



# Local Assistance Updates

## Buy America Changes

- Build America Buy America Act (BABA) is part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Required for the recipient of all federal-aid funds to ensure all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used on projects are produced in the United States.
- Applies to local agency projects that **request an authorization (E-76) on or after November 10, 2022.**
- HQ Local Assistance will release an Office Bulletin to summarize changes and update the Local Assistance Procedure Manuals (LAPM) Chapter 12 and forms.

## New IIJA Programs

- HQ is updating in the Local Assistance website with IIJA program information.
- New links have been added for the CRP and SS4A programs.
- District Local Assistance will have a IIJA Program specialist.
- Reach out to District Local Assistance if IIJA funds are granted.

## Risk Assessment Program

- Local Public Agency (LPA) Risk Assessment Program (aka Certification) is a risk-based process whereby a state DOT certifies LPA's ability to administer the delivery of a fed-aid project with oversight from state as-needed.
- HQ is currently developing details of the program. Major components will be:
  - o Mandatory Training
  - o LPA Certification Risk Assessment (online application proposed)
  - o Risk-based Oversight and Monitoring (either Tier 1, 2, or 3)
  - o Re-certification (every 3 years)
- Currently, in beta stage with select agencies. Estimated to roll out to all agencies by 2024.

## Caltrans 2022 Standard Plans and Standard Specifications

- Will be published on October 24, 2022
- Date for Local Agency to incorporate into project is TBD

## Reminders

- Invoice every 6 months (all projects)
  - o Inactive Project List: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects>
- Check Project End Dates (Federal projects)
  - o <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects-with-expiring-end-dates>
- Follow the Local Assistance Blog for updates on items mentioned above and more. <http://www.localassistanceblog.com/>
- Miss a training or want to see it again? Many trainings have been recorded and the slides posted.
  - o CTAP Trainings (Federal Aid process, Local Assistance Day): <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1611>
  - o Consultant Selection: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidance-and-oversight/consultant-selection-procurement>
  - o Other Local Assistance topics: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/training>

### Upcoming Dates

**October** – Highway Bridge Program Fall List

**Oct 21** – Staff recommendations for ATP Cycle 6 projects (non-MPO Components)

**Dec 7-8** – CTC adopts ATP Cycle 6 projects

**Dec or later** – Notification of HSIP Cycle 11 projects

### Local Assistance Mission

*Facilitate successful delivery of State and Federally Funded local transportation projects through stewardship, oversight, and exceptional customer service.*