2026 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program – SCAG Region Project Nominations

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2026 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

- The objective of the TCEP is to fund freight infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on California's portion of the NHFS, as identified in the CFMP, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement as determined by the CTC, including Senate Bill 671 Corridors.
- The 2026 TCEP cycle represents the fifth cycle since the program's inception in 2018.
- The 2026 Program will provide two years of programming in fiscal years 2027-28 and 2028-29 for an estimated total of $1.287 billion of TCEP funds.

MILESTONE	DATE
Draft Guidelines Presented to the Commission	June 25, 2026
Guidelines Adoption and Call for Projects	August 20, 2026
Project Nominations Due	**November 20, 2026**
Staff Recommendations Released	June 2027
Program Adoption	June 24-25, 2027

Programming Targets		
Statewide (40 percent of total funds)	Caltrans	$522,930,000*
Regional (60 percent of total funds)		$765,028,000**
Region	Percentage	Target
Bay Area / Central Valley	29 percent	$221,858,000
Central Coast	2.5 percent	$19,126,000
Los Angeles / Inland Empire	56 percent	$428,416,000
San Diego / Border	10 percent	$76,503,000
Other	2.5 percent	$19,126,000

TCEP Past Cycles – Example Projects Funded

- High Desert Corridor Operational Efficiency Project
- Harbor Scenic Drive Enhancement Project
- I-10 / Riverside Avenue Freight Improvement Project
- Hueneme Road Widening project: Edison Drive and Rice Avenue
- Rt 605 / 91 Interchange Improvement: Gateway Cities Freight Crossroads Project
- Rt 60 Truck Safety and Efficiency, Phase 1A
- Etiwanda Avenue Grade Separation
- California-Mexico Border System Network Improvements

MPO Role with TCEP



Compiling project nominations from SCAG region.



Provide consistency letters to applicants from the region.



Prepare a cover letter to be submitted

List of all project nominations

Confirmation of consistency or the lack of consistency with and adopted RTP/SCS and adopted regional freight plan.

SCAG's Process and Key Dates

- **September 30, 2026**: Project applicants submit TCEP Project Intake Form to SCAG with preliminary information.
- **October 30, 2026**: Project applicants upload near-final applications to project-specific cloud-based folders.
- **November 05, 2026**: SCAG staff provides project nomination recommendations for the Transportation Committee and Regional Council to approve.
- **November 20, 2026**:
  - Project applicants upload final applications to project-specific cloud-based folders.
  - **Project applicants submit project applications directly to the Commission** while SCAG submits a letter to the Commission including the list of project nominations with consistency verification.
- **June 2027**: Program adoption.

SCAG Region TCEP Project Nominations

- As part of this process, SCAG has received 19 project nominations for the SCAG region, with a TCEP funding request for this cycle of:
  - Total Projects Cost: over $3,042,371,175
  - Regional TCEP Request: $541,066,155
  - State TCEP Request: $205,305,600
  - **Total TCEP Request: $746,371,755**

Transportation Committee – Recommended Action

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the SCAG region project nominations seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding

THANK YOU!

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