

California Performance Action Plan

Area	Transit Data	Estimated NPRM Date:	N/A
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Coordination Team:

FHWA/FTA Lead Staff	Members (all agencies)

Key Issues and Concerns

- Decide what type of information is needed to support planning investment decisions that address larger goals *before* identifying which data should be reported.
- An abundance of transit data are collected, but efforts must be made to ensure data are consistent and high quality.
- Methods must be developed to report data already collected at the local and regional level to Caltrans and FTA in an acceptable form.
- Make sure that technology considerations are evaluated in context with people and processes. Technology will not address all of the issues transit agencies have; need to understand the context
- Federal cuts to administrative funding creates issues getting accurate data from smaller operators and subrecipients

Next Steps and Strategies to Move Forward

- Collaborate with partner agencies to leverage efforts taking place around the state so that data can be collected more efficiently. Caltrans' *TransitWiki* may be a useful collaboration tool. It provides a venue to post questions and communicate with fellow practitioners on best practice.
- In the past, a Caltrans committee has convened to discuss transit data reporting at the state level. Could this committee play a role in promoting collaboration between agencies?
- Identify opportunities for sharing data collection and standardization processes. Frameworks are needed so that various technology providers can support various reporting requirements out of the box?
- Examine how planners at transit agencies and MPOs can make use of operations data – clear limitation for MPOs in getting access to useful data that will help them. MPOs may need tools to help them better evaluate transit as part of their long range plans
- Provide opportunities for smaller agencies to leverage work completed by larger agencies and Caltrans

Action Items/Schedule

Item	Action Item Description	Lead Person	Complete by
1	Develop webinars/additional rollout for TransitWiki. Potentially currate a set of questions on TransitWiki coming out of this workshop that will be valuable for agencies to collaborate on	Caltrans	
2	FTA consider reaching out to technology providers to see how NTD and other reporting requirements could become standardized (e.g., by incorporating into certification processes or developing open source tools that all technology providers can use).	FTA/John Spowls	