

**Report to SBCCOG- Board meeting on September 18, 2023 of CALCOG/
California Council of Governments by Mayor Britt Huff/Rolling Hills Estates**

Sixth Cohort of Leadership Academy to Begin. The Academy is part of the Regional Leaders program, known as CARL. This is the biggest class to date with over 30 participants.

- **Leadership through Coaching Workshop:** this offers continued leadership development opportunities beyond CARL. CALCOG hosted a two day in-person advance leadership training for this. The program focused on developing coaching skills and how to apply them in leadership roles. The 18 participants were given the opportunity to test and practice the skills with one another as they were learning new concepts. Initial feedback was very positive. More sessions like this will be planned in the future.
- **EV Webinar** on September 26 at 10AM: CALCOG hosted a sponsored webinar with So Cal Edison on EV charging infrastructure. Regional governments are emerging as key partners in identifying gaps in service and providing local governments with additional resources to site and install chargers. Members Susan Freedman from SANDAG and Janet Orth from Mendocino COG for joined the panel discussion with So Cal Edison and Go Biz. Anyone interested in hearing how some of our members are developing the EV market can sign up on the CALCOG website.
- **Regional Leadership Forum.** The Regional Leadership Forum will be in Monterey in the first week of February 7-9. More details to follow.
- **Administrative Issues** In Which We Are Monitoring & Commenting. At any given time, staff is tracking several issues to assure that our members are informed and to make recommendations when necessary. Here are some of those current processes.
- **California Transportation Commission, SB 1121 Needs Assessment.** The Legislature charged the CTC to develop a new transportation needs assessment that will also consider the full cost of achieving state goals, including lost gas tax revenues.
- **CAPTI-CSIS Implementation.** CALCOG co-hosted a workshop with the Self Help Counties Coalition with the Director of Modal Programs at Caltrans to ensure that the draft guidelines reflect the capabilities and constraints of current systems.
- **RHNA Reform.** The administration is due to develop a report that will address issues related to housing and RHNA at the end of the year.
- **OPR Local Government Implementation Issues.** The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has asked CALCOG and its members to help identify issues and local government officials to invite for a summit on local government implementation issues related to transportation, housing, climate, and other issues.

Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines. The Guidelines are regulatory. CALCOG staff reviews the process to assure that the Guidelines follow the traditional "shall-may" rule, which is that although the Guidelines may suggest best practices, they may not require MPOs and RTPAs to take actions that are substantially beyond the scope of what is required by statute.

- CALCOG organizational Operations items related to the administration:
 - **Making Website ADA Accessible.** Recent changes in the law require websites to be accessible to people with all abilities. We recently added a service to the website to make our information more accessible.
 - **Bill Tracking Software Group License Discount for Members.** Staff negotiated a group license deal with Capital Track (the service that provides our bill tracking) that will allow our members to purchase licenses for a discounted amount. We will be marketing it during the fall in advance of the Legislature reconvening in January.

TIRCP-ZETCP PROGRAM UPDATE

A. BACKGROUND

In June of 2022, the state budget included \$4 billion to be distributed regionally under the Transit and Inter-City Rail Program (TIRCP). CALCOG staff was never certain that those funds would be realized given the looming deficit. Fortunately, we were incorrect. The current year budget includes all \$4 billion for the program (\$2 billion a year for two years). In addition, an additional \$1.1 billion was added for a Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) to be distributed over 4 years. The wrinkle that the Legislature added (and the Governor agreed to) was to allow the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies that receive the funds (which are largely CALCOG's members) to redirect a portion of the funding to cover transit operations if needed. The timing is quick. Despite just being approved in June.