



2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Fact Sheet

Inyo County Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Executive Summary

The 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) demonstrates Inyo County's continued commitment to improving safety, preserving existing infrastructure, and enhancing multimodal access across its rural transportation network. With limited Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds, the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission (ICLTC) has prioritized high-value projects that leverage federal partnerships and align with regional transportation goals.

The 2025 RTIP programs components of three projects: 1) the State Line Road Reconstruction Project, 2) the Connecting Tecopa Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Corridor; and 3) the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project, as well as Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM).

The State Line Road project provides the required match for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant to reconstruct a critical interregional route between Death Valley Junction and the Nevada state line. The RTIP programs leveraging for the Connecting Tecopa Active Transportation Program project to construct a 2.9 mile separated multimodal pathway to connect a disadvantaged community. The East Line Street Bridge project replaces an obsolete bridge with a modern, seismically sound structure that includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improving connectivity to the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport. PPM funds ensure the effective management and delivery of RTIP projects and support the development of future shovel-ready projects.

These investments advance the goals of Inyo County's 2023–2043 Regional Transportation Plan by improving roadway safety, strengthening climate resilience, encouraging active transportation and maintaining essential transportation assets. They also promote equity and accessibility by enhancing routes used by disadvantaged and rural communities while supporting economic activity tied to tourism and regional connectivity.

Collectively, the 2025 RTIP positions Inyo County to maximize the impact of limited regional shares, extend the life of critical infrastructure, and deliver transportation improvements that enhance safety, sustainability, and quality of life for residents and visitors throughout Inyo County.

Benefits

The projects included in the 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) provide substantial regional and statewide benefits by enhancing safety, improving infrastructure reliability, and supporting economic and environmental sustainability. The State Line Road Reconstruction Project strengthens a vital interregional corridor connecting Inyo County, Nevada, and Death Valley National Park, improving pavement condition, visibility, and drainage while reducing maintenance costs and emissions associated with deteriorated roadways. The Connecting Tecopa Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Corridor constructs a network of separated

pathways, sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian crossings and gateway monuments to improve safety for walking and rolling and to reduce vehicular speeds within community centers. The East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project addresses long-standing safety and accessibility concerns by replacing an outdated structure with a wider, modern bridge that meets seismic and hydraulic standards and includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities consistent with Complete Streets principles.

These projects collectively promote safer travel for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; extend the life of existing infrastructure; and ensure consistent access to regional destinations and services. The improvements also support local and regional economies by maintaining reliable routes for tourism, goods movement, and emergency access. By focusing on rehabilitation and multimodal enhancements rather than new capacity, the 2025 RTIP supports California's climate and equity goals while improving the daily mobility and quality of life for residents and visitors throughout the Eastern Sierra region.

Goals and Objectives

The 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) advances the goals and objectives established in the Inyo County 2023–2043 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended in 2025. These goals focus on improving safety, maintaining infrastructure, promoting equity, enhancing multimodal connectivity, and increasing climate resilience across the county's transportation network. The RTIP's projects directly support these priorities by investing in system preservation and safety improvements rather than expansion, ensuring that limited regional funds deliver the greatest long-term benefit.

Through the reconstruction of State Line Road and replacement of the East Line Street Bridge, the RTIP improves safety for all users, provides accessible routes that meet ADA standards, and enhances connections between communities, employment centers, and key destinations such as the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport and Death Valley National Park. The inclusion of Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funding ensures continued coordination, oversight, and preparation of future shovel-ready projects that align with Caltrans and California Transportation Commission (CTC) objectives.

By focusing on maintenance, safety, and multimodal access, the 2025 RTIP supports Inyo County's broader goals of preserving the transportation system, improving mobility for rural and disadvantaged communities, and advancing a resilient, sustainable network that meets current and future needs.