



# MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A summary of recent federal, state, regional and local  
developments and trends in transportation

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## Federal

### **U.S. Department of Transportation Launches Initiative to Eliminate Traffic Bottlenecks**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced a new federal initiative aimed at reducing traffic congestion by targeting the nation's most persistent highway bottlenecks. The effort directs the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to work with state departments of transportation to identify and prioritize high-impact congestion points for improvement.

Under the initiative, FHWA will coordinate with states to catalog bottleneck locations, evaluate potential solutions, and streamline project delivery. With the U.S. being home to 10 of the 25 most congested cities in the world, including Los Angeles, the focus is on segments of the highway system where recurring delays impose significant costs on commuters, freight movement, and the broader economy. Officials emphasized that addressing these chokepoints can yield measurable benefits in travel time, fuel consumption, and emissions without necessarily requiring large-scale construction.

The announcement reflects a broader federal push to maximize the efficiency of existing infrastructure. By concentrating resources on targeted improvements, such as interchange reconfigurations, auxiliary lanes, and signal optimization, the initiative seeks to deliver congestion relief more quickly than traditional capacity expansion projects.

Source: [Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Initiative to Eliminate Traffic Bottlenecks Across America | FHWA](#)

## State

### **California Invests Nearly \$900 Million in Transit Technology, Freight, and Multimodal Options**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$848 million to advance mass transit systems, expand pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and improve freight movement. The investments align with Governor Gavin Newsom's "Build More, Faster – For All" infrastructure agenda and draw from multiple funding sources, including \$47 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and \$405 million from Senate Bill 1, California's Road Repair and Accountability Act.

Among the largest allocations is \$273 million for rail technology upgrades in the Bay Area and Southern California. A \$100 million portion will support construction of a 5-mile tunnel for BART's Silicon Valley Phase II extension between downtown San Jose and Santa Clara, funding a tunnel launch structure and supports that mark the project's transition from planning to sustained construction.

The CTC also approved two major long-term investment plans, with the 2026 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) committing \$17.9 billion over four years for highway safety improvements, pavement and bridge repairs, and expanded access for bicyclists and pedestrians. The second being the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program which allocates \$2.7 billion to priority projects statewide, with over 60 percent of new funding directed toward biking, walking, rail, and transit.

For the South Bay and Los Angeles region, the allocations include \$35 million to complete design and construction of rail power stations in Los Angeles and \$33 million to expand rail freight operations at the Port of Long Beach. Additional highway repair funding includes \$1.2 million for drainage and sinkhole repairs on the I-405 near Hawthorne, addressing damage from heavy runoff.

Source: [California Investing Nearly 900 Million for Cutting-Edge Mass Transit Technology, Freight Movement and Transportation Options | Caltrans](#)

## Region

### **LA Metro Launches Public Safety Hub and Data Dashboard**

LA Metro has launched a new Public Safety Hub, a centralized online platform that consolidates safety resources, information, and data for riders and the public. The hub is designed to improve transparency around safety conditions on the transit system and make it easier for riders to access relevant information in one location.

A centerpiece of the initiative is a real-time Public Safety Dashboard that displays up-to-date statistics on safety incidents, response times, and enforcement activity across Metro's bus and rail network. The dashboard draws data from Metro's security personnel and law enforcement partners, allowing the agency to share performance metrics publicly for the first time in this format. Riders can view trends over time and see how safety conditions vary across different lines and stations.

The launch responds to persistent rider concerns about safety, which have remained a significant barrier to ridership recovery since the pandemic. Surveys have consistently ranked safety among the top issues for current and potential Metro users. By making this data publicly accessible, Metro aims to demonstrate accountability and rebuild confidence in the system.

Metro officials emphasized that the hub is part of a broader effort to improve rider experiences, alongside increased security staffing and expanded outreach programs. The agency plans to update the dashboard regularly and refine the platform based on user feedback.

For South Bay residents who use Metro services, Silver Line, K Line, and regional bus routes, the hub offers a direct way to monitor safety conditions on the lines they travel. The initiative also aligns with regional goals to encourage transit use by addressing quality-of-life concerns that influence travel choices.

Source(s): [Metro Launches New Public Safety Hub and Dashboard | The Source](#)

[Metro Safety & Support - LA Metro](#)

[New Metro Dashboard Shares Safety Data on L.A. Buses, Trains](#)

## Trends

### **San Francisco Speed Cameras Offer Preview for Los Angeles and California**

San Francisco's automated speed enforcement program has shown early signs of effectiveness in reducing dangerous driving, offering a potential preview of what Los Angeles and other California cities may see as they prepare to launch their own camera programs.

San Francisco was among the first California cities to implement speed cameras after the state authorized pilot programs in 2024. Data from the city's program indicates that speeding violations have declined at camera-equipped locations, and officials report fewer high-severity collisions on corridors where enforcement is active. The cameras operate in designated safety zones, including areas near schools and senior centers, and issue citations to vehicles exceeding the speed limit by a set threshold.

The program has not been without controversy. Critics have raised concerns about privacy, equity, and whether citations disproportionately affect lower-income drivers. San Francisco has implemented a tiered fine structure and offers payment plans to address affordability concerns, and the city directs revenue toward traffic safety improvements rather than general funds.

Los Angeles is preparing to launch its own speed camera program, with installation of 125 cameras expected by the end of July. The city has identified high-injury corridors where speeding contributes to serious and fatal crashes, and cameras will be deployed in phases starting with the most dangerous locations. City officials have pointed to San Francisco's experience as a model for implementation and public outreach, informing future discussions about automated enforcement as a tool for improving street safety.

Source: [Speed cameras worked in San Francisco. Now they are coming to L.A. -- with hefty fines - Los Angeles Times](#)