

Memorandum

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Green Means Go

With the federal government continuing to roll out various infrastructure grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, we continue to seek ways to support additional funding for Green Means Go. This requires engaging with many federal partners, including through programs at the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To date, we have met with DOT, DOE, and HUD on Green Means Go and will meet with EPA in the coming weeks.

Delegation Updates

Senator Feinstein announced she will retire from the U.S. Senate at the end of her term in 2024. Feinstein has been an important voice for California in Congress, particularly in her role on the Senate Appropriations Committee which is responsible for funding annual programs across the federal government. Reps Barbara Lee, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff have all announced their plans to run for the Senate seat.

Grant Update

The Department of Transportation continues to update their [estimate](#) for when bipartisan infrastructure law grant programs will open. While these timelines are not exact, they can help agencies and communities to better prepare for when funding will be available and when applications will likely be due.

The upcoming big grants to be released over the next few months include:

- Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants - Program funds will be made available each fiscal year for Community Grants, to install electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel in locations on public roads, schools, parks, and in publicly accessible parking facilities. These grants will be prioritized for rural areas, low-and moderate-income neighborhoods, and communities with low ratios of private parking, or high ratios of multiunit dwellings.

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) - PROTECT Grants will support planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure
- Safe Streets and Roads for All - The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.