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ACF Private Fleet Repeal Nears Final Approval

Last week, the **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** finalized the amendments and submitted the complete **Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF)** rulemaking package, which includes the **CTA-negotiated repeal of the regulation's private fleet provisions**. The rulemaking package has been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), which has until **September 11, 2026**, to determine whether to approve the amendments.

If approved, the ACF private fleet requirements will be removed from California law, fulfilling the stipulation negotiated between CTA and CARB as part of the resolution of CTA's lawsuit.

To review the complete rulemaking package submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, [click here](#).



Recognizing Eric Sauer, CTA's CEO on 25 Years

Check out the Q2 issue of Caltrux- The Official Magazine of the California Trucking Association, and a feature on Eric Sauer's 25 years with CTA.

[Read More](#)

Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update

To learn more about CTA's advocacy efforts, please join the **California Trucking Association's Government Affairs** team for our **Webinar: Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update**. This webinar is an invaluable opportunity to stay up to date on the latest legislative and regulatory developments directly affecting the trucking industry in California.

CTA's Government Affairs will provide an overview of legislation that could impact the trucking industry including legislation focused on labor, environmental, tax, and safety policies.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about pending legislation, and **this event is free to all members!**

Secure your Spot by Registering Today!

Tuesday, September 15th

9:00 - 10:00 AM

[Register](#)

ICYMI: DMV Relaunched Medical Examiner's Certificate Electronic Transmission System on July 27

The **California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** relaunched its Medical Examiner's Certificate electronic transmission system for **interstate drivers** on **Monday, July 27**.

Medically qualified **examiners** on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners **will be required to electronically submit Interstate commercial driver MERs and MECs to the DMV through the National Registry**.

Intrastate (NA) commercial drivers may still **submit their paper MER and MEC**, in person, mail or by emailing to the **DMV's Virtual Field Office**.

Medical examiners must submit examination results to the National Registry within 24 hours. The DMV must post medical examination results on the driver's record within one business day.

[Learn more...](#)

CARB Hosting 2026-2027 HVIP Workshop

CARB is hosting a workshop for staff to present and discuss implementation topics for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 HVIP Implementation Manual (IM) as well as the development of the FY 2026-2027 Long-Term Heavy-Duty Investment Strategy.

Date: August 19, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm PST
Location: Zoom Webinar

The meeting agenda and presentation will be posted to the [implementation workgroup webpage](#) ahead of the meeting.

[Register](#)

Webinar: California Clean Fuel Reward Incentive Program

Thursday, August 27
10 AM - 11 AM
Via Zoom



Unlock Up to \$120,000 Toward Your Next Electric Commercial Vehicle

Thinking about adding electric vehicles to your fleet?

Now is the perfect time to learn how the **California Clean Fuel Reward** incentive program can significantly reduce your upfront purchase costs.

Join the California Trucking Association and representatives from the California Clean Fuel Reward program for an informative webinar covering the latest incentives available for eligible battery-electric commercial vehicles from Class 2b through Class 8.

Whether you're just beginning to explore electric vehicles or you're ready to make your next purchase, this webinar will help you understand how to maximize available incentives and navigate the application process.

What You'll Learn

- How the California Clean Fuel Reward works
- Who qualifies for the program
- Current incentive amounts by vehicle class
- Which vehicles are eligible
- How the reward is applied at the point of purchase
- How the program can be combined ("stacked") with other eligible incentives
- Live Q&A with a representative from the California Clean Fuel Reward program

Current incentive amounts include:

				
Class 2b*	Class 3-4	Class 5	Class 6-7	Class 8
8,501-10,000 lbs.	10,001-16,000 lbs.	16,001-19,500 lbs.	19,501-33,000 lbs.	> 33,000 lbs.
\$7,500*	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$85,000	\$120,000

For complete program requirements, eligibility criteria, incentive amounts, and application details, please review the [California Clean Fuel Reward Program Guide](#) before applying.

[Register](#)

California Trucking Day at the Capitol

Several California Legislators have already confirmed they'll be joining us for CTA's Legislative Reception following CA Trucking Day, giving attendees the opportunity to connect directly with policymakers in an informal setting.

Confirmed legislative attendees include:

- **Senator Bob Archuleta**
- **Assemblymember Stan Ellis**
- **Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen**
- **Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez**
- **Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry**
- **Assemblymember Mike Fong**
- **Assemblymember Leticia Castillo**



If you've been considering attending, now is the time to register. California Trucking Day is your opportunity to hear the latest on issues impacting California's trucking industry, engage with fellow industry leaders, and build relationships with the policymakers shaping our industry.

Registration closes soon. Reserve your spot today.

This impactful afternoon will include:

- **Legislative and grassroots training**
- **Hear from key legislative policymakers**
- **Network at an evening reception**

Whether you're an advocacy veteran or newly engaged in policy, this is an opportunity to connect, learn, and become an effective advocate for the trucking industry.

Wednesday, August 12
1:00 to 7:00pm
Sacramento

Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a waitlist for those who don't secure a spot.

Legislative Guests Spotlight



Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose)
Chair, Senate Transportation
Committee



Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Hesperia)
Chair, Assembly Local Government
Committee
Assembly Transportation Committee
Member

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CA Trucking Day Registration & Sponsorship



Beware of Phishing Emails Impersonating FMCSA

We have been made aware of phishing emails that appear to come from the FMCSA and reference enforcement actions or requests for sensitive information. These emails may use convincing language, official titles, and email addresses designed to look legitimate.

If you receive an unexpected email claiming to be from the FMCSA, especially one requesting sensitive information or asking you to confirm contact details, do not respond or click any links.

Verify the sender's identity through official FMCSA contact information before taking any action. If you believe you have received a suspicious email, [report it to FMCSA](#) and delete the message.

Construction Traffic Alert on I-5 in Portland, OR

I-5 SOUTHBOUND CLOSURE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026



**ALL LANES OF I-5 SOUTHBOUND TO
CLOSE 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK,
FOR UP TO 5 WEEKS**

**PLAN AHEAD. SIGNIFICANT DELAYS AND
UNPREDICTABLE TRAVEL TIMES ARE EXPECTED**

I-5 through the Rose Quarter is aging and needs repairs. The roadway surface has surpassed its 25-year lifespan and shows its age with an increasing number of ruts, cracks and potholes from heavy use.

We will repair and reinforce weak areas, replace bridge joints, resurface the concrete deck and repaint lane lines on the highway.

The work will require closing all lanes of I-5 southbound around the clock for up to 5 weeks through the Rose Quarter, starting in September 2026. We will re-open I-5 as soon as the work is complete.



Travel times may take up to two to three times longer than usual and congestion could back up across the Columbia River into Washington.

DRIVERS CAN EXPECT:

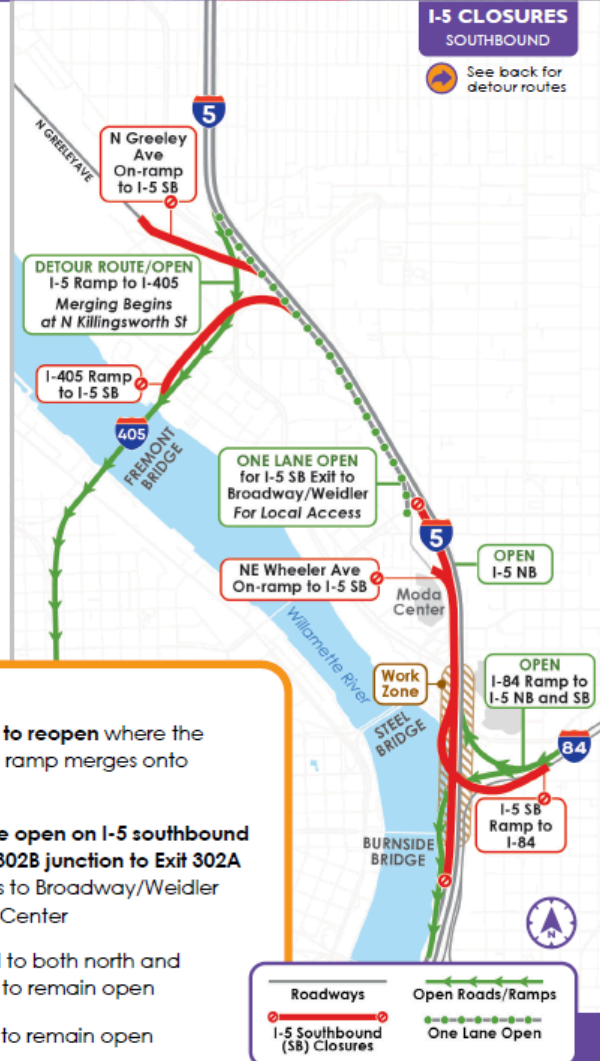
- ❌ I-5 southbound closed between Exit 302B to I-405 and westbound I-84 on-ramp
- ❌ I-5 southbound travel to be detoured to I-405 southbound at Exit 302B
- ❌ I-5 southbound on-ramps from Greeley, I-405 NB/Freemont Bridge and the Moda Center to be closed during all hours
- ✅ I-5 southbound to reopen where the I-84 westbound ramp merges onto I-5 southbound
- ✅ One lane will be open on I-5 southbound from the I-405/302B junction to Exit 302A for local access to Broadway/Weidler and the Moda Center
- ✅ I-84 westbound to both north and southbound I-5 to remain open
- ✅ I-5 northbound to remain open



Multiple options for repairing I-5 were considered. The southbound closure for up to 5 weeks is the safest, shortest duration and most cost-effective option compared to other construction methods.

I-5 CLOSURES SOUTHBOUND

See back for
detour routes



[Download Alert](#)

EDUCATION

Virtual Safety Seminar: Accident Management

Gain practical guidance on accident reporting, investigation, recordkeeping, and managing post-accident responsibilities to minimize liability and protect your Safety Measurement System (SMS) scores.



Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00

CTA Member:\$99

Non-Member: \$149

[Register Here](#)



Southern CA Safety Day

Join us for an in-depth **Safety Training Event** hosted by **CTA, FMCSA**, and the **California Highway Patrol Commercial Industry Education Program**

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Lunch Included

SoCal Gas Innovation Hall, Downey, CA

CTA Member:\$10

Non-Member: \$20

Sponsorships Available

\$100 Event Sponsor

\$300 Table Sponsor- Display your product!

\$1000 Lunch Sponsor

[Register Here](#)

EVENTS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Nominations Open for Fleet Safety Awards



It takes a lot of grit to run a top-notch safety program, and we think the best of the best deserve recognition.

Honor the team behind the scenes by nominating your safety program and talented safety professionals for the annual **CTA Fleet Safety Awards**.

There are many different divisions to apply for. Click the link below to view the application and see if your team can make the cut.

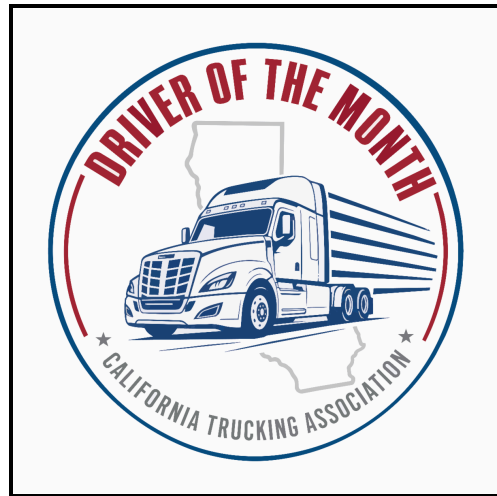
Deadline to Apply: August 14, 2026

Application Fee: \$150

Driver of the Month & Driver of the Year

CTA honors our state's best truck drivers with the **Driver of the Month (DOM)** awards each November. The Northern CA and Southern CA banquets reveal monthly winners recognized for their outstanding service. It's especially significant to recognize the best of the best via the **Driver of the Year (DOY)** award.

CTA company members may enter California-domiciled drivers with no limit to the number of entries per company. This year, we're switching things up a bit by charging a **\$35 program fee for each applicant**, in place of the previous \$125 winners' fee. This fee supports nomination review, award administration, promotion of winners, recognition materials, and the annual banquet celebrating California's safest and most professional drivers.



For more information on these programs and sponsorship opportunities, click the buttons below, call [\(916\) 373-3528](tel:9163733528) or email to events@caltrux.org.

Completed applications must be emailed to events@caltrux.org **no later than 5:00 pm on August 14, 2026**

[2026 Driver of the Month or Year Application Form](#)

Do you know anyone with 50 years in the industry?



Nominations are now being accepted for the longtime trucking professionals to be honored in the **Golden Jubilee Club**. Members of this distinguished group meet every other year at CTA's **Annual Membership Conference** to hail the pioneers of our industry and introduce new members.

Eligible candidates are either working with or retired from CTA member organizations and have served a minimum of 50 years in the trucking industry.

Recipients will be honored at the CTA Golden Jubilee Club Breakfast on **January 22** during **CTA's Annual Membership Conference (AMC27)** at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.
Application Deadline: December 1, 2026, no application fee

Completed applications or questions should be directed to Tina Ferguson at tferguson@caltrux.org or [916-373-3528](tel:9163733528).

[Golden Jubilee Nomination Form](#)

LOCAL EVENTS

Join us Saturday, August 29, on San Francisco Bay!

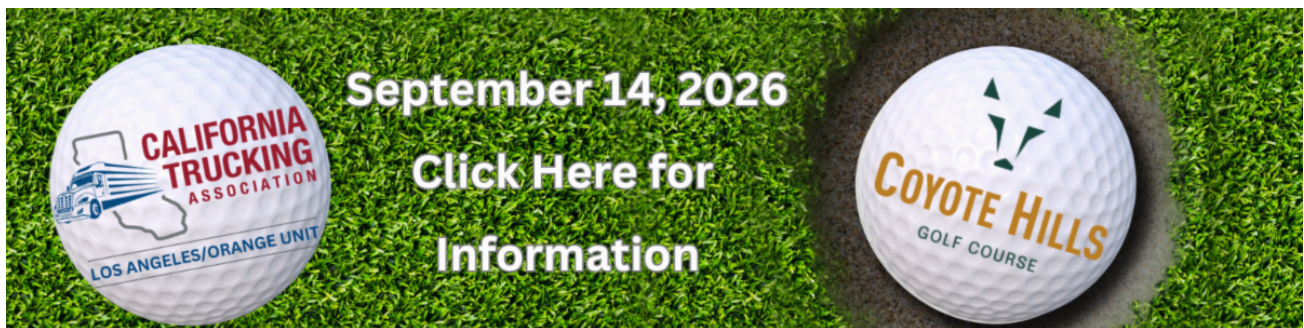
Single, Couple, or Sponsorship tickets available- click below!



[Bay Cruise Information & Registration](#)

Network & Golf at the LA/Orange Unit Golf Tournament

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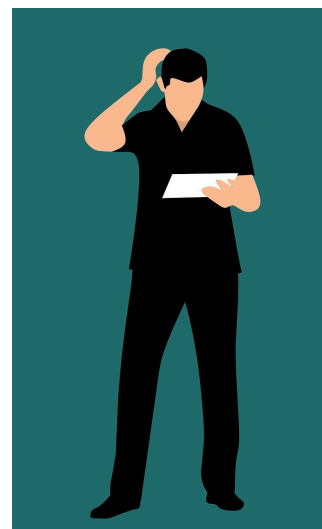
**Compliance Confusion? Legal Questions? HR
Headaches? Security System Stress?**

Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help you with any challenges you may be facing. If we don't have the answer, we will put you in contact with one of the many member resources who can help.

Some popular topics include:

- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions
- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations
- Hazardous materials regulations
- Legal resources
- Human resources guidance & templates
- Cargo theft/ security system advisement from industry experts



Fill out the request form here or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.

Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. Our team will do its best to get back to you in a timely manner.

[Contact the Help Desk](#)

FREE DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Keep Your Drivers Current on Safety with TREDs

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDs\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

TREDs offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

Scope of the problem
Risk & consequences
Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety

[Learn More](#)



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

Scope of the problem
Contributing factors
Risks & consequences
Laws & testing procedures
Strategies to drive-drug free

[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

[August 12: Virtual Seminar: Accident Management](#)

[August 29: Bay Cruise - Coastal Unit President's Night](#)

[September 9: Central Valley & San Joaquin Units Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 9: Virtual Seminar: Vehicle Maintenance Programs](#)

[September 14: Los Angeles/Orange Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[September 15: Cordelia Sacramento Unit Truck Driver Appreciation](#)

[September 15: Fall Government Affairs Update](#)

[September 23: Southern California Safety Day](#)

[October 9: Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)

[October 14: Virtual Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit](#)

[November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors](#)

[November 7: Northern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[November 14: Southern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[December 9: Virtual Seminar: Data Q's, Contesting Preventability, SMS & FMCSA Portal](#)

[January 19 - 22: CTA's 73rd Annual Membership Conference](#)

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