



Cal Cities Action Alert Support

Climate Safe Infrastructure Priorities in Cap-and-Trade Reauthorization

Action Requested: Contact your legislators to request support for climate safe infrastructure projects and program funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, as part of the Cap-and-Trade reauthorization negotiations.

Cities are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of support to their legislators as well as Senator Monique Limón and Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin — the two lawmakers leading the negotiations.

Background: The Legislature is moving forward to reauthorize the state's Cap-and-Trade Program, which is set to expire in 2030. High-emitting businesses, which represent roughly three-quarters of the state's emissions, are required by the state to reduce greenhouse gases. However, they can buy a limited number of credits each year — the “cap” — from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to cover their emissions. The process creates a market price for the credits, with auction proceeds going toward the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Cal Cities is leading a coalition alongside [local government, transportation, and labor partners](#) to urge state leaders to [prioritize climate-safe infrastructure improvements](#) during their negotiations, which will last through the end of the legislative session. Strong city voices today will help ensure future investments prioritize funding to cities.

Why this is important to Cal Cities members: The fund has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last decade, resulting in grants to cities and others for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs.

Cal Cities is leading a coalition calling for the Cap-and-Trade Program to invest in:

- Local Clean Transportation Infrastructure
- Climate Adaptation Programs, Sea Level Rise, and Flood Infrastructure
- Organic Waste Infrastructure
- Land Use/Infill Development for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
- State and Regional Clean Transit Infrastructure
- State Wildfire Resilience Infrastructure

Supporting documents: [coalition priorities](#); [sample city letter](#)

How to contact your Legislator: [Find Your California Representatives](#)

Questions? Contact your [Regional Public Affairs Manager](#) or Legislative Advocate Melissa Sparks-Kranz at msparkskranz@calcities.org