

March 26, 2026

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report – Agenda Item 3 (Discussion)

Local

Redwood Bikeshare Tour



On March 18, several TAM Commissioners, Bicycle/ Pedestrian Advisory Committee members, and staff joined a Redwood Bikeshare tour led by Marc Azevedo, Redwood Bikeshare operations manager. The tour started at the Larkspur Ferry bike share hub, continued to the Larkspur SMART Station hub and then to the South Eliseo hub on the path along Corte Madera Creek. The tour was a great way to experience Redwood Bikeshare and promote how the program connects to key transit stations. Keep your eyes out for new membership and ride promotions to be announced in April.

TAM's New Website: Take the Feedback Survey

Help shape the future of TAM's website. TAM is redesigning tam.ca.gov to improve user experience, accessibility, and transparency – and your input is key.

Take this [quick 5-minute survey](#) to share your feedback and help make information easier to find and the site more useful for everyone.

The survey is open through **April 10 at 5:00 p.m.** We appreciate your time and insight – thank you for helping us serve you better!



Marin Commute 2026 New Year Challenge

The 2026 Marin Commutes New Year Commute Challenge was a resounding success. Over six weeks, from January 12 through February 20, commuters traveling to and from Marin embraced smarter, more sustainable ways to get around. Participants were inspired by bonus rewards and a shared commitment to rethinking their daily commute habits.



The following table captures highlights from the final participation data with year over year stats.

2025-2026 NYCC Challenge Results

METRICS	2025 (6 weeks)	2026 (6 weeks)	YOY Increase
Active users	298	384	+29%
Alternative trips	11,363	15,292	+34%
Alternative miles traveled	203,876	287,682	+41%
Number of tons CO2 reduced	64	92	+43%
Number of calories burned	952,231	1,193,847	+25%

Overall, the 2026 challenge saw notable gains compared to 2025. This increase in participation can be attributed to a growing number of registered Marin Commutes users, along with expanded outreach efforts that helped raise awareness and drive engagement with the campaign.

Caltrans Begins ~4-Month Full Closure at Civic Center Drive & Redwood Highway



On February 26, Caltrans implemented a full closure at the intersection of Civic Center Drive/Redwood Highway as part of the Manuel T. Freitas Roundabout Project in San Rafael.

The closure is needed to facilitate utility relocation work and will remain in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through June. All work is dependent on weather and other factors. [View the Caltrans project website.](#)

Regional

MASCOTS Transit Service Changes



MORE SERVICE – BETTER CONNECTIONS

Beginning April 12, 2026, transit operators across Marin and Sonoma will implement coordinated service changes through the MASCOTS Plan, a collaboration among nine transit and funding agencies to grow ridership and improve public transportation along the Highway 101 corridor.

This level of regional coordination marks a significant step forward for transit in the North Bay. For riders, the benefits are clear: more service, better-timed connections, and a simpler network designed around how people travel, with stronger transfers and more options throughout the day.

Key improvements include a 19% increase in SMART service, expanding to 48 weekday trips and 24 weekend trips, with trains running earlier and later, closing midday gaps, and strengthening first- and last-mile connections. Golden Gate Transit Route 101 will run more frequently between the San Rafael Transit Center and San Francisco, operating every 30 minutes all day, and every 15 minutes during weekday peak periods. Local bus schedules will also be better aligned with SMART stations to make transfers easier. Learn more at <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/regional-transportation-studies/marin-sonoma-coordinated-transit-service-plan-mascots>.

“What About Age” Transportation Fair

Marin Transit will host the “What About Age” Transportation Fair on April 30, offering information on the wide range of transportation services available to older adults and people with disabilities in Marin County. Attendees can explore their options, begin enrollment in various programs, and sign up for guided transit field trips. The event is free to attend, and RSVPs are strongly encouraged. Learn more at marintransit.gov/whataboutage.



Transportation Fair

Thursday April 30, 2026 | 11am - 2pm

Join us on to learn about the variety of transportation options available for older adults and people with disabilities in Marin County!

Learn more at marintransit.gov/whataboutage



Details

- Date: Thursday April 30, 2026
- Time: 11am – 2pm
- Location: Vivalon (formerly Whistlestop) – 930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael

State

Active Transportation Program



On March 19, 2026, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the Call for Projects for Cycle 8 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP funds infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure programs that promote walking, bicycling, and other active modes of transportation. Applications are due in June, with awards anticipated in December.

In prior cycles, TAM retained a consultant to support select jurisdictions in developing competitive ATP applications. Through this effort, Marin jurisdictions have secured six projects totaling approximately \$18 million in funding.

For Cycle 8, TAM again offered to develop about three applications on behalf of local jurisdictions. Jurisdictions not selected for support may still prepare and submit their own applications independently.

TAM issued an ATP Request for Application Assistance and received eight requests. Staff has selected the following requests for TAM to develop applications:

- Larkspur – Redwood Highway Westside Active Transportation Bike Path
- Mill Valley – Safe Routes to Schools/Safe Routes for Senior Project
- Novato – Redwood Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure Project
- San Anselmo – Creek Park Contraflow Bike Lane Project
- San Rafael – Manuel T. Freitas Parkway Multi-use Pathway

Larkspur and Mill Valley submitted requests in the previous cycle, with applications that are largely complete and require only updates for resubmittal. As a result, the cost to refresh these applications is minimal. Novato and San Rafael will each contribute up to 25% toward the development of their applications through a cost-sharing agreement. Together, these factors mean that preparing all five applications will cost roughly the same as developing three new applications in prior cycles – aligning with the original target set when the ATP Request for Application Assistance was released.

California State Budget – Member-Directed Requests



Annually, the California State Budget process allows members to nominate limited Member-Directed Requests (MDR), also known as state earmarks, for inclusion. As part of the 2022 State Budget Act, TAM received MDR funding for the US 101 Flooding Issues at Marin City and State Route 37.

For the 2026/27 State Budget, TAM submitted three MDRs to Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Connolly for consideration:

- Redwood Bikeshare – Extension and Expansion
- Crossing Guard Program – Operations
- US 101 Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot Project – Environmental and Design Phases

The Redwood Bikeshare MDR is a joint request with Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities (SCTCA), who also submitted this request to its delegates (Assemblymember Rogers, Senator Cabaldon, and Senator McGuire).

Federal

Federal Legislative Consultant Weekly Updates



TAM's Federal Legislative Consultant disseminates regular 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 March 13, 2026 and March 20, 2026.

Congressionally Directed Spending

In November 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), was passed into law. With the passage of IIJA, the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) program was also created to support specific community projects as part of the annual appropriations process. CDS, also known as earmarks, allows members of Congress to direct federal funding toward specific community projects, state/local governments, or nonprofits that focus on infrastructure, health, security, agriculture, environment, or education. Funded projects are usually restricted to one-year funding, with caps on the total number and amount of requests per member.



TAM submitted the following two requests under the Infrastructure category to Congressman Huffman, Senator Padilla, and Senator Schiff for consideration.

- San Antonio Road Project – Construction Phase
- US 101 Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot Project – Environmental and Design Phases

If one of the Congressional members accepts any of TAM's funding requests, the request will move on to the appropriations review process. The entire process takes several months to over a year, with funding dependent on the passage of the federal budget.

Celebrating Milestones at TAM

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Joanne O'Hehir on her 10-year anniversary with TAM! Over the past decade, Joanne has been the welcoming face of the office, setting the tone with her warmth, professionalism, and hospitality. We're grateful for her dedication and the positive impact she brings to our team and the public we serve.

Government Finance Professionals Week



TAM is proud to join with the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) in designating the week of March 23-27, 2026, as Government Finance Professionals Week. Government finance professionals are essential for their role in: Responsible Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars, Transparency and Public Trust, Compliance with California Laws, Supporting Community Services, Strategic Decision-Making, and Meeting State Requirements. Thank you to our excellent government finance team: Melanie Purcell (CPFO), Emily Tong (CPA), and Grace Zhuang!

TAM in the Community

TAM Board Meetings – Return to Marin County Civic Center in April 2026



The March 26, 2026 TAM Board meeting will be held in the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) Board Room (1600 Los Gamos Drive, Room 335, San Rafael) while the Marin County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chambers facility upgrades are finalized.

Beginning with the April 2026 meeting, TAM Board meetings are expected to return to the Marin County Civic Center BOS Chambers (3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 330, San Rafael).



TAM extends its sincere thanks to the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority for graciously accommodating these meetings.

Date	Meeting	Topic
4.15.2026	Dominican Staff Wellness Fair	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General
4.22.2026	Dominican Earth Day	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare
4.26.2026	Mill Valley Green Change Earth Day	Marin Commutes/General
5.1.2026	MarinHealth Wellness Fair	Marin Commutes
5.14.2026	Bike to Work Day	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General



TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY **UPDATE**

*This edition covers actions from February 28 – March 13.

March 13, 2026

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee to Hold Hearing on DHS Secretary Nomination. On March 18, the Homeland Security & Governmental Relations Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), to be the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee Approves Transportation-Related Nominations. On March 12, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee approved the following transportation-related nominations:

- Michael Graham, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Seval Oz, to be the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Research and Technology
- Richard Kloster, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board (STB)

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Senate Committee Holds Hearing on Cold Weather Diesel Reliability Act. On March 11, the Environment & Public Works Committee titled “Examining the Challenges and Opportunities with Implementing the Endangered Species Act”. Witnesses included representatives from Riley Consulting, the Property and Environment Research Center, and the Defenders of Wildlife. During her opening statement, Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) emphasized the urgent need to modernize the federal environmental review and permitting process to reduce regulatory uncertainty and delays that can stall infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing projects. She argued that bipartisan permitting reform would create greater predictability and accountability in the process, helping unlock investment, strengthen supply chains, and lower costs for American families while still protecting environmental standards. Capito also stressed that without congressional action, policy reversals between

administrations will continue to undermine long-term planning for projects critical to economic growth and national competitiveness.

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House Subcommittee Holds Hearing with DOT and HUD IG. On March 5, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee held a hearing with the Inspectors General of DOT and the Housing and Urban Development Department. Witnesses included DOT IG Mitch Behm and HUD IG Brian Harrison. During his opening statement, Subcommittee Chair Steve Womack (R-AR) emphasized the critical oversight role Inspectors General play in helping Congress identify waste, fraud, and abuse across federal programs, particularly as Congress has recently provided record funding for transportation and housing initiatives. He noted that the insights from IG audits and investigations are essential for ensuring taxpayer dollars are used effectively and for informing future appropriations decisions, including oversight of major investments such as FAA air traffic control modernization. In his testimony, DOT IG Behm highlighted three major oversight priorities for the Department of Transportation: improving transportation safety, strengthening oversight to curb fraud, waste, and abuse in federal transportation spending, and ensuring effective management of modernization and innovation initiatives. He emphasized ongoing concerns about FAA safety oversight and air traffic controller staffing, risks in managing large infrastructure investments funded through recent legislation, and the need for stronger planning and oversight as DOT advances airspace modernization and emerging transportation technologies.

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Publishes PPP Project Delivery Final Guidance. The Build America Bureau and FHWA have issued guidance to help the public understand statutory requirements to evaluate the appropriateness of using public-private partnerships (P3s) to deliver infrastructure projects. This guidance intends to inform project sponsors of the Bureau's implementation of the evaluation requirements when seeking Federal credit assistance through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) and the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) credit assistance programs and FHWA's implementation of the major project financial plan requirement to perform detailed value for money (VfM) analysis. The guidance does not contain any new criteria, does not impose any new legal requirements, and has no legal effect. This final guidance also addresses the comments received on the draft guidance published in the Federal Register on November 13, 2024.

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DOT Publishes Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs. DOT has published the Do's and Don'ts for the Substance Abuse Professional and the Return-to-Duty Process in the U.S. Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

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DOT Seeks NACTTI Nominations. DOT is seeking nominations to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure (NACTTI). NACTTI advises the Secretary on current and emerging priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs related to the use of the intermodal transportation network of the United States to facilitate travel and tourism; serves as a forum for discussion for travel and tourism stakeholders on transportation issues affecting interstate and interregional mobility of passengers; and gathers information, develops technical advice, and makes recommendations to the Secretary on policies that improve the condition and performance of an integrated national transportation system that is safe, economical and efficient. Nominations are due by April 1, 2026.

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DOT Announces Advisory Board Hybrid Public Meeting. DOT has announced a public meeting of the DOT Advisory Board, which provides strategic vision and high-level guidance to modernize and enhance the nation’s transportation systems. The meeting will be on March 18, 2026, at 11:00am ET.

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DOT Launches Beautifying Transportation Infrastructure Challenge. DOT has launched the “Beautifying Transportation Infrastructure Challenge”, a competition where individuals of all ages and experience can submit creative infrastructure design concepts that capture the spirit and greatness of America. Design categories include bridges, transit hubs and corridors, and rural transportation-related features. Participants and their designs will compete for cash prizes. The challenge will offer \$650,000 in total prize money across three categories: Professional Tier, Public Tier, and Student Tier. Submissions are due by May 13, 2025, and winners will be announced in July.

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FAA Announces eVTOL and eIPP Selections. FAA has selected eight proposals as a part of the Advanced Air Mobility and Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) Integration Pilot Program (eIPP). The eight selected projects span 26 states and involve leading aircraft manufacturers, operators, and state partners. They include a range of operational concepts, including:

- Urban air taxi services
- Regional passenger transportation (including short Takeoff and Landing aircraft)
- Cargo and logistics networks
- Emergency medical response operations
- Autonomous flight technologies

- Offshore and energy-sector transportation

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FAA Selects NPOAG Members. FAA, along with the National Park Service, have announced two individuals to serve as representatives of air tour operators and environmental concerns on the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG).

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FHWA Publishes MUTCD Final Rule. FHWA has published a Final Rule updating the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) that is incorporated in FHWA regulations and recognized as the national standard for traffic control devices used on all public roads, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. The final rule makes technical corrections to revise Standard, Guidance, Option provisions, and supporting information, relating to the traffic control devices in all parts of the MUTCD. The changes provide minor technical corrections and address editorial changes that have been identified since the 11th Edition of the MUTCD was published. The changes promote uniformity and ultimately improve and promote the safe and efficient utilization of roads that are open to public travel. The MUTCD, with these changes incorporated, is being designated as Revision 1 of the 11th Edition of the MUTCD. The final rule is effective on March 5, 2026.

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FTA Publishes ASAP NOFO. FTA has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of \$686 million through the FY 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). The program funds capital and planning projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems for people with disabilities. Applications are due by May 1, 2026.

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FTA Announces FIFA World Cup Funding. FTA has announced \$100.3 million in funding to public transportation systems within host cities preparing to welcome millions of fans during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The funding will ensure communities can expand transit options to meet increased demand in services around stadiums.

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NHTSA Requests Comments on Zoox FMVSS Exemptions. NHTSA is requesting comment on a petition by Zoox for a temporary exemption from certain requirements in eight Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to its passenger car equipped with an automated driving system (ADS). Specifically, Zoox seeks exemption from portions of FMVSS No. 103, Windshield defrosting and defogging systems; FMVSS No. 104, Windshield wiping and washing systems; FMVSS No. 108, Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment; FMVSS No. 111, Rear visibility; FMVSS No. 135, Light vehicle brake systems; FMVSS No. 201, Occupant protection in interior impact; FMVSS No. 205, Glazing materials; and FMVSS No. 208, Occupant crash protection. NHTSA is publishing this document in accordance with statutory and administrative provisions and seeks comment on the merits of Zoox's exemption application and on potential terms and conditions that should be applied to a temporary exemption if granted. Comments are due by April 10, 2026.

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OTHER

GAO Publishes Report on Transportation Demonstration Grants. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published a report titled [Transportation Demonstration Grants: DOT Should Develop and Implement a Lessons Learned Plan](#). The report reviews the Department of Transportation's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program, which funds pilot projects that test advanced transportation technologies such as autonomous vehicles, drones, and smart traffic systems. Between fiscal years 2022 and 2024, DOT received more than 1,000 applications and awarded about \$289 million for 135 projects, with recipients reporting that the funding helped accelerate technology testing but also noting procurement and implementation challenges. GAO found that while DOT collects information about these projects, it has not yet developed a structured process to analyze and share lessons learned as required by statute. GAO recommends that DOT develop and implement a formal plan to evaluate project outcomes and disseminate best practices to help communities adopt successful transportation technologies.



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NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

House Committee to Hold Hearing on the Impacts of the DHS Shutdown. On March 25, the Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled “Funding Lapse and Security Gaps: Assessing the Harmful Impacts of the DHS Shutdown on Americans”. Witnesses will include representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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House Subcommittee to Hold Member Day. On March 25, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee will hold a Member Day. During this time, any House Member can seek time to speak on their priorities before the Subcommittee.

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Senate Committee to Consider Aviation Bills. On March 25, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a markup to consider several bills, including the following aviation bills:

- [**S. 2378, the SAFEGUARDS Act of 2025**](#) – the bill establishes an “Aviation Security Checkpoint Fund” which would help TSA purchase aviation security checkpoint and exit lane technology.
- [**S. 3257, the Mental Health in Aviation Act of 2025**](#) – requires FAA to update its medical and regulatory framework to encourage pilots and other aviation personnel to seek and disclose mental health treatment, improve the medical certification process, expand examiner capacity, and reduce stigma through oversight, funding, and public outreach initiatives.

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

House Committee Approves Daliah's Law. On March 18, the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee approved, by a vote of 35 to 26, [H.R. 5688, the Non-Domiciled CDL Integrity Act](#) also known as Daliah's Law. The bill would ensure commercial motor vehicle drivers are properly trained and meet safety standards, require CMV drivers to be able to read and understand the English language, and prevent unqualified and illegal immigrants that could pose a significant safety hazard from obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL). The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

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Senate Committee Approves DHS Secretary Nomination. On March 19, the Homeland Security & Governmental Relations Committee approved, by a vote of 8 to 7, the nomination of Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), to be the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. The nomination now moves to the full Senate for consideration. Chair Rand Paul (R-KY) voted against the nomination and Senator John Fetterman (D-PA) voted in favor of the nomination.

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



FAA Publishes Interim Helicopter Separation Procedures. FAA has announced a new general notice that suspends the use of visual separation between airplanes and helicopters and mandates that air traffic controllers will instead use radar to actively manage these aircraft to keep them separated at specific lateral or vertical distances.

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FHWA Announces TTPSF Grant Awards. FHWA has announced \$21.58 million in Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF) grant awards that will fund 84 projects for 61 Tribes in 13 states. These projects will help reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries on Native American and Alaska Native lands.

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Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration

FMCSA Issues Warning to Not Sell, Purchase, or Lease a USDOT or MC Number. FMCSA has issued a notice warning that USDOT and MC numbers are permanent identifiers tied to a specific legal entity and cannot be sold, transferred, leased, or rented, and the agency may deactivate registrations or take enforcement action if improper transactions are discovered.

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NHTSA Publishes FMVSS No. 102 NPRM. NHTSA has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that amends Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 102, “Transmission shift position sequence, starter interlock, and transmission braking effect.” The proposed modification would except vehicles equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that do not have manually operated driving controls from the requirement for a transmission shift position display. This rulemaking would remove unnecessary regulatory burdens and costs associated with a display designed to aid a person driving the vehicle. As the transmission shift position display does not fulfill the same safety need in an ADS-equipped vehicle without manually operated driving controls, the amendment will not impact vehicle safety. This action is part of a larger NHTSA effort to address vehicle automation in the agency's regulations. Comments are due by April 15, 2026.

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NHTSA Publishes FMVSS No. 103 and No. 104 NPRM. NHTSA has published an NPRM that amends FMVSS No. 103, “Windshield defrosting and defogging systems,” and FMVSS No. 104, “Windshield wiping and washing systems.” The proposed modifications would except vehicles equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that do not have manually operated driving controls from these standards. This rulemaking would remove unnecessary regulatory burdens and costs associated with systems intended to provide visibility for a person driving the vehicle. As these systems do not fulfill the same safety need on an ADS-equipped vehicle without manually operated driving controls, the proposed changes are not expected to have adverse safety effects. Manufacturers may still provide these systems if they choose to do so. These actions are part of a larger NHTSA effort to address vehicle automation in the agency's regulations. Comments are due by April 15, 2026.

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