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The purpose of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program is to provide funding for infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on California's portion of the National Highway Freight Network, as identified in California Freight Mobility Plan, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program will also support the goals of the National Highway Freight Program, the California Freight Mobility Plan, the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan, and the Senate Bill 671 Clean Freight Corridors Efficiency Assessment.

This statewide, competitive program will provide approximately \$300 million per year in state funding and approximately \$515 million in National Highway Freight Program funds, if the federal program continues under the next federal transportation act.

Eligible applicants apply for program funds through the nomination of projects. All projects nominated must be identified in a currently adopted regional transportation plan. The Commission is required to evaluate and select submitted applications based on the following criteria:

- Freight System Factors – Throughput, Velocity, and Reliability;
- Transportation System Factors – Safety, Congestion Reduction/Mitigation, Key Transportation Bottleneck Relief, Multi-Modal Strategy, Interregional Benefits, Advanced Technology, and Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure;
- Community Impact Factors – Air Quality Impact, Community Engagement, and Economic/Jobs Growth;
- The overall need, benefits, and cost of the project;
- Project Readiness – ability to complete the project in a timely manner;
- Demonstration of the required 30% matching funds;
- The leveraging and coordination of funds from multiple sources; and
- Jointly nominated and/or jointly funded.

Program guidelines are created in consultation with agencies identified in Governor's Executive Order B-32-15, regional transportation planning agencies, local governments, private industry, and other advocates. Prior to

adoption of the guidelines, the Commission conducts numerous public workshops throughout the state to solicit input and feedback.

## Program Benefits

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds projects designed to move freight more efficiently on corridors with high volumes of freight. These projects increase the use of on-dock rail, improve safety by eliminating at-grade crossings, reduce impacts to surrounding communities, reduce border wait times, and increase rail capacity with double tracking.

**2026 SB 1 Programs Virtual Office Hours (Closed)** – The Commission's SB 1 Programming Team hosted virtual office hours from February through May 2026, for applicants to discuss proposals and application questions with Commission staff. To discuss a project with the program team before the Cycle 5 Call for Projects, contact program staff directly.

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