

September 25, 2025

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report – Agenda Item No. 3 (Discussion)

## **Local**

### **Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes in Novato to Open Soon!**



The final segment of the MSN High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in Marin is scheduled to open in late September/early October. The southbound lanes will open first, followed by the northbound lanes. This segment adds 3.5 miles of northbound lanes from North Novato to the county line and 6.3 miles of southbound lanes from De Long Avenue to the county line. When this final segment is open, there will be 52 miles of continuous

HOV lanes from the Richardson Bay Bridge in Marin County to the town of Windsor in Sonoma County.

On Friday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at Olompali State Park, 8901 Redwood Blvd. in Novato. The MSN project completion represents a major multi-year investment in multimodal improvements along the US-101 corridor.

### **New US-101 HOV Hours in Marin and Sonoma Effective September 8**

In support of the final phase of the MSN B-7 project, new HOV hours were put into effect beginning Monday, September 8th. The new hours are Monday through Friday, from 5:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., in both directions, in both Marin and Sonoma Counties.

HOV lanes reduce traffic by moving more people in fewer vehicles, encouraging carpooling and transit to improve freeway efficiency. Additional information is available from Caltrans here: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/hwy-101-marin-sonoma-narrows-carpool-lanes-update>.



## Marin Commutes HOV Diamond Dozen Challenge Underway

With the Marin-Sonoma Narrows HOV lanes opening this season and Transit and Rideshare Months happening back-to-back, Marin Commutes is celebrating with our longest seasonal challenge ever: the HOV Diamond Dozen Challenge. From September 1 through October 31, the program is providing more chances than ever to rack up rewards and discover the benefits of commuting together! The Diamond Dozen Challenge is being conducted in coordination with [Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities](#) and their trip reduction program [Go Sonoma](#).

How it works:

- Transit Month (Sept. 1 – 30): Log 12 transit trips to enter to win one of six \$100 gift cards
- Rideshare Month (Oct. 1 – 31): Log any combination of 12 transit, carpool, or vanpool trips to get another shot at winning one of six \$100 gift cards

With 52 miles of new HOV lanes between Marin and Sonoma, there's never been a better time to discover how shared transportation can transform a commute! Check out more details at: [marincommutes.org/rewards](https://marincommutes.org/rewards).



## Clean Fleet Expo – October 8th

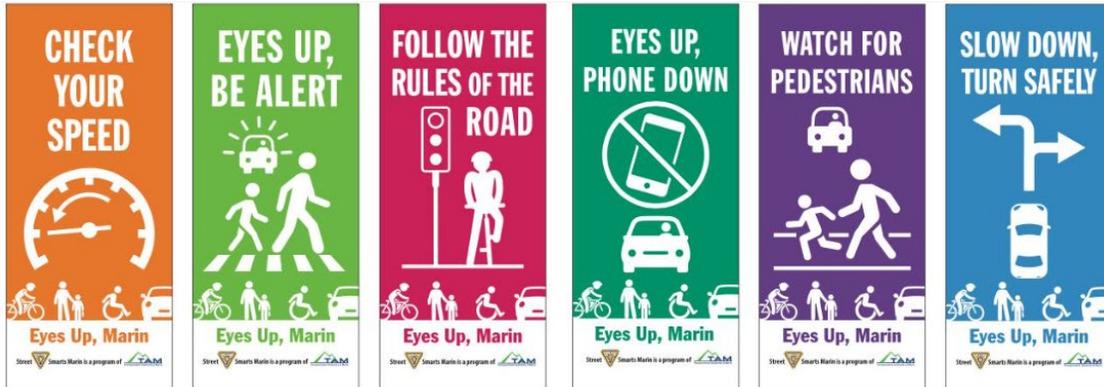


The third annual Clean Fleet Expo will be held on October 8th. Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Exhibition Hall for interactive sessions where public agencies looking to electrify their fleets will have the opportunity to interact with leading vendors, learn how other agencies are tackling their transitions, and explore current federal and state funding and policy.

The event will feature Ride and Drives, an exhibitor fair, and networking. Register to join

this free event at <https://www.evevent.org/CleanFleetExpo>.

### EYES UP MARIN! TAM's Street Smarts Program Fall Deployment



"Eyes Up Marin!" is the slogan of TAM's Street Smarts road user behavior safety program. This annual education campaign encourages drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to practice safer behaviors, such as being aware of their surroundings and using safer speeds. The goal is to encourage people to adopt new attitudes and behaviors that will reduce the number of traffic-related collisions and make our streets safer for everyone.

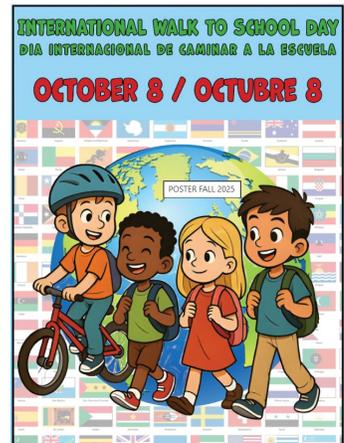
The program also takes a data-driven approach to place messaging at "hotspots" based on countywide collision trends identified in the Marin County Local Road Safety Plan. The program's offerings have also been expanded to include a robust social media messaging campaign to further spread the word about safer road user behavior.

The program is deployed annually in the fall. For 2025, Street Smarts banners are scheduled to be installed the week of September 29th and remain in place through November 14th, with bus-back advertising running from September 29th through October 26th. The campaign messages will be distributed countywide, displayed on hundreds of street pole banners, signs near schools, and lawn signs made available through local municipalities. People can also help spread the message by downloading newsletter templates, graphics, and other materials to share online. For more information, visit the Street Smarts website at [www.streetSMARTS.org](http://www.streetSMARTS.org).

### Safe Routes to Schools – iWalk 2025 Promotion on October 8th in Marin County

TAM's Safe Routes to Schools Program is promoting International Walk & Roll to School Day (iWalk) in Marin as part of a global event held each October. Communities in more than 40 countries participate, encouraging students to walk and roll to school on the same day. First launched in 1997 as a single-day celebration, it has grown into an annual tradition. In 2025, the event will take place on Wednesday, October 8th.

The event encourages students, families, and communities to walk, bike, scoot, or use other non-motorized forms of transportation to school, promoting healthier, safer, and more environmentally friendly commutes. For more information visit [www.saferoutestoschools.org/](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/).



## Regional

### Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan Update

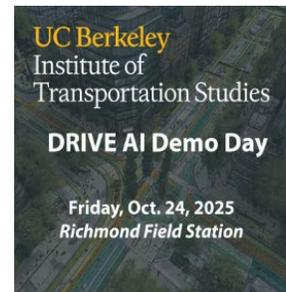


The Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan (MASCOTS) is a collaborative project between MTC and North Bay transit and funding agencies to create a more connected,

frequent transit network. Outreach by the North Bay transit agencies has been underway, including multiple meetings, events and a survey. Final service change recommendations will be considered this fall with implementation in early 2026. [Marin Transit will host two public hearings](#) on October 15 and 16 for riders to learn more about the service change recommendations, ask questions, and provide comments. Learn more about the MASCOTS plan: [www.mascotsplan.org](http://www.mascotsplan.org).

### UC Berkeley Future of Mobility Forum: Breaking Down Silos

UC Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies is hosting a Mobility Forum focused on AI's role in mobility and how it is reshaping transportation. The workshop will concentrate on advancing safety, expanding access, and building the future workforce by breaking down silos across industry, government, and academia. The forum will be held on October 23rd and 24th at UC Berkeley's Campus and the Richmond Field Station. More information at [luma.com/ITS](http://luma.com/ITS).



## State



The Self-Help Counties Coalition's 2025 Focus on the Future Conference returns to San Francisco, November 9–11 at the Marriott Marquis. This annual event brings together transportation leaders, elected officials, and industry experts to explore innovative solutions and strategies for advancing California's transportation infrastructure.

TAM staff will participate in several sessions including Executive Director Anne Richman participating in the CEO Roundtable discussion. The event covers topics including sustainable funding, project delivery innovation, mobility trends, equity initiatives, and regional collaboration. The conference also features valuable networking events and a poster session highlighting cutting-edge transportation projects and research.

Learn more and register here: <https://selfhelpcounties.org/focus-on-the-future/>.

## **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8**

ATP encourages the use of active modes of transportation by providing funding for a Statewide Component and a Regional Component to construct bicycle and pedestrian projects. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has been conducting workshops on ATP Cycle 8. The Statewide Component of ATP Cycle 8 will include approximately \$575 million over a four-year period from Fiscal Year (FY) 27/28 to FY 30/31. The Regional Component, managed by MTC for the Bay Area, will include approximately \$50 million.

The CTC is proposing very few changes to the existing ATP Guidelines for Cycle 8. Workshops will continue until February 2026. The draft Guidelines will be presented to the CTC in January 2026 for review and in March 2026 for adoption. The Call for Projects will be issued on March 20, 2026.

Staff will work with the Marin Public Works Association (MPWA) on suitable candidates for submittal.



### **Caltrans Quarterly Report**

Attached for the Board's review and comment is the Caltrans quarterly project and activity report for Marin County.

## **Federal**

### **Federal Government Shutdown**

Without an approved budget, the federal government would shut down on October 1, 2025. On September 19, 2025, the House passed a vote on a bill for a continuing resolution to fund the government at the current level until November 21, 2025 but the bill stalled in the Senate. The Senate could vote again on September 29, just a day before funding is due to expire, when senators return from a break.

During a shutdown, agencies and programs without funding must cease all "non-essential" functions. Essential services are defined as those protecting human life and property, such as the military, federal law enforcement, postal service, air traffic control, social security, etc.

### **TAM Federal Legislative Consultant**

TAM's Federal Legislative Consultant disseminates Weekly Updates on federal transportation issues to keep the agency informed, including activities in Congress, the Executive Administration, and relevant federal agencies, such as the Department of Transportation. Attached are Carpi & Clay's Transportation Weekly Updates for September 5, September 12, and September 19, 2025.

## **Celebrating Milestones at TAM**

TAM is pleased to recognize a recent staff milestone. Ray Rodriguez, Assistant Project Delivery Manager, has completed his first year with TAM. We congratulate Ray on this achievement and thank him for his contributions to delivering projects that benefit the people of Marin County. We look forward to building on this strong first year together.

**TAM in the Community**

Date	Meeting	Topic
8.14.25	San Rafael Climate Change Action Committee	Marin Commutes/VMT Study/Bikeshare/Alt. Fuels
8.23.25	Larkspur Farmers Market	Measure AA Review
8.24.25	Sausalito Farmers Market	Measure AA Review
8.26.25	Novato Farmers Market	Measure AA Review
8.28.25	West Marin Community Services Food Pantry	Measure AA Review
9.10.25	WTS, County Transportation Authorities Executive Directors Panel	General, Funding
9.9.25	League of Women Voters Transportation, Land Use and Housing Committee	General, Measure AA Review
9.17.25	San Rafael Benefits Fair	General, Marin Commutes
9.17.25	Novato Leadership Institute	General
9.18.25	Novato Benefits Fair	General, Marin Commutes
9.18.25	American Council of Engineering Companies	State Route 37
10.3.25	MSN Ribbon Cutting	Marin Sonoma Narrows
10.8.25	International Walk to School Day	Safe Routes to Schools
10.8.25	Clean Fleet Expo	Alt. Fuels
10.9.25	WTS, Resilient Transportation in the Face of Sea Level Rise	Sea Level Rise
10.23.25	Innovation Workshop	Innovation

**October Board Meeting & Innovation Workshop**

On October 23rd, TAM will host an Innovation Workshop for the Board of Commissioners to be held at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regular TAM Board meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Both the workshop and meeting will be held at the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Boardroom, located at 1600 Los Gamos Drive in San Rafael.

**Innovation Workshop**

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
- Time: 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Boardroom, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael

**TAM Board Meeting**

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
- Time: 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Boardroom, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael

# TAM Board Meeting Caltrans Report

## ***PROJECTS IN INITIATION PHASE (Active PIDs).***

### **Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-1 PM 24.7; On Route 1, Near Olema, At 1.8 Miles South of Sir Francis Drake Blvd**

**Scope:** Follow-up mitigation to 04-4S780 (Storm Damage Project) for creek restoration.

**Cost Estimate:** \$1.3M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** TBD

PID 4S78A is currently suspended. District will meet with HQ to make a final decision.

### **Signs and Lighting: MRN 101 PM 10.649/R22.206.**

**(EA: 3W410)**

**Scope:** Replace Box Beam Sign Structures (14 Each Single Post) and install 3 new Type XI retro-reflective sheeting sign panels.

**Cost Estimates:** \$13.1 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL 2029/30

PID Status: Completed

### **Proactive Safety: MRN 101 PM 0.2/8.622**

**(EA: 4Y420)**

**Scope:** Upgrade to Concrete Barrier and Install Outer Separation Barrier on MRN 101

**Cost Estimates:** \$15.6 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL (PAED Allocation FY) 2028/29, Long Lead RTL 2030/31

PID Status: Completed

### **Drainage: MRN 1 PM 39/24.6**

**(EA: 2X610)**

**Scope:** In Marin County, from 0.6 mile north of Marshall Petaluma Rd to 2nd Street, rehabilitate culverts.

**Cost Estimates:** \$6.6M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL (PAED Allocation FY) 2026/27, Long Lead RTL 2031/32

PID Status: Completed

### **Bridge - Health: MRN 101 and MRN 37 Various locations**

**(EA: 4Y710)**

**Scope:** Bridge Health: Corte Madera Cr-27 0008, Fair to Good, San Rafael Via-27 0035R, Fair to Good, Freitas Pkwy OC-27 0080, Poor to Good, Ignacio BLVD OC-27 0083, Poor to Good, Rowland BLVD OC-27 0080, Fair to Good. Rail upgrade: Atherton Ave UC LT RT 27 0079L/R. ad

**Cost Estimates:** \$41.5 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL (PAED Allocation FY) 2026/27, Long Lead RTL 2030/31

PID Status: Completed

### **Interchange improvement to enhance transit service and improve bike/ped access: MRN 101 5.5/ 6.02**

**(EA: 1Y880)**

**Scope:** Operational improvements to three interchanges and approaching roadways on Highway 101 in Marin County, including enhanced transit services, safety improvements for bicycle/pedestrian access through the interchange, and circulation and signal improvements to nearby intersections.

**Cost Estimates:** \$200 M (Pre PID Construction Cost)

**Schedule:** PAED 2029

PID: Status: Active

Working with TAM to prepare PSR-PDS document. Final PSR-PDS document is anticipated to be approved by early 2026.

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**Address Bridge Deck Structural Integrity and Functions: CC 580 PM 6.1/7.8 and MRN 580 PM 0.0/2.6**  
(EA: 1X980)

**Scope:** Richmond San Rafael Bridge deck replacement to maintain the safety and serviceability of the bridge deck, bridge bearing, and fulfill the goal of state good repair.

**Cost Estimate:** TBD

**Schedule:** Target RTL 2029

PID Status: Active

**Toll Bridge Program: MRN 580 PM 0.0/0.4, SM 84 and 92, ALA 84 and 92, SF 80, CC 580, 80,680,160, SOL 80 and 680, SAC 160, Multiple Locations.**  
(EA 3G480)

**Scope:** Painting the Toll Bridges in the Bay Area

**Cost Estimate:** \$60M (Pre PID Construction)

**Schedule:** Target RTL TBD

PID Status: Active

# TAM Board Meeting Caltrans Report

## ***PROJECTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE (PAED)***

### **Flooding and sea level mitigation project at Donahue St./US-101 interchange. (04-2Y050)**

**Scope:** Flooding mitigation at Donahue St./US-101 interchange. Construct new cross culvert under US-101.

**Cost Estimate:** \$13.5M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: 2026  
End Construction: 2028

PAED was achieved in August 2025.

### **US-101 / I-580 Multi-modal and Local Access Improvement Project; MRN-101 PM 8.0/10.3; On Route 101 and Route 580, In San Rafael (EA: 04-2AA10)**

**Scope:** Enhance the active transportation network within the project area – bicycle, pedestrian, and bus transit. Improve circulation on local roads. Work includes possible construction of a new connector from NB 101 to EB 580.

**Cost Estimate:** \$190-\$350M (Construction Capital - multiple alternatives)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2031  
End Construction: Spring 2033

Current Project has three build alternatives and a no-build. PAED phase began in fall 2024.

September 2025: GED and RW requirement discussions are ongoing. A VIA memo is currently in development, and the draft TOAR is expected by fall 2025. VMT strategies are being evaluated by KH, and the project team is actively working on developing the utility matrix to support design and coordination efforts.

### **Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-1 PM 37.2; On Route 1, 1.2 Miles South of Marshall Petaluma Road, in the Town of Marshall (EA: 04-0W710)**

**Scope:** Install RSP, replace fence, and repair existing roadway.

**Cost Estimate:** \$1.0M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Fall 2027  
End Construction: Summer 2028

September 2025: CT coordinating with regulatory agencies and CCC on the build alternatives delaying the DED to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026.

### **Stormwater Trash Capture; MRN-101/131/580 PM 0.9/10.8, 0.0/4.1, 4.1/4.7; On Routes 101, 131, and 580; at various locations (EA: 04-0W100)**

**Scope:** Agreement for funding contribution to local projects in Marin County within significant trash generation areas.

**Cost Estimate:** \$21 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: TBD  
End Construction: TBD

This project is a financial contribution to a Marin County project. Marin County will implement its project in collaboration with Cities/Towns in Marin County. COOP Agreement signed November 29, 2023. County working on Environmental Document. Fund request approved in January 2024 by CTC. County notified and will request monthly updates on the progress.

### **Pavement; MRN-1 PM 0/12.8; On Route 1, From Junction Route 101 to 0.6 Mile North of Panoramic Highway North (EA: 04-0AA45)**

**Scope:** Rehab the pavement and adjacent facilities.

**Cost Estimate:** \$24.15 (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL: 2027/28

PAED completion by fall of 2026 (T).

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## **Rehabilitate Pavement (CAPM); MRN-101 PM 0.0/8.022; On Route 101; from Golden Gate Bridge to Nellen Ave Undercrossing (EA: 04-4W720)**

**Scope:** Cold plane and resurfacing pavement, upgrade curb ramps and sidewalks, add/replace guardrails and improve drainage.

**Cost Estimate:** \$45.3M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL: 2027/2028;

This is a project for 2024 SHOPP cycle. PAED completion by summer of 2026 (T).

## **Fish Passage; MRN-1 PM 22.7/23; On Route 1, Near Five Brooks at John West Fork (EA: 04-3W620)**

**Scope:** Remove fish passage barrier. Long Lead project.

**Cost Estimate:** \$6.58M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL: 2028/29

Bay Area FishPAC identified location. Approximately 2.85 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat above this barrier. PID 3W620 approved May 2023. PAED is scheduled for December 2026 (T).

September 2025: Geotech drilling scheduled for mid-November/early December 2025 for log of test borings required for the design of the new bridge.

## **Fish Passage; MRN-1 PM 18.69; On Route 1, Near Woodville at McCurdy Creek and North Fork McCurdy Creek (EA: 04-3W630)**

**Scope:** Remove fish passage barrier. Long Lead project.

**Cost Estimate:** \$13.4M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL: 2028/29

Bay Area FishPAC identified location. Approximately 0.75 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat above each barrier. PID 3W630 approved June 2023. PAED is scheduled for December 2026 (T).

September 2025: Geotech drilling scheduled mid-November/early December 2025 for log of test borings required for the design of the new bridge.

## **Signs and Lighting; MRN-101 PM 0.87/1.074; On Route 101, Waldo Tunnel Left & Right Bores (27 0040L/R) (EA: 04-0Y550)**

**Scope:** Replace High Pressure Sodium fixtures with LED fixtures, paint tunnel lining, and fix misc. electrical items.

**Cost Estimate:** \$8.8M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Target RTL: 2027/28

This is a maintenance Minor A project (04-0Y980) to remove the ceiling tiles and replace vertical pipe drains; this work was separated from the PID. PAED is scheduled for summer 2026 (T).

## **Address flooding and sea level rise; 04-MRN-1 & 101- PM 0.0/0.3 & 3.3/4.2; In Marin City, at the Manzanita Park and Ride lot, on Route 1 at the Rte. 1/101 Separation, and on Route 101 from Donahue Street to the Rte. 1/101 Separation (04-2W870)**

**Scope:** Address flooding and sea level rise in Marin City at the Manzanita Park and Ride lot, Route 1 at the Rte. 1/101 Separation, and Rte. 101 off-ramp to Donahue Street.

**Cost Estimate:** \$150M-\$1.7B (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: 2030

End Construction: TBD

Funding for this project is not identified beyond PSR-PDS. Caltrans is working with stakeholders to share information and seek input on different strategies to address the flooding and sea level rise.

# TAM Board Meeting Caltrans Report

## ***PROJECTS IN DESIGN PHASE***

### **Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-1 PM 5.2; On Route 1, near Muir Beach (EA: 04-3AA50)**

**Scope:** Install soldier pile wall with timber lagging, repair roadway and MBGR upgrades.

**Cost Estimate:** \$1.5 - \$3.8M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2026

End Construction: Spring 2027

September 2025: 95% PSE achieved in August 2025 (A). New RTL: March 2026 (T)

### **Rehabilitate Pavement (CAPM); MRN-131 PM 0.0/4.4; On Route 131 (Tiburon Blvd.) from US 101/131 interchange to Main Street (EA: 04-1Q230)**

**Scope:** Overlay pavement, upgrade curb ramps, add/replace guardrails, improve drainage and construct bike/pedestrian improvements (complete street elements).

**Cost Estimate:** \$13M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2025

End Construction: Summer 2026

September 2025: The project has been separated into two phases. Phase 1 includes pavement rehabilitation and bikeway improvements from Tower Drive near the US 101 Interchange to Blackfield Drive, including a temporary Class 1 bike path from E. Strawberry Drive to Blackfield, with a tentative Ready to List (RTL) date of September 2025 (T). Phase 2 will implement the permanent Class 1 path configuration, extend bikeways from Blackfield Drive to Trestle Glen, and include bus stop improvements. Phase 2 will be programmed once all stakeholders have agreed on a finalized scope. The Town of Tiburon is also proposing a broadband project on SR 131 that will be processed as a separate DEER Encroachment Permit Project.

### **Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-131 PM 2.0; On Route 131, in Tiburon, at about 350 feet Northwest of Stewart Drive (EA: 04-3AA90)**

**Scope:** Install sheet pile/soldier pile retaining wall and repair roadway.

September 2025: RTL by November 2026 (T)

### **Upgrade and Replace Existing Bridge Railing Systems (Coyote Creek Bridge-# 27-0018, Eskoot Creek Bridge-#27-0077, Olema Creek Bridges-#27-0020 & #27-0021); MRN-1 PM 7.4/18.8; On Route 1 at various locations (EA: 04-0P960)**

**Scope:** Upgrade/replace the bridge railings systems to meet the current standard on four bridges along Route 1.

**Cost Estimate:** \$8.1M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2025

End Construction: Fall 2026

September 2025: Project will be reprogrammed for FY 2026/27 due to right of way risk.

### **Replace Culvert; MRN-1 PM 40.3/40.3; On Route 1 near Marshall at 0.10 mile south of Clark Road (EA: 04-2J510)**

**Scope:** Replace existing 66-inch diameter culvert and rebuild slope.

**Cost Estimate:** \$2.3M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2025

End Construction: Spring 2027

September 2025: Project will be reprogrammed for FY 2026/27 due to right of way risks.

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## **Marin-Sonoma Narrows Contract B6 – Replace Bridge; MRN/SON -101 PM MRN-101 27.0/27.6 & SON-101 0.0/0.3; On San Antonio Road (local road) near Petaluma, 0.6 miles north of Route 101 (EA: 04-2640S)**

**Scope:** Construct a two-lane bridge.

**Cost Estimate:** \$10.9M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: TBD  
End Construction: TBD

The project is on hold due to funding shortfalls in all its components. An additional \$8.2M is needed to fully fund the project, and project partners are looking for funding. Caltrans is the lead agency for this project. The County has held two public information meetings on this project. In the June 25, 2021 partnering meeting, the partners agreed to collectively look for funding to restart the project. The County has applied for additional HBBRR funding. RM 3 funds, when available, could be a potential funding source for this project. Discussions resumed with the County on September 13, 2022 on the potential need for a co-op agreement, but Caltrans needs to confirm whether the freeway agreements will suffice. Caltrans may need to seek funding for the entire project due to the language in the agreement.

Meeting occurred on October 22, 2024, with the County of Marin, Sonoma County, TAM, SCTA, and Caltrans to discuss project status and Highway Bridge Program funding.

## **Lagunitas Creek Bridge; MRN-1 PM 28.51; On Route 1 near Point Reyes Station, at Lagunitas Creek (EA: 04-0G642)**

**Scope:** Replace existing bridge.

**Cost Estimate:** \$11.6M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Fall 2025  
End Construction: Fall 2027

September 2025: RTL targeted for October 2025. CDFW permits are still in progress.

## **Marin-Sonoma Narrows Contract B8 – utility relocation and bike lanes in Marin; MRN - 101 – PM 24.0/27.5; On Route 101, from 2.0 miles north of Atherton Ave. Overcrossing to 0.1 miles south of the Marin/Sonoma County line (EA: 04-26473)**

**Scope:** Relocate utilities located in the state R/W on Route 101 and widen/rehabilitate 0.6 miles of San Antonio Road (County Road) to include a Class-II bike facility.

**Cost Estimate:** TBD (Construction Capital and Utility Relocation)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: TBD  
End Construction: TBD

This project is funded by local and Regional Measure 3 (RM3) and TFCA funds, and TAM is the lead for the PS&E of this project. The project scope is to secure R/W, relocate utilities, and widen/rehabilitate San Antonio Road for Class II bike lanes. This project needs additional Right of Way funds and appraisals are still in progress, and this is delaying the Utility Agreement.

## **Plant Establishment; MRN-1 PM 11.5; On Route 1, in Stinson Beach, 0.6 mile south of Panoramic Highway north junction, Plant Establishment (EA: 04-0W130)**

**Scope:** Follow-up plant establishment for two completed storm damage projects (EAs 04-0P130 and 04-4K240).

**Cost Estimate:** \$0.75 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2022  
End Construction: Spring 2026

# TAM Board Meeting Caltrans Report

## **Novato Creek Bridge Replacement SR 37; MRN-37 PM 11.2/13.7; On Route 37 from US 101 to Atherton Avenue (EA: 04-4Q321).**

**Scope:** Replace Novato Creek Bridge to address Sea Level Rise (SLR) and recurring flooding while including Complete Streets features to address multi-modal bicycle and pedestrian use (EA 04-4Q321). This is Phase 1 of the Flood Reduction Project- Phase 2 will include the remainder of the causeway between US 101 and Atherton Avenue and widening of the Phase 1 structure.

Cost estimate and schedule of Novato Creek Bridge replacement are as follows:

**Cost Estimate:** \$211M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Env. Clearance: January 2024

Start Construction: Summer 2027

End Construction: Summer 2029

PS&E started in July 2024 and will complete in May 2026. This project is fully funded.

## **Rehabilitate Bridge; MRN-37 PM 14.5; Petaluma River Bridge (EA: 04-2Q500)**

**Scope:** Resurface bridge deck, replace bridge fender system, and upgrade bridge railings.

**Cost Estimate:** \$31M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Winter 2026

End Construction: Winter 2028

Work on this project will be coordinated with EAs 04-4Q320 (reconstruct SR 37) and 04-2K740 (CAPM). RTL expected late 2025.

## **Rehabilitate Pavement (CAPM); MRN-37 PM R11.2/14.6; On Route 37 from Route 101/37 Interchange to Petaluma River Bridge. (EA: 04-2K740)**

**Scope:** Coldplane and resurface pavement, upgrade curb ramps, add/replace guardrails, and improve drainage.

**Cost Estimate:** \$19M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2025

End Construction: Summer 2026

Work on this project will be coordinated with EA 04-2Q500 (Rehabilitate Petaluma River Bridge). Construction began in April 2025.

## **Marin Route 1 Broadband Middle Mile Network; MRN-1 PM 0/7.1; On Route 1 from Route 101 to Muir Beach Overlook. (EA: 04-1Y810)**

**Scope:** Install broadband circuit and fiber infrastructures as part of Broadband Middle Mile Network (BMMN).

**Cost Estimate:** \$6M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: 2025

End Construction: 2026

Caltrans is partnering with California Department of Technology to build out statewide broadband middle mile network. This project will be delivered as a Job Order Contract. A contractor is onboard and work is expected to begin soon.

## **Address Seismic Deficiencies and Upgrade Pedestrian Infrastructure; MRN-101 PM 7.4; On Route 101 at Tamalpais Overcrossing (EA: 04-4J860)**

**Scope:** Install cable restrainer at bridge abutments to improve seismic resistance, and upgrade Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) to meet ADA standards.

**Cost Estimate:** \$28M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Fall 2027

End Construction: Spring 2030

September 2025: Project is being reprogrammed for FY 2026/27 due to PGE risk.

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**Drainage System Restoration; MRN-1 PM 13.1/45.1; On Route 1 from north of Calle Del Arroyo to south of Tomales Petaluma Road at various locations (EA: 04-2Q53U)**

**Scope:** Replace 51 deteriorated drainage culverts, replace headwalls, and install drainage inlets.

**Cost Estimate:** \$14.1M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2028  
End Construction: Winter 2030

September 2025: This project is being reprogrammed for FY 2027/28 due to RW acquisition risks.

**Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-101 PM 6.1/6.3; On Route 101, in Corte Madera. 0.4 miles North of US101/SR 131 Separation (EA: 04-2AA30)**

**Scope:** Restore the cut slope

**Cost Estimate:** \$2.7M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2026  
End Construction: Summer 2027

September 2025: 100% PSE is scheduled for October 2025 (T) and RTL is December 2025 (T).

**Storm Damage (Permanent Restoration); MRN-101 PM 16.1/16.2; On Route 101, near San Rafael on US 101 from 0.53 mile north of Miller Creek Road OC to 0.44 mile south of Pacheco Creek/Nave Drive OC (EA 2AA40)**

**Scope:** Repair Slip outs

**Cost Estimate:** \$526K (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Fall 2025  
End Construction: Fall 2026

February 2025: The project will be cancelled from SHOPP due to a scope decrease. Slope is currently stable per Geotech and Landscape.

**Rehabilitate Pavement (CAPM); MRN-101 PM 8.0/15.3; On Route 101; from Nellen Avenue Undercrossing to Miller Creek Bridge (EA: 04-4AC70)**

**Scope:** Cold plane and resurface pavement, upgrade curb ramps, add/replace guardrails and improve drainage.

**Cost Estimate:** \$21.5M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2026  
End Construction: Spring 2028

September 2025: Project completed RTL in June 2025.

**Bridge Preservation; MRN-101 PM 8.47; On Route 101, Corte Madera Creek Bridge No. 27-0008K (EA: 04-0W210)**

**Scope:** Patch deck spalls, replace the joint seal, treat the bridge deck with methacrylate, overlay with polyester concrete and provide vent holes.

**Cost Estimate:** \$2.1M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2026  
End Construction: Spring 2027

RTL by December 2025 (T).

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## ***PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION PHASE***

**Marin-Sonoma Narrows Contract B7 – HOV lane in Marin; MRN – 101- PM 20.8/27.3; On Route 101, in and north of Novato, SB HOV lane from 0.3 miles south of the Marin/Sonoma County line to just south of Franklin Ave. Overhead (6.0 miles), and NB HOV lane from 1.7 miles north of Atherton Ave. Overcrossing to 0.3 miles south of the Marin/Sonoma County line (3.5 miles)- (EA: 04-26472)**

**Scope:** Roadway and bridge widening and Redwood Landfill Interchange modification for HOV lanes and standard shoulders and horizontal and vertical roadway alignment correction. The scope does not include utility relocation and R/W acquisition for access control. The roadway work is not in direct conflict with utilities to be relocated.

**Cost Estimate:** \$103.7M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2022

End Construction: Fall 2026 (3-year construction and 1-year Plant Establishment Period)

The project transitioned to Stage 4 in May 2025, median concrete barrier was completed in July. Final overlay paving operations continue; the scheduled opening of the third lanes in both NB and SB directions is now projected for early October 2025 (T). After the opening of the third lane, additional paving is needed, followed by final signage and delineation. Ribbon cutting scheduled for October 3 at Olompali State Park.

**Upgrade Curb Ramps and Sidewalk; MRN-101 PM 13.7; On Route 101, in San Rafael, at Manuel T. Freitas Parkway; (EA: 04-0K800)**

**Scope:** Upgrade curb ramps and sidewalk and construct a roundabout.

**Cost Estimate:** \$4.5M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2025

End Construction: Summer 2026

The project is being coordinated with Golden Gate Transit, Marin Transit and the City of San Rafael for bus stop relocation and improvements in City R/W.

September 2025: The project is currently in Stage 2. Unexpected utility conflicts were discovered that affect the upcoming Stage 3 roundabout construction. While Caltrans coordinates the necessary utility relocations, the contractor has proceeded with work in Stages 4 and 5 to maintain progress.

**Marin 1 Giacomini Director Order Follow-Up Mitigation - On Route 1 near Five Brooks, at Giacomini Creek Bridge. (04-0AA44)**

**Scope:** Follow-up mitigation planting and monitoring.

**Cost Estimate:** \$601K (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2022

End Construction: Spring 2025

September 2025: Contract accepted on June 3, 2025 (A).

**Plant Establishment; MRN-1 PM 10.7/11.0; On Route 1 near Stinson Beach, from 1.5 to 1.2 miles south of Panoramic Highway junction north (EA: 04-0AA48)**

**Scope:** Complete the monitoring requirements/commitments for plant establishment. This project will provide four (4) additional years of Plant Establishment Period (PEP) for replacement trees, shrubs, and erosion control plants installed on State Route (SR) 1 by two Director's Order major damage projects (EAs 04-4K240 and 04-4S220).

**Cost Estimate:** \$824K(Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Spring 2022

End Construction: Spring 2025

September 2025: Contract accepted on June 3, 2025.

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**San Antonio Creek Bridge Scour Mitigation; MRN/SON-101 PM 0.0; On Route 101, near City of Petaluma, at Sonoma/Marin County line (EA: 04-3J080)**

**Scope:** Mitigate scour and preserve the structural integrity of the northbound San Antonio Creek Bridge and mitigate scour at southbound San Antonio Creek bridge abutment left in place by the MSN B3 project. The project will also minimize the flooding potential at the site by clearing drainage ditches of silt.

**Cost Estimate:** \$2M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: June 2023

End Construction: November 2024 (100-day construction and 1-year Plant Establishment Period)

September 2025: Contract acceptance on target for November 2025.

**Marin 1 Capital Preventive Maintenance Project (CAPM); MRN-1 PM 22.8/31.2 & 45.0/50.5; On Route 1 near Point Reyes Station & Olema, from Olema Creek to north of Cypress Road & on Route 1 near Tomales, from south of Tomales-Petaluma Road to south of Valley Ford Road (EA: 04-1J960)**

**Scope:** Overlay pavement and shoulders with asphalt concrete (HMA-A), upgrade existing guardrails and crash cushions, and improve drainage.

**Cost Estimate:** \$24.4 M (Construction Capital)

**Schedule:** Start Construction: Summer 2024

End Construction: Spring 2026

September 2025: Project construction is nearing completion, with Plant Establishment work commencing in July 2025.

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## **OTHERS**

- Caltrans maintenance restored the drainage system (culverts and ditches) along the Bolinas Lagoon to prevent recurring flooding on Route 1 in 2018 (EA 04-3Q020). Caltrans is working with the County and local elected officials to find a long-term solution for recurring flooding and vegetation management along Route 1.
- The two-way bike path constructed on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Overcrossing (EA 04-0Q273) is a four-year pilot study that is being monitored. October 2024: The two-year additional study has been extended for the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Monitoring Program. A Supplemental Project Report will be required.
- US 101 - Redwood Blvd. Slide repair Director's Order. (04-3Y6404) – Construction started on June 13, 2023. The scope of work consists of constructing a new retaining wall and repairing the existing frontage road. Contract was accepted on May 13, 2025.
- The draft Cooperative Agreement for the US 101 Soundwall project in Marin City is scheduled to be signed in late September 2025. This Project will then move to the Planning Section.



## TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY **UPDATE**

*\*\*This issue covers actions from August 21 – September 5.*

September 5, 2025

### **THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS**

**House Committee Approves Counter-UAS Bill.** On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved, by voice vote, [H.R. 5061, Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act](#). The bill reauthorizes and reform counter-unmanned aircraft system authorities, to improve transparency, security, safety and accountability.

**Senate Committee Approves CEQ Nominee.** On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Environment and Public Works Committee approved Katherine Scarlett, to a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

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### **THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**DOT Requests ACAA Nominations.** DOT is requesting nominations to fill 25 positions on the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) Advisory Committee, which reviews issues related to the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities. The 2024 FAA Act requires the Committee to address the following topics: (1) lithium-ion battery powered wheelchairs; (2) service animals; (3) accessibility of websites, kiosks, and information communication technology; and (4) inflight communications. The Committee will be continuing, but subject to renewal every two years. The Committee is expected to meet at least twice annually. Nominations are due by October 3, 2025.

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**DOT Publishes NPRM to Add Fentanyl to Drug Testing Panels.** DOT has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that amends its drug-testing program regulation, 49 CFR part 40 (part 40), to add fentanyl (a synthetic opioid) and norfentanyl (a metabolite of fentanyl) to its drug testing panels. The proposed rulemaking would harmonize part 40 with the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (Mandatory Guidelines), which DOT must follow for the minimum list of drugs for which DOT requires testing, and the comprehensive standards for laboratory drug testing per the Omnibus Employee Testing Act of 1991. Adding fentanyl and norfentanyl is also in the interest of transportation safety, given compelling information regarding the number of overdose deaths in the United States involving fentanyl. The Department also proposes to amend certain provisions of part 40 to harmonize, as appropriate, with the current HHS Mandatory Guidelines using urine (UrMG) and oral fluid (OFMG). This NPRM also proposes to clarify certain existing part 40 drug testing program provisions and to make technical amendments. Comments are due by October 17, 2025.

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**FHWA Publishes Final Rule Rescinding Regulations on Procedures for Advance Construction on Federal-Aid Projects.** FHWA has rescinded a specific labeling provision of the rule issued on March 30, 1990, on Advance Construction of Federal-aid Projects. The final rule is effective on September 22, 2025.

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**FHWA Requests Nominations for the Working Group on Covered Resources.** FHWA is seeking nominations to fill 15 positions on the Working Group on Covered Resources. The Working Group will analyze the following: (1) the use of covered resources in transportation projects funded with Federal dollars; (2) how the proximity of covered resources to such projects affects the cost and environmental impact of those projects; (3) whether and how State, Tribal, and local transportation and planning agencies consider covered resources when developing transportation projects; and (4) any challenges for transportation project sponsors regarding access and proximity to covered resources per section 11526(d) of IIJA. The Working Group shall submit a report to the Secretary of Transportation that includes the findings of its study and any recommendations. Nominations are due by October 2, 2025.

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U.S. Department of Transportation

**Federal Railroad Administration**

**FRA Announces an Increase in Railroad Bridge Safety Inspections.** FRA has announced will significantly boost railroad bridge safety oversight by expanding the number of inspectors

trained to conduct field inspections, from fewer than 10 to over 160 inspectors, including both federal staff and state track inspectors. Starting in November, these newly trained inspectors will assess railroad bridges for structural integrity and enforce Bridge Safety Standards, with the authority to recommend civil penalties if critical defects are identified. The training will cover bridge fundamentals, types of construction materials, components of bridge management programs, and inspection protocols to ensure comprehensive, effective oversight of railroad bridge safety nationwide.

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**FTA Seeks Nominations for TRACS.** FTA is seeking nominations to fill 25 positions on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS), which provides the Secretary and the FTA Administrator with information, advice, and recommendations related to the safety of the Nation's public transportation systems. TRACS does not exercise program management responsibilities and makes no decisions directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. Nominations are due by October 2, 2025.

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**FTA Hosts Virtual TAM Roundtable.** FTA has announced it will host the 2025 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Roundtable as a virtual event on September 17-18, 2025. The TAM Roundtable brings together participants from across the country who are directly involved in the management of transit capital assets. The TAM Roundtable is open to public sector employees only, including transit agency staff as well as state DOT and MPO staff focused on transit.

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## OTHER

**GAO Publishes Report on Rural and Tribal Transit.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published a report titled [Rural and Tribal Transit: The Federal Transit Administration Should Evaluate Its Efforts to Help Improve Accessibility and Service](#). In the report, GAO finds that federal grants—specifically the Formula Grants for Rural Areas, the Tribal Transit Program, and the Enhanced Mobility program—are vital for supporting accessible transit in rural and tribal areas, enabling older adults and people with disabilities to access essential services like medical care, groceries, and employment. Despite challenges such as limited funding and staffing constraints cited by many transit providers, the Federal Transit

Administration (FTA) aids these communities by helping them navigate grant programs and conducting performance reviews. However, FTA has not implemented a formal system to evaluate whether its assistance is truly effective in improving access or achieving its strategic goals, nor does it plan to do so. GAO recommends that FTA establish a regular assessment process to better inform resource allocation and strengthen support for rural and tribal transit needs.

**GAO Publishes Report on Aviation Meteorologists.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published a report titled [Aviation Meteorologists: Urgent Actions Needed to Address Staffing Concerns](#). In the report, GAO warns that a significant drop in aviation meteorologist staffing—down to just 69 active personnel as of June 2025—has placed undue strain on remaining staff at air traffic control centers, potentially jeopardizing the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS). This shortfall stems from hiring freezes, early retirement incentives, and deferred resignations, reducing coverage in many centers below ideal levels. The GAO emphasizes that the FAA needs to urgently assess the risks posed by this staffing gap in consultation with the National Weather Service and implement immediate measures to mitigate those risks, even as a new service model for 2026 is being developed.



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# TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY **UPDATE**

September 12, 2025

## **NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS**

**Senate Committee to Hold Hearing on NTSB Nomination.** On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a nomination hearing which will include the nomination of Michael Graham, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

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## **THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**DOT Requests Nominations for Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.** DOT is requesting nominations to fill 15 positions on the Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking. The Advisory Committee must submit a triennial counter-trafficking report that relates to human trafficking violations involving commercial motor vehicles and includes recommendations for countering human trafficking and an assessment of best practices by transportation stakeholders. Nominations are due October 14, 2025.

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**FAA Announces eIPP for AAM.** FAA has announced that it is launching the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) to help with deployment of advanced air mobility (AAM) technologies like air taxis, medical transport, and cargo flights. As a part of the pilot program, FAA will run at least five projects over three years, partnering public, private, and government stakeholders to create safe frameworks for integrating these aircraft into U.S. airspace.

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**FAA Publishes RFI for New Runway Lighting System.** FAA has published a request for information (RFI) for a new cost-effective runway safety lighting system to deploy at airports. FAA is seeking to learn more about cost-effective technological solutions that may be viable for deployment at airports without existing RWSL systems or surface surveillance capabilities, to gain a better understanding of commercially or readily available runway lighting solutions that could be deployed before the end of CY 2025 and provide direct runway occupancy status to pilots and vehicle operations, to determine whether such technologies could be rapidly deployed and operational at 40–50 airports within the next 2–3 years, and to gather related cost information.

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**FHWA Publishes Updated TTPSF NOFO.** FHWA has published an updated notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of \$40 million through the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF). The funding will fund project that assist federally recognized Tribes reduce their roadway fatalities.

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Motor  
Carrier Safety  
Administration**

**FMCSA Transitions to Electronic-Only Payments.** FMCSA has announced that it will no longer accept paper payments, such as checks and money orders, for any agency transactions, including fees for initial application of operating authority registration, reinstatement or legal name changes, civil penalty payments, and other fee-based transactions. Instead debit or credit cards will be the only accepted forms of payment.

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# TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY UPDATE

September 19, 2025

## THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

**House Passes CR.** On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the House passed, by a vote of 217 to 212, a continuing resolution (CR) that would keep the government funded at current levels until November 21<sup>st</sup>. The bill has now moved to the Senate where the bill was struck down 47 to 45 with 60 votes needed for passage. The Senate continues to negotiate over the next steps. Government funding runs out on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Senate Confirms Transportation Nominations.** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Senate confirmed, by vote of 51 to 47, on a list of 48 en block nominations that included:

- Sean McMaster, to be the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Jonathan Morrison, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

**Senate Committee Holds Hearing on NTSB Nomination.** On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held a nomination hearing which included the nomination of Michael Graham, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). During his opening statement, Chair Ted Cruz (R-TX) highlighted that his long tenure in aviation and experience on the NTSB make him well-suited to continue advancing the important mission of the Board.

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**House Subcommittee Holds Transit Safety Roundtable.** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Highways and Transit Subcommittee of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee held a closed-door roundtable to discuss actionable solutions to improve safety on public transportation systems. Participants included FTA Administrator Marcus Molinaro, along with representatives from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Kansas City Police, and the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. In a public statement released after the roundtable, Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman David Rouzer (R-NC) said the recent deadly stabbing on Charlotte's light rail underscores the need to put safety at the center of national transit policy. He emphasized Congress's role in addressing public safety shortcomings and described the

roundtable as an important step toward actionable solutions with transit leaders and law enforcement.

## THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**DOT Publishes Protecting Supply Chain from Cargo Theft RFI.** DOT has published a request for information (RFI) seeking information from State, metropolitan, and local agencies; law enforcement; industry; stakeholders ( e.g., carriers, shippers, drivers, warehouse operators (including at airports), insurers); and the public to aid in the development of strategies and potential programs to reduce cargo theft, strengthen supply chain security, and create a safe operating environment for freight stakeholders and the traveling public. Cargo theft is a growing concern for the U.S. transportation system, costing the economy billions annually. These crimes involve opportunistic “straight thefts” of trailers, containers, and loads at truck stops or multimodal distribution hubs and highly coordinated operations conducted by organized criminal networks. Both categories create significant economic losses, disrupt supply chains, and in some cases fund broader illicit activities such as narcotics trafficking, counterfeiting, and human smuggling. Comments are due by October 20, 2025.

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**DOT IG Publishes Report on FAA’s Oversight of IIJA Funds.** The DOT’s Office of Inspector General (DOT IG) has published a report titled [FAA’s Oversight of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\) Funds is Hindered by Unclear Policies and Internal Control Challenges](#). The report found that the FAA’s oversight of IIJA funds is hindered by unclear policies and weak internal controls. While the agency relied on its existing Airport Improvement Program (AIP) risk assessment framework, many assessments were completed before IIJA funding and did not reflect the expanded risks tied to the broader uses of these funds. FAA policies also lacked clarity on when interim risk reviews should occur, and in practice, project managers often failed to conduct them even when sponsor conditions changed. As a result, 97 percent of IIJA-funded airports were rated at the lowest risk level, oversight documentation was frequently missing or inadequate, and more than \$338 million in grant payments were flagged as unsupported. The report recommended clearer guidance, stronger documentation standards, recovery or verification of questioned costs, and more formal staff training to ensure consistent oversight.

**DOT IG Publishes Report on DOT’s Changed Processes to Address Airline Consumer Complaints.** DOT IG has published a report titled [DOT Changed Its Processes to Address Rising Consumer Complaints but Can Enhance Its Procedures to Hold Airlines Accountable](#). The report found that the DOT’s Office of Aviation Consumer Protection (OACP) significantly changed its processes in response to a surge in airline-refund complaints during the COVID-19 pandemic but still has gaps that limit its ability to hold airlines accountable. OACP stopped reviewing every complaint response for substantiveness and identifying patterns of violations across airlines, due to staffing issues and high complaint volumes, and has delayed fully implementing a new case management system (ACERS). It also relies heavily

on airlines' self-certified refund data when determining credits and offsets to civil penalties, rather than verifying supporting documentation, raising risk that penalties may be inaccurately reduced. Among the report's recommendations are launching the new system, formalizing verification procedures for airline refund data, and establishing clearer oversight to ensure consumer protections are enforced as required.



**FAA Seeks ARAC Nominations.** FAA is seeking nominations for membership to serve on the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), which is intended to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator concerning rulemaking activities, such as aircraft operations, airmen and air agency certification, airworthiness standards and certification, airports, maintenance, noise, and training. Nominations are due by October 20, 2025.

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**FAA Publishes eVTOL and AAM Pilot Program.** FAA has announced a new eVTOL and AAM Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) that will accelerate the deployment of safe and lawful eVTOL and other AAM aircraft operations in the United States. The eIPP requests that State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments, in partnership with a private sector partner(s) with demonstrated experience in eVTOL or other AAM development, manufacturing, and operations, or new supporting technologies enabling AAM operations integration into the NAS, submit proposals. The eIPP continues the DOT's efforts to integrate eVTOL and other AAM aircraft developed or offered by a United States-based entity into the National Airspace System (NAS) by identifying the most effective partnerships to test and validate operational concepts that can be scaled to national and international applications. SLTT governments and their private sector partner(s) will propose and define these operational concepts under the safety oversight role of the FAA. Interested SLTT governments must submit a proposal to participate by December 11, 2025.

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**FHWA Publishes Final Rule Rescinding FHS Management System Regulations.** FHWA has published a final rule that rescinds regulations issued on February 27, 2004, on the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Management Systems. The regulations provided for the development and implementation of safety, bridge, pavement, and congestion management systems for transportation facilities serving the National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System) funded under the Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP), as required by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The final rule is effective on October 20, 2025.

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Motor  
Carrier Safety  
Administration**

**FMCSA Publishes Pilot Program to Allow Drivers to Pause 14-Hour Driving Window.** FMCSA has announced a pilot program allowing temporary regulatory relief from the Agency's hours-of-service (HOS) requirement that all driving by drivers of property-carrying commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) be completed within 14 hours after coming on duty. During the proposed pilot program, known as the "Split Duty Period Pilot Program," participating CMV drivers would have the option to extend their 14-hour "driving window" by taking one off-duty, sleeper berth, or on-duty/not driving period (taken at the location of a pick-up or delivery of cargo), including what is sometimes called "detention time", of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 3 hours. Participation would be limited to approximately 256 commercial driver's license (CDL) holders who meet the eligibility criteria specified for participation. Because the program would be applicable only to the rules for drivers of property-carrying CMVs, drivers of passenger-carrying CMVs would not be eligible for participation. This pilot program would examine whether such flexibility achieves a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be achieved through compliance with the current regulations. FMCSA believes that the exemption covered by the proposed pilot program provides the flexibility to take extra rest, avoid driving during traffic congestion, and mitigate the impacts of unreasonable "detention times," thereby improving the working conditions of America's truck drivers. Comments are due by November 17, 2025.

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**FMCSA Publishes Pilot Program to Allow Drivers to Split Sleeper Berth Time.** FMCSA has announced a pilot program allowing temporary regulatory relief from the Agency's

regulation requiring one rest period of at least 7 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth for drivers who elect to split their time in the sleeper berth. Participation in the pilot program would be limited to approximately 256 drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) who possess a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) and regularly utilize the sleeper berth. Both drivers who wish to participate in the pilot and their employing motor carriers would be required to meet specific eligibility criteria to participate. Drivers selected for participation would provide FMCSA with data for a 4-month period, divided into a "baseline" period of 1 month, during which they would comply with the current sleeper berth regulations, and another period of 3 months, during which they would operate under an exemption allowing additional flexibility in how they may split their sleeper berth time. The Agency would use the data collected to compare drivers' safety performance and fatigue levels between the baseline and exemption periods. The goal of the analysis would be to assess whether additional flexibility in how sleeper berth time may be split achieves a level of safety equivalent to that which would be achieved absent the regulatory relief. Comments are due November 17, 2025.

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**FTA Publishes FY 2025 Full Year Apportionments.** FTA has published the full-year apportionments and allocations for grant programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and provides contract authority.

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**FTA Withdraws Environmental Justice Circular.** FTA has withdrawn Circular 4703.1, Environmental Justice that provides recipients of FTA financial assistance with guidance on how to integrate environmental justice principles into their programs and activities. It emphasizes avoiding disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority and low-income populations, ensuring full and fair participation in transportation decision-making, and preventing denial of benefits to these communities. The withdrawal is applicable on September 15, 2025.

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**NHTSA Publishes Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs NPRM.** NHTSA has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that revises certain documentation requirements relating to public participation and engagement in the Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs. Comments are due by October 20, 2025.

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**NHTSA Publishes Traffic Fatality Estimates for First Half 2025.** NHTSA has published early estimates for motor vehicle traffic fatalities in the first half of 2025. The estimates project an 8.2% decline in roadway deaths with an estimated 17,140 people lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes from January through June 2025, down from 18,680 fatalities during the same period in 2024. The decline in fatalities occurred even as vehicle miles traveled increased by 12.1 billion miles during the first half of 2025. As a result, the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled dropped to 1.06, down 8.6% from 1.16 in the same period last year. This represents the lowest mid-year fatality rate since 2014. Additionally, 38 states, along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, are projected to have experienced decreases in traffic deaths. Only 11 states are projected to see increases, while one state remains unchanged.

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**NHTSA Requests NEMSAC Nominations.** NHTSA is seeking nominations for to serve on the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC). The purpose of NEMSAC is to serve as a nationally recognized council of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) representatives and consumers to provide advice and recommendations regarding EMS to DOT. Through NHTSA, NEMSAC's advice is provided to the Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS). Nominations are due by October 20, 2025.

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**NHTSA Requests MAC Nominations.** NHTSA is seeking nominations for to serve on the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC), which is intended to coordinate with and advise the Secretary of Transportation, the NHTSA Administrator, and the Federal Highway Administration Administrator on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including motorcycle and motorcyclist safety; barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies. Nominations are due by October 20, 2025.

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**NHTSA to Hold Public Meeting on Vehicle Safety Research and ADS Workshop.** NHTSA has announced it will hold a public meeting on October 21-22, 2025, jointly organized by the NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices. The event will provide updates and insights into ongoing activities across NHTSA's research programs. The

meeting will be held in-person and will feature panel presentations by representatives from both research offices. Each panel will conclude with an opportunity for the audience to ask technical questions related to the presented materials. Visual slides used in presentations will be made available in the public docket following the public meeting. The event will not be live streamed; however, panel presentations will be recorded and made available on the NHTSA website after the event. At the conclusion of the research presentations on October 22, 2025, the Agency will also host a special workshop on selected topics of interest related to Automated Driving Systems (ADS). The ADS workshop will not be livestreamed or recorded.

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