



Central Coast Coalition
Moving California's Economy

2021 State Legislative Platform

1. Protect Funding for Transportation Infrastructure and Transit Operations

- Support actions that preserve the intent of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and local measure funding to allow maintain, protect and improve existing transportation funds dedicated for congestion management, lifeline arterials, and goods movement routes while also addressing immediate and long-term unmet needs.
- Explore and support gas tax replacement funding mechanisms for transportation investments that serve urban and rural areas. Monitor policy proposals such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes.
- Support modification of the Transportation Development Act to allow public transportation systems to maintain or expand service.

2. Pursue State Funding for Transportation Infrastructure and Transit Operations

- Pursue increased availability of funding from competitive programs to maximize safety for residents on the Central Coast. Support legislation to allow for broader appropriation authority in the administration of transportation funds to expedite project delivery.
- Monitor and support potential COVID relief/stimulus legislation pertaining to transportation infrastructure.

3. Support Multi-modal Transportation Investments

- Advocate for programs to increase active transportation and passenger rail service along the Central Coast, including projects such as a new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route, maximizing existing road occupancy lanes or use of shoulders for managed lanes, and increased rail and bus transit service.
- Support increased funding for active transportation projects, given the Active Transportation Program's focus on increasing funding for active transportation projects.

4. Seek funding for Energy Efficiency and Resilience

- Seek funding for regions and localities to build infrastructure and provide incentives for zero net energy buildings, considering cost of increased usage of electricity, electric power storage capacity, and proper safety.
- Monitor and support legislation that invests in projects and programs to improve the central coast's resilience to climate change on transportation infrastructure and utilization of public transit in emergencies and severe storm events, public safety power shut off events, wildfires, and sea level rise.

5. California Transportation Commission Representation

- Advocate for a Central Coast representative to be appointed to the California Transportation Commission to address that the complexities of small, coastal, and rural jurisdictions addressing their infrastructure and transportation needs should a vacancy occur. The Central Coast has never had representation on the commission.

6. Modernization of the Brown Act

- Enact legislation to allow the use of remote access to public meetings without requiring noticing of member locations, provided the public can participate via remote access software or in-person.