



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 21, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-E

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**SUBJECT:**

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 8 Draft Guidelines

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The [Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program \(TIRCP\)](#) is a competitive funding program that supports projects aimed at increasing ridership, improving safety, integrating services, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In the most recent funding cycle, more than \$1.3 billion was awarded to 27 projects statewide.

Caltrans has released draft guidelines for Cycle 8 and is seeking stakeholder feedback by February 17. Final guidelines are expected to be released on February 20. The draft guidelines are available on the [TIRCP webpage](#), and comments may be submitted to [tircpcomments@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tircpcomments@dot.ca.gov).

Caltrans will also host virtual workshops beginning February 11 to review program requirements and answer questions, with additional dates and registration information coming soon.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact on the approved 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.