



1F. **Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other funding for the Agency's high priority projects**, in priority order:

1. US 101 - San Juan Road interchange (Red Barn)
2. Reauthorization of passenger rail and bus transit facilities and service:  
Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County;  
Monterey Peninsula light rail transit
3. Route 68 Holman Highway (Access to Community Hospital), Phase II, construction
4. State Route 156 improvements
5. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail

2F. In federal reauthorization legislation, **stabilize and increase transportation funding sources** in order to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:

- a. Raise or index the gas tax to keep up with inflation.
- b. Identify additional funding sources above and beyond the gas tax for maintenance and operations on the existing transportation network.
- c. Support maximum federal transportation spending and removal of any procedural obstacles that would impede expenditure of all authorized funding.

3F. **Support federal jobs stimulus bills that invest in infrastructure** and:

- a. Relieve local agencies from funding match requirements;
- b. Prioritize shelf-ready local streets and roads maintenance projects and transit operations.



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4F. **Seek federal funding for Monterey County rail and busway projects** through the Federal Transit Administration New Starts/ Small Starts program, the railroad safety grant program, the high-speed rail program, or other sources.

5F. **Monitor climate change legislation** to ensure that proposals will be coordinated with California's state requirements, not adversely affect transportation project planning and construction costs, and fund alternative modes through new climate change revenue sources.

6F. **Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak** in the annual appropriations bill and the Amtrak reauthorization legislation.

7F. **Streamline the project delivery process:**

- a. Streamline transportation project regulations, including environmental regulations as appropriate.
- b. Relax fiscal constraint requirement.
- c. Eliminate unfunded mandates.

8F. **Support member agencies' requests** for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and **support partner agency legislative efforts** as they interface with regional transportation priorities, consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County policies.

