Proposition 1A • 2021

What is Proposition 1A?

• In 2008, California voters passed Proposition 1A (Prop 1A) that provided legal guidelines and $9.95 billion in general obligation bonds for the California high-speed rail program and related transportation projects.

  » $9 billion was allocated to the Authority for planning and construction.

  » $950 million allocated to local high-speed rail connectivity projects under the oversight of the California Transportation Commission.

• In 2017, the Authority’s Board approved three additional funding plans to access a total of $3.3 billion in Prop 1A funds:

  » $2.6 billion for the Central Valley.

  » $600 million for the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification project.

  » $77 million for the Rosecrans/Marquardt grade separation project.

• In April 2020, the Authority’s Board of Directors approved a funding plan for $423 million for the LinkUS project. This action completed the allocation of all bookend funding.
What is this bond allocation?

- The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is requesting the remaining $4.2 billion allocation of Proposition 1A (Prop 1A) funds in 2021 and must complete a funding plan (Section 2704.08 (c), California Streets and Highways Code) to do so.
- The Authority will request a Prop 1A construction appropriation as part of the 2021 Budget Act.
- The California Legislature must appropriate the funding from the general obligation bonds to the Authority before they are expended.
- Prop 1A funds cannot be allocated to another project/program e.g. housing, schools, etc. due to the Bond requirements that voters approved.

This new Prop 1A bond appropriation is needed in 2021 to fund currently-underway construction work in the Central Valley and will allow the Authority to use the more flexible Cap-and-Trade funds for other program priorities over time.

What has been done so far with Proposition 1A?

- $1.1 billion for bookend projects in Northern and Southern California is funding major projects like the electrification of Caltrain and the Link US project at LA Union Station.
- $950 million in Prop 1A funds are constructing 18 other connectivity projects which are improving existing passenger rail systems throughout the state.
- Attracted over $3 billion in federal funding to begin construction in the Central Valley.
- Over 119 miles are under active construction at 35 construction sites in the Central Valley.
- 5,000 high quality construction jobs created, with over $3.9 billion in labor income.
- Substantial contributions from 570 certified small business across the state.
- 98% investment in California firms and workers/ 98% local procurement.

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