#) to study alternatives to heavy freight traffic through downtown neighborhoods is now at risk. Within the county, [Greenfield’s \\$793,856 planning grant](#) to design safer crossings over US 101 is unaffected because it was funded through the separate Reconnecting Communities Pilot program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

US DOT Overhauls \$5 Billion Electric Vehicle Charging Program

The US DOT released [new guidance for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program](#), for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, reversing Biden-era requirements and aligning with Trump administration priorities.

Key Impacts:

- Minimizes state plan content and simplifies approval process.
- Reduces community engagement, grid integration, and renewable energy requirements.
- Removes mandates for consumer protections, emergency evacuation, environmental siting,

and resilience.

- Gives states more discretion on station spacing, siting, and when systems are considered fully built out.
- Allows funds to be used statewide once corridors are certified built out; states have 30 days to resubmit plans.

Additional Federal Updates (in brief):

Fiscal Year 2026 [Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill](#)

The House Appropriations Subcommittee advanced the FY 2026 THUD bill with major cuts to transit, rail, and competitive transportation programs compared to FY 2025 and IIJA levels.

- Provides \$19.2 billion for transit (–8.3% from FY 2025; –13.9% from IIJA) while cutting Capital Investment Grants by 56.5% to \$1.65 billion, eliminating new bus/ low-emission/ ferry grants and \$96 million in earmarks.
- Provides \$13.6 billion for rail (–15.9% from FY 2025; –35.3% from IIJA) with Amtrak down 4.7%, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) up 403%, and bans on CA High-Speed Rail, Texas Central, and Northern Lights Express.
- Eliminates Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant/ National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Program grants, with riders blocking mask mandates, diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI) initiatives, and projects conflicting with Trump executive orders.

Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025 – Section 211, Build More Housing Near Transit Act ([July 29, 2025](#)): The Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee advanced the bipartisan ROAD to Housing Act, its most comprehensive housing package in a decade. Section 211 incentivizes transit projects that adopt pro-housing policies near transit corridors. It provides a ratings boost in the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant program for projects that reduce parking minimums, allows by-right multi-family housing, commits public land for affordable housing, and adopts other pro-housing measures.