



Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Local Government Roundtable



The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) would like to thank everyone who participated in yesterday's Local Government Roundtable. Our speakers referenced several links and resources which we are including in this email.

Thank you to the [Local Government Commission](#) for presenting about the benefits of creating complete streets and sharing website resources like [WalkScore](#) and [CompleteStreets.org](#). Thank you to [Caltrans](#) for partnering with us on this Roundtable and presenting about their complete resources. Please [click here](#) to view a Caltrans District Map with Office contact information if you would like to reach out to your local District.

We look forward to your participation at our next Roundtable on September 17 from 1:30 to 2:30. An agenda will be sent closer to the Roundtable date.

OPR Announcements

- [General Plan Guidelines: Complete Streets and the Circulation Element](#): This update to the circulation element section of the *2003 General Plan Guidelines* meets the requirements of Assembly Bill 1358, The California Complete Streets Act. The Act requires OPR to amend the *General Plan Guidelines* to assist city and counties in integrating multimodal transportation network policies into the circulation elements of their general plans. Starting January 2011, all cities and counties, upon the next update of their circulation element, must plan for the development of multimodal transportation networks.
- [CEQA Streamlining for Infill Projects \(SB 226\)](#): OPR is pleased to announce that it has transmitted its final proposal for updates to the CEQA Guidelines addressing streamlining for infill development pursuant to SB 226 (Simitian, 2011). Input submitted during OPR's outreach process contributed significantly to OPR's final Guidelines proposal.
- [California Solar Permitting Guidebook](#): This guidebook was developed to help local governments improve permitting for small solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. The guidebook explains state requirements for solar PV, outlines local permitting steps, and recommends several ways that local agencies can improve permitting of solar PV systems.

Caltrans Complete Street Resources

- [Caltrans Complete Streets Program](#): The Department is actively engaged in implementing its complete streets policy in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities and products on the State Highway System.
- [System Planning Guidelines](#): System Planning is Caltrans long-range (20-years) transportation planning process to evaluate current and future operating conditions and deficiencies on the State transportation system. All System Planning activities are conducted in an open environment where input is actively and aggressively solicited from the local agencies involved with guiding and approving local development.
- [Highway Design Manual](#): The Highway Design Manual (HDM) has been revised to raise awareness of the many modes of travel that occur on the State highway system and to ensure the successful implementation of DD-64 R-1 ("Complete Streets") by ensuring that design standards reflect this directive, and identify and explain Caltrans' objectives for multimodal travel. [Click here](#) for a summary of the update.
- [Main Streets Guide](#): The deadline to submit comments on Main Streets is close of business day this Wednesday, July 18. The link for downloading the document and the comment form

- [Pedestrian Safety Resources](#): Includes "A Guide to Reconstructing Intersections and Interchanges for Bicyclists and Pedestrians" and more.
- [California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#): As of January 13, 2012 California Department of Transportation has adopted the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD) 2012 edition to provide for uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices in California.

Caltrans Complete Street Funding Opportunities

- [Transportation Funding Opportunities Guidebook](#): Provides you with concise, high-level overviews of several Federal and State transportation funding programs available to local agencies. Each program description contains key facts about eligibility, project selection, significant dates, references, sources for assistance and other essential information. Note: last updated in 2008.
- [Caltrans Complete Street Funding](#): Caltrans Planning has funding programs that can assist with complete streets-related outreach. FY 13/14 Community Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) and Environmental Justice (EJ) grant programs are available for complete street studies or plans, and much more. FY 13/14 CBTP and EJ applications will be available in December 2012.

Caltrans Complete Street Outreach

- [Caltrans Public Participation and Engagement](#): Provides funding to Caltrans Headquarters and Districts for a consultant to enhance public engagement and outreach efforts during Caltrans' early transportation studies. Through dynamic public meetings, interactive land use exercises, and other innovative methods, stakeholders will be involved at all stages.
- [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Infrastructure Program](#): The objective of the ADA Infrastructure Program is to make Caltrans infrastructure equally accessible to persons with disabilities.
- [California Bicycle Advisory Committee](#): Formed by Caltrans in 1992, the California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) is composed of members who represent various California agencies and organizations. The committee provides guidance to Caltrans on bicycle issues.
- [California Traffic Control Devices Committee](#): The New Traffic Control Devices Branch, under the Office of Signs, Markings, and External Support, provides the administrative support for the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC). This committee is the vehicle by which the Department fulfills its obligation to consult with local agencies and the public, before adopting rules and regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices used in California.