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Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) MTC Endorsements for 2026 Cycle 8



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TIRCP Program and 2026 Cycle 8

- State grant program funds rail, bus, ferry transit expansion and modernization projects
 - Call for projects and project selection administered by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- 2026 Cycle 8 Call for Projects
 - 5-year program of projects
 - Approx. \$950 million in new programming capacity

MTC TIRCP Framework

- MTC Cap and Trade Framework – Resolution No. 4130, Revised
- 2022 update along with adoption of Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP)
- Framework includes
 - Specific named projects/categories aligned with MAP
 - Ability to endorse other projects consistent with the Plan, up to \$25 million per project

TJPA Application for The Portal

- Plan to apply for \$750 million during Cycle 8 call for projects, includes:
 - Immediate funding need not contingent on an executed FTA Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to advance preconstruction and help secure FFGA
 - Additional needs in the 5-year cycle
 - Multi-year funding ask to deliver the project beyond the current cycle
- Endorsed for \$500 million in MTC TIRCP Framework

Recommended Endorsements

- Endorse nine projects not named in the framework up to \$25 million each (for scope consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050+)
- Supersede TJPA's framework amount to endorse The Portal for \$750 million, phased according to their application