

June 25, 2026

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director

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

Local

Marin Countywide Active Transportation Plan Receives Caltrans FY2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Award

In May, Caltrans announced the recipients of its FY2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards, including TAM's application to develop a Marin Countywide Active Transportation Plan. Of the 170 applications submitted statewide, only 58 were awarded funding. TAM received a \$550,000 grant to support this important effort.

The Marin Countywide Active Transportation Plan will be Marin's first coordinated, data-driven plan focused on creating a complete, all-ages-and-abilities active transportation network across the county. The plan will help identify and prioritize projects that improve safety, connectivity, and access for people walking, biking, and rolling.



TAM staff are coordinating with Caltrans on the next steps for the grant award, including bringing a required resolution to the TAM Board for approval as part of the June Board meeting agenda (Item 5e). Staff will continue to share updates as the planning process moves forward.

MTC Grant Supports New Canal Shoreline Park and Pedestrian Bridge



The City of San Rafael has been awarded \$800,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Canal Boatyard Urban Park Connection project through the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program. The Canal Boatyard Urban Park Connection project will fund design work for a new shoreline urban park at 620 Canal Street, as well as a pedestrian bridge across the canal to improve park access and neighborhood connectivity. Infrastructure and landscaping designs will also support climate resilience and urban greening efforts

The award was recommended to the MTC Planning Committee on June 12 and is part of \$8 million in regional grants supporting Plan Bay Area 2050+ strategies to protect and enhance natural and agricultural lands, improve outdoor access, and expand urban greening.

Manuel T. Freitas Roundabout

On June 8, 2026, Caltrans opened the Manuel T. Freitas Roundabout as well as the intersection of Civic Center Drive and Redwood Highway. The roundabout is designed to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and provide a safer, ADA-accessible bus stop. The intersection has been partially closed since February for the construction of the roundabout, a new bus stop and northbound slip on-ramp, drainage improvements, reconstruction of the island, and pavement resurfacing.



Marin Transit Fare Promotions

Summertime Free Rides for Youth



[Marin Transit is offering free rides for anyone age 18 or under](#) on all regular bus routes throughout the summer. Students must show a valid K-12 school or government-issued ID to the driver when boarding – no additional transit pass is required. Children under age 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult.

[SMART](#) continues to provide [free transit for youth and seniors](#), year-round.

Free Fares to the Fair and Evening Service

Marin Transit will offer free local transit rides countywide on all **Marin Transit fixed-route buses from July 1–5, 2026**. *This promotion does not apply to Marin Access demand response services.*

Marin County residents and their families are encouraged to take transit to the Marin County Fair and other destinations throughout the county during the holiday week. With heavy traffic and high parking demand expected, transit is a convenient and stress-free way to get around.

The Fair will be held at the Marin County Fairgrounds in [San Rafael](#). The Fairgrounds are accessible via [Route 35](#) and [Route 49](#), as well as via the SMART Civic Center station. [Route 71](#) and [Route 233](#) provide service to nearby stops.

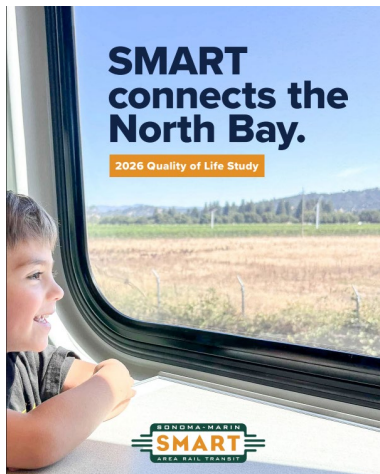


Use the [online trip planning app](#) to find the best way to reach the fair and avoid the traffic. [Real time bus arrival information](#) is available to make planning your trip quick and easy.

Marin Transit will also provide **additional service** on Route 35 and Route 49 **each night** from the Civic Center **after the fireworks shows** to ensure that riders have a smooth ride home. These trips will board on San Pedro Road near Civic Center Drive and depart around 10:00 p.m.

Regional

SMART Quality of Life Study



At the June 17 Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors meeting, SMART staff presented the SMART Quality of Life and Economic Impact Assessment, a Caltrans-funded study examining how SMART's rail and pathway system affects congestion, mobility, livability, and the regional economy in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

The study found that SMART helps reduce roadway pressure by providing an alternative to driving, benefiting the broader transportation network even for those who do not ride the train. Developed with input from a Technical Advisory Committee that included TAM staff, the study highlights system-wide benefits such as reduced congestion, improved travel options, and broader economic and quality-of-life gains for the region.

The study and SMART staff report were included as Item 11 of the June 17, 2026 SMART Board of Directors meeting. [View the Quality of Life Study and Staff Report.](#)

MTC Public Participation Plan Draft for Review

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission released its [Draft 2026 Public Participation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area](#), the fundamental document that guides the agency's public engagement including for the upcoming Plan Bay Area 2060 development.

Members of the public, partner agencies and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the draft document and provide feedback via:



Online Comment Form – Submit feedback using the online form at mtc.ca.gov/PPP

Email – Submit feedback by emailing info@bayareametro.gov with the subject line, "2026 PPP"

Mail – Send feedback to the following mailing address:

MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105

The 45-day comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

Following the public comment period, MTC staff will review the input received and update the draft plan as needed before bringing it to the Commission to consider for final adoption, which is slated for fall 2026.

To request a printed copy of the draft document, a translation of any part of the plan or other assistance, call (415) 778-6757 or email info@bayareametro.gov.

State

CALCOG/SHCC Legislative Day Brings Transportation Leaders Together

On June 3, TAM Executive Director Anne Richman and Marin County Supervisor Brian Colbert, TAM's representative on the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Board of Directors, attended the annual CALCOG and Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC) Legislative Day in Sacramento. The conference-style event convened member agencies, elected officials, executive staff, and transportation stakeholders from across California for updates on shared policy priorities, including housing, transportation, the state budget, priority legislation, and key regulatory initiatives.



Speakers included staff from the Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Chris Cabaldon, High-Speed Rail Chief of Staff Mark Tollefson, and other transportation leaders. Held immediately following the election, the gathering also provided a timely opportunity for informal discussions with state agency leaders, peer agencies, CALCOG and SHCC Board members, and partner organizations on emerging priorities and regional impacts.

Estimated FY26/27 State Gas Tax Funds for Local Streets and Roads



This item was first reported in the February 2026 EDR but worth reprinting as the new fiscal year (FY 26/27) is about to commence on July 1st.

Each year, the State provides funding to local agencies for local streets and roads construction, maintenance, and operation. The funds are generated by the state's excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, sales taxes on diesel fuel, and registration taxes on motor vehicles. Funds are administered through the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) programs.

By July 1 each year, local agencies are required to submit their lists of projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the coming year's funding. The CTC is scheduled to adopt the project lists for FY26/27 funding in October 2026. As of June 15, 2026, all Marin agencies have submitted their lists to the CTC.

The table below contains the California Department of Finance's estimated funding available for Marin agencies in FY26/27. The total estimated amount of \$24.2 million for Marin agencies for FY26/27 increased from FY25/26, which was estimated at \$22.8 million. The difference of \$1.5 million is approximately a 6.14% increase.

FY26/27 State Local Street and Road (LSR) Funding Estimates			
January 2026			
Agency	HUTA Funds for LSR	SB 1 LSR Additional	Total
Belvedere	67,802	59,596	127,398
Corte Madera	305,872	286,506	592,378
Fairfax	228,508	213,105	441,613
Larkspur	389,622	367,006	756,628
Mill Valley	420,302	396,495	816,797
Novato	1,564,285	1,491,760	3,056,045
Ross	73,991	65,545	139,536
San Anselmo	381,011	358,728	739,739
San Rafael	1,810,397	1,728,321	3,538,718
Sausalito	214,613	199,749	414,362
Tiburon	273,404	256,259	529,663
Marin County	6,749,204	6,317,758	13,066,962
Total	12,479,011	11,740,828	24,219,839

Source: CaliforniaCityFinance.com

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 June 5, 11, and 18, 2026.



TAM Milestones

Congratulations to David Chan on 20 years of service with TAM! David leads the Programming & Legislation department, where he supports our jurisdictional partners with local funding initiatives, grant applications, and in-depth legislative analysis.

We also congratulate Jennifer Doucette on 5 years of service. As Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board, Jennifer plays a key role in supporting executive operations, coordinating Board and committee activities, and ensuring smooth agency-wide communication and coordination.

Thank you, David and Jennifer, for your dedication and contributions over the years.

TAM in the Community

Date	Meeting	Topic
5.1.2026	MarinHealth Wellness Fair	Marin Commutes
5.14.2026	Bike to Work Day	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General
5.27.2026	101-580 Community Working Group	101-580 Project/Bellam Blvd
6.3.2026	CALCOG Legislative Day	State Legislation
6.24.2026	Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)	Sea Level Rise/Bikeshare



June 5, 2026

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Subcommittee to Hold Hearing on the Technological Advancing Driving Transportation Innovation. On June 9, the Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, & Safety Subcommittee of the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled “The Need for Speed: How Technological Advances are Driving Transportation Innovation”. Witnesses will include representatives from the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the American Trucking Associations (ATA), ITS America, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

House Committee Approves FY 2027 THUD Appropriations Bill. On June 3, the Appropriations Committee approved, by a vote of 34 to 27, the FY 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill. The bill provides \$111.57 billion to DOT and includes:

- \$22.67 billion for FAA
- \$64.53 billion for FHWA
- \$927 million for FMCSA
- \$3.04 billion for FRA
- \$15.51 billion for FTA
- \$1.26 billion for NHTSA

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House Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Rural Aviation. On June 4, the Aviation Subcommittee of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee held a hearing titled “Connecting Rural America to the National Airspace System”. Witnesses included representatives from the Regional Airlines Association (RAA), the American Association of

Airport Executives (AAAE), the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In his opening statement, Subcommittee Chair Troy Nehls (R-TX) emphasized the importance of small and rural commercial service airports as economic engines that connect communities to the National Airspace System, support jobs, and drive local economic growth. He highlighted federal programs such as Essential Air Service, the Small Community Air Service Development Program, and the Airport Improvement Program, while also praising recent Trump Administration efforts to modernize air traffic control infrastructure and staffing.

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Senate Committee Holds Hearing on FY 2027 FHWA Budget Request. On June 3, the Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing to examine the FHWA's FY 2027 Budget Request. FHWA Administrator Sean McMaster testified. In her opening statement, Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) discussed FHWA's proposed \$66 billion FY 2027 budget, emphasizing the need to restore agency staffing, implement the final months of the IIJA, and address persistent grant backlogs and historically high August Redistribution amounts. She also said lessons learned from IIJA implementation should inform the next surface transportation reauthorization bill, with a focus on safety and reliability, program modernization, efficiency, and flexible formula funding for states.

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Publishes INFRA Grants NOFO. DOT has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of \$626.7 million through the National Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) grant program. The grants help to fund surface transportation infrastructure projects of national or regional significance that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and goods in addition to expanding safe, accessible public parking for commercial motor vehicles. Funding is administered through two distinct tracks: Track 1 utilizes FY 2023 and FY 2024 resources to support surface transportation projects of national and regional significance, while Track 2 is a dedicated carve-out of FY 2026 resources specifically for commercial motor vehicle parking projects of national or regional significance. Applicants must clearly identify their chosen track in the Project Information Form, as each track is subject to different selection priorities. Applications for Track 1 are due by July 1, 2026, and applications for Track 2 are due by July 15, 2026.

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FHWA Publishes BIT3 Grants NOFO. FHWA has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of \$25 million through the Type 3 Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Competitive (BIT3) Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to fund the replacement or rehabilitation of county-owned bridges that are classified as Type 3 bridges by the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and cross a water conveyance structure owned by USBR. Eligible applicants under the BIT3 Competitive Grant Program are counties which own a Type 3 bridge crossing a water conveyance structure owned by USBR. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

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FTA Publishes Family Friendly Transit RFI. FTA has published a request for information (RFI) asking transit agencies and the public to share information about how to assess public transportation service quality across five areas: safety and security, cleanliness, universal accessibility, real time service data availability, and system reliability. FTA will use this information to develop tools to help the public, transit agencies, and all levels of government assess the quality of public transportation service in their communities more directly and identify actions necessary to improve family-friendly service. Comments are due by August 3, 2026.

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FTA Publishes Emergency Relief Final Rule. FTA has published a final rule amending its emergency relief regulation to reduce the regulatory burden on grant recipients by extending the baseline period to establish a waiver of certain administrative requirements related to FTA's Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program. The rule is effective July 6, 2026.

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FTA Publishes Private Investment Project Procedures Final Rule. FTA has published a final rule amending its Private Investment Project Procedures regulation to reduce the regulatory burden on recipients subject to FTA's private investment procedures by removing an unnecessary reporting requirement. The rule is effective on July 6, 2026.

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FTA Publishes Project Management Oversight. FTA has published a final rule that modifies the applicability of project management oversight by raising the total cost and Federal investment thresholds to align with the statutory thresholds for Small Starts projects under FTA's Capital Investment Grant program. The rule is effective on July 6, 2026.

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FTA Publishes PTSCTP Final Rule. FTA has published a final rule amending the reporting requirements for the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP).

This final rule reduces reporting burdens for rail transit agencies (RTA) and State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOA). The rule is effective on July 6, 2026.

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FTA Publishes RWP Final Rule. FTA has published a final rule amending the Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) regulation. The final rule extends the time period for State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOA) to report RWP programs to FTA and allows SSOAs to complete annual audits simultaneously with other required audits. The rule is effective on July 6, 2026.

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OTHER

GAO Publishes Report on Air Service to Small Communities. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published a report titled **Commercial Aviation: Air Service to Small Communities Continues to Face Challenges**. The report finds that small communities continue to face declining scheduled passenger air service, particularly at nonhub airports, where average daily departures per route in 2024 were 19 percent below 2018 levels. GAO notes that more than 70 percent of nonhub airports not receiving Essential Air Service support saw declines in average daily departures per route from 2018 to 2024, while small communities generally saw fewer departures but larger aircraft and slightly reduced connectivity. GAO identifies several contributing factors, including pilot and maintenance workforce challenges, higher airline operating costs, and increased airline expectations for revenue guarantees, all of which have also driven up EAS subsidy costs and limited the effectiveness of Small Community Air Service Development Program grants. The report discusses potential options identified by stakeholders and prior studies, including strengthening the aviation workforce pipeline, using bus service or electric aircraft to support regional mobility, modifying SCASDP to reflect higher operating costs, and either focusing EAS assistance on more remote communities or expanding it to prevent further service losses. GAO did not make new recommendations in this testimony, but it reiterates two April 2026 recommendations that FAA establish and publicly communicate timelines for finalizing two statutorily required pilot training initiatives; DOT agreed with those recommendations.



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June 11, 2026

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

Congress Approves Reconciliation 2.0. On June 9, Congress passed a budget reconciliation bill, [S.Con.Res.33](#), dedicated to funding immigration enforcement agencies. The bill provides nearly \$70 billion for immigration enforcement and funds Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through the next three years. The bill passed the House on a party-line 214-212 vote, with every Republican voting in favor and every Democrat opposed. The Senate had previously passed the measure 52-47, after nearly 18 hours of voting. The bill now heads to President Trump for his signature.

Senate Subcommittee Holds Hearing on the Technological Advancing Driving Transportation Innovation. On June 9, the Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, & Safety Subcommittee of the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee holds a hearing titled "The Need for Speed: How Technological Advances are Driving Transportation Innovation". Witnesses included representatives from the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the American Trucking Associations (ATA), ITS America, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. In his opening statement, Subcommittee Chair Todd Young (R-IN) emphasized that emerging transportation technologies can improve safety, efficiency, and U.S. economic competitiveness, but warned that outdated federal rules and regulatory red tape could slow innovation and allow other countries, including China, to move ahead. He pointed to DOT's recent waiver allowing cab-mounted warning beacons as a positive example of removing unnecessary barriers, while arguing that Congress should continue clearing obstacles that prevent the private sector from deploying safer and more effective transportation solutions.

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



NHTSA Publishes Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs Final Rule. NHTSA has published a final rule that revises certain documentation requirements relating to public participation and engagement in the Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs. The rule is effective on July 13, 2026.

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June 18, 2026

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Subcommittee to Hold Hearing on Safety of the National Airspace System. On June 23, the Aviation, Space, & Innovation Subcommittee of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled “Close Calls: Improving Safety Across the National Airspace System”. Witnesses will include representatives from Airlines for America (A4A), American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

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Senate Committee to Hold Nominations Hearing. On June 24, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on several transportation-related nominations, including:

- Edward Eppler, to be Chief Financial Officer, DOT
- Thomas Chapman, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Karen Hedlund, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board (STB)

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee Holds Hearing on OMB Nomination. On June 16, the Budget Committee held a hearing to consider the nomination of Hal Duncan, to be the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). During the hearing, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) pressed Russell Vought nominee Mark Duncan on whether the proposed OMB grants rule contains any guardrails to prevent cronyism or politically motivated grant terminations, warning that it could allow political appointees to terminate awards based on a President’s personal or partisan preferences. Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) argued that the rule would expand agency authority to suspend or terminate grants, elevate political appointees, and allow OMB to override congressional funding decisions; Duncan responded that the changes are about accountability and ensuring decisions are made by officials accountable to the President. Senator Chris Van

Hollen (D-MD) echoed concerns raised by Murray and others, saying the proposal would further politicize the grantmaking process and is especially alarming in the context of this Administration's broader actions. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) defended the proposal as a taxpayer-protection and anti-waste reform, and Duncan agreed, emphasizing political appointee review, restrictions on funding DEI, illegal immigration, and "radical gender ideologies," stronger fraud controls, and an E-Verify requirement for grant recipients and subrecipients.

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Senate Committee Holds Hearing on TSA Nomination. On June 17, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing on a number of nominations, including David Cummins, to be the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). During his opening statement, Mr. Cummins emphasized TSA's national security mission and said that, if confirmed, he would focus on operational excellence, accountability, innovation, and supporting the TSA workforce. He also committed to protecting passengers' privacy and civil rights, strengthening public- and private-sector partnerships, adopting new security technology, and maintaining regular engagement with Congress.

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Publishes Title VI Regulations Final Rule. DOT has published a final rule that amends its regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI") to eliminate disparate-impact liability. These amendments align the Department's regulations with Title VI's original public meaning, avoid constitutional concerns, reduce compliance costs, and serve the public interest. In addition, these revisions implement changes directed in Executive Order 14281. These revisions also align with changes made by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to its Title VI Regulations at 28 CFR part 42, effective December 10, 2025. The rule is effective on June 11, 2026.

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DOT Announces IFAC Grant Awards. DOT has announced \$46.97 million to 45 projects in 27 states through the Innovate Finance and Asset Concession (IFAC) grant program. The funding will help public entities scan their existing assets to unlock their value and explore innovative financing, alternative delivery, and public-private partnership opportunities.

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FAA Announces Renewed Cooperation with EASA. FAA and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) pledged deeper cooperation on global aviation safety, regulatory alignment, and information sharing during the 2026 FAA-EASA International Safety Conference in Chantilly, Virginia. The agencies said they will work together on issues including safety oversight, data-driven Safety Management Systems, certification pathways for advanced aviation technologies, automated flightdeck technologies, pilot training, cybersecurity, GPS/GNSS interference, extreme weather, and other emerging safety risks.

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