



DRAFT 2019 Legislative Program: State Priorities

- 1S. Preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, and public transportation for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Support a consistent definition of “disadvantaged communities” among all funding programs to ensure that investments reflect economic and rural area considerations.
- 4S. Monitor efforts to modernize efficiency standards relating to farebox recovery ratios under the Transportation Development Act and coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District to ensure efficiency standards do not compromise existing service.
- 5S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, alternative commutes, multi-modal transportation, and active transportation projects.
- 6S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



DRAFT 2019 Legislative Program: Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
 - 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
 - 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee and public private partnerships.
 - 3. Expand access to Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.
 - 4. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
 - 5. Support the return of directed federal funding for transportation priorities.
 - 6. Coordinate with military installations in Monterey County to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to those installations.
- 2F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), without restrictions, and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 3F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 4F.** Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 5F.** Support efforts to change the update timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan from the current four years to eight years.
- 6F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.