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California's New Trail Funding Landscape

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Session Outline

Federal level changes: How Congress Reshaped Trail Funding Programs in MAP-21 (Laura)

California's Changing Landscape: Threats & Opportunities

- ◆ *Governor's new proposal: Active Transportation Program* (Laura & Jim)
- ◆ *Rec Trails Program Threatened*
- ◆ *AB 32 & SB 375 Opportunities for Trail Investment*
 - *Sustainable Communities Strategies* (Jim)
 - *Cap & Trade auctions: New revenue source for trails?* (Laura)

Get Involved in shaping these proposals

Federal Transportation Bill Update

- MAP-21: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century**
- Passed in 2012; expires 2014
 - ◆ **Themes: consolidation, flexibility**



Major Changes to Trails/Bike/Ped Funding Programs

Previous bill:

- Transportation Enhancements
- Safe Routes to School
- Recreational Trails

MAP-21:

- Programs merged into “Transportation Alternatives”
- Funding cut 30%
- Transferability & Rec Trails Opt-out



**Why does the
Transportation
Enhancements
program matter?**

\$552M

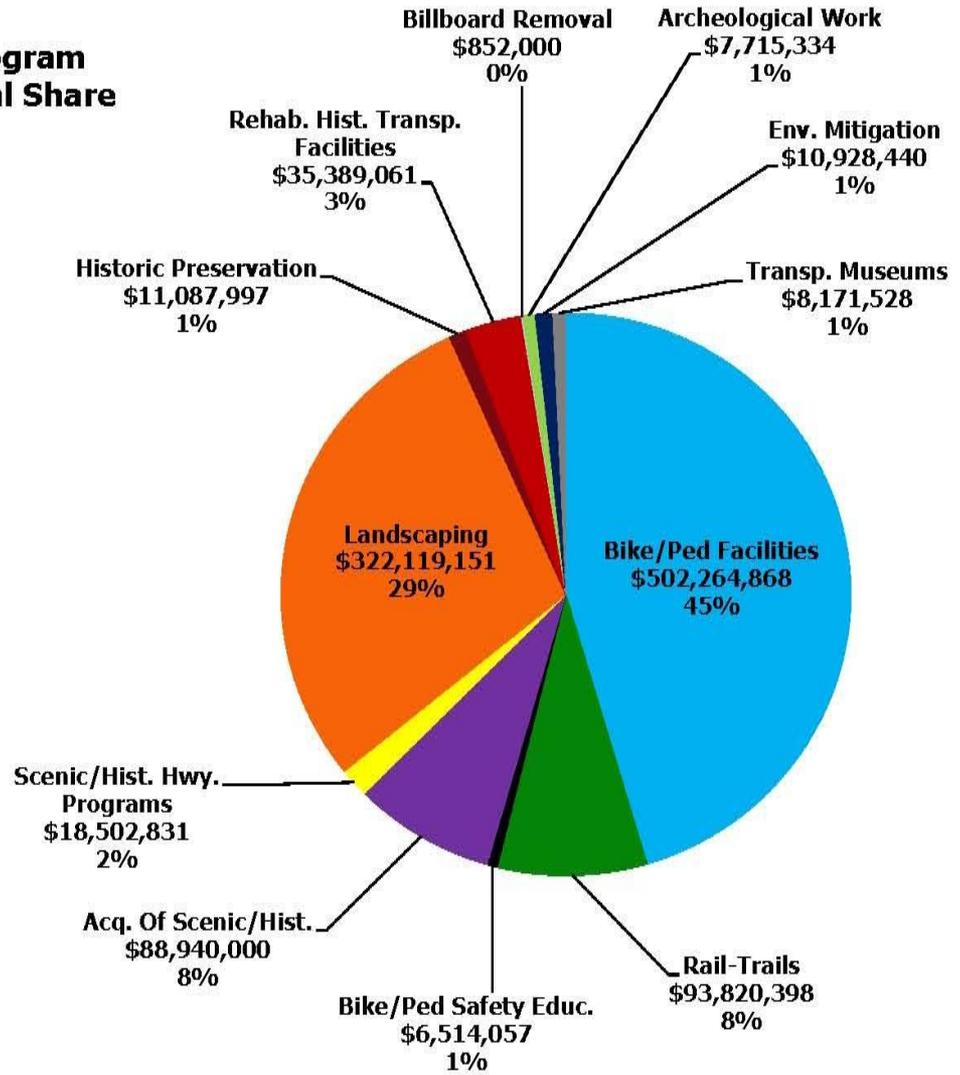
**California TE funding
for bicycle &
pedestrian projects
FY99 – 2010**

California

Transportation Enhancements Program

FY 1992-2011 (plus ARRA) Federal Share

Federal Total: \$1,106,305,665
Projects: 1,703



CA Implementation: Threats & Opportunities

- ◆ Brown Administration: proposal to consolidate b/p programs into new "Active Transportation Program"
 - Safe Routes
 - Bike Trans Acct
 - TAP/Rec Trails
 - EEMP
- ◆ Issues: Caltrans management; adequate staffing; stakeholder input

Termination of Rec Trails Program

- ◆ MAP-21 provides option for Gov. to opt out
- ◆ Merger into ATP



California's Policy Innovations: AB 32 & SB 375



- ◆ Sustainable Communities Strategies
- ◆ GG reduction goals: 1990 levels by 2020; 80% further reductions by 2050
- ◆ Cap & Trade – new revenue for active transportation & open space?

Sustainable Communities Strategies



Cap and Trade Auction Program

- Air Resources Board developed cap-and-trade program to implement AB 32
- Released investment plan late April
- Identified active transportation as an area for investment

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Get Involved in Saving Trail Programs in California



◆ Actions you can take:

- Write the Governor & your legislators: preserve the RTP & invest cap & trade funding in active transportation

◆ Sample letter & resources on Rails-to-Trails Conservancy blog:

<http://community.railstotrails.org/blogs/trailblog/archive/2013/05/08/ggg.aspx>

◆ Join RTC's Advocacy Network: click on "Current Campaigns" on our home page

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Rtc trailblog

The screenshot shows the website www.railstotrails.org/index.html in a Firefox browser. The browser's address bar and search bar are visible at the top. The website's navigation menu includes links for 'about us', 'our work', 'get involved', 'news', and a 'Donate Now' button. The main content area features a large banner for 'Celebrate National Bike Month!' with a promotional message from Patagonia Footwear and OnlineShoes.com. Below the banner, there are several article teasers: 'Trail of the Month' (Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail), 'A Tale of Two Cities' (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh), 'History Happened Here' (Hoover Dam), and 'D & L Trail User Survey'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Register for RTCOnline' section with a login link and a list of actions like 'find a trail', 'build a trail', and 'take action'. A 'resources' section lists 'trail building', 'active transportation', 'rtc trailblog', and 'for the press'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Free t-shirt' offer and a link to the 'RTC TrailBlog' with a featured article about a cycling pastor in Virginia. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 5:18 PM on 5/8/2013.

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Trail of the Month

Journey to the Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail and travel along 47 trestles that cross a web of picturesque creeks and rivers of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

A Tale of Two Cities

Pennsylvania is one of the top states for open rail-trails and its two largest cities, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, have expansive trail systems that are shining models for others to follow.

History Happened Here

Construction of Hoover Dam was a monumental undertaking. The railroad that took workers and equipment to the site is now Nevada's Historic Railroad Tunnel Trail.

D & L Trail User Survey

Our latest trail user survey finds that the D & L Trail provides an economic injection of \$19 million a

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[A World War, a Baptist Church, and a Cycling Pastor: the Wonderful Story Behind a Virginia Rail-Trail](#)
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