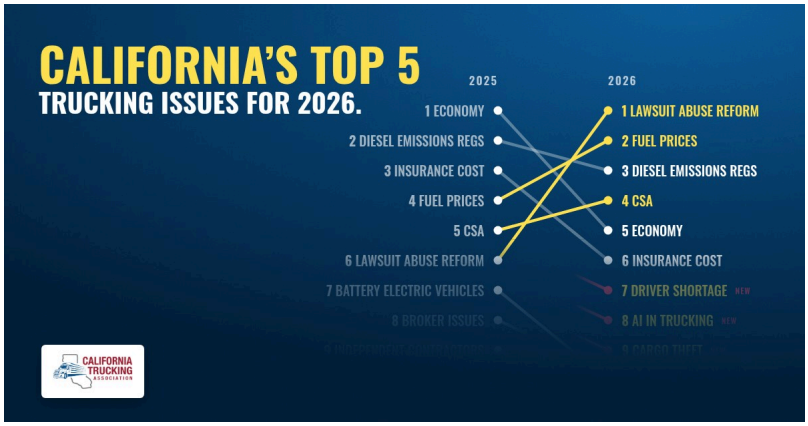
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ATRI California 2026 Top Industry Issues Survey Report

The American Transportation Research Institute's (ATRI) 2026 survey results highlight the leading concerns of California-based trucking industry respondents.

The following are the 2026 top 10 industry issues in California based on ATRI's survey responses:

1. Lawsuit Abuse Reform
2. Fuel Prices
3. Diesel Emissions Regulations
4. Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
5. Economy
6. insurance Cost/Availability
7. Driver Shortage
8. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Trucking
9. Cargo Theft
10. Battery Electric Vehicles

2026 CA Top Industry Issues Survey Report

Multiple Closures in Los Angeles Area

As LA Metro continues activities to advance the start of construction in the Segment 2 area between **I-710 to Central Ave**, the project is planning to implement late nighttime full directional freeway closures in the near future to restripe the travel lanes to establish work zones along the corridor in this area. Please see anticipated **schedule below,** a construction notice with more details regarding these closures, along with social media materials, will be provided soon.

Friday, November 6, through Thursday, November 12:

- Closure of Eastbound I-105 within a location between I-110 Fwy to I-710 Fwy.
- HOV and inside lane closures will begin to close as early as 8 pm, with full eastbound freeway closures between approximately 11 pm and 6 am.

Friday, November 13, through Thursday, November 19:

- Closure of Westbound I-105 within a location between Garfield Av and Central Av.
- HOV and inside lane closures will begin to close as early as 8 pm, with full westbound freeway closures between approximately 11 pm and 6 am.

What to Expect:

- To safely perform this work, corresponding ramps and connectors will be closed during each of the closures.
- Traffic detours will be in place to guide motorist around the closures.
- Please note that work schedules are subject to change based on the progress of work and weather conditions.
- After restriping, the same number of travels lanes will remain along the I-105.

Noteworthy:

- Additional work activities will include the installation of concrete barriers, tree and landscape removal at select locations, and outer roadway grinding work along the shoulder of the freeway after restriping.
- Future project improvements include roadway pavement construction, new sound and retaining walls, undercrossing/bridge construction, and drainage system improvements.
- Subsequent intermittent freeway lane closures and ramp closures will be scheduled during the nighttime hours to safely perform these long-term construction activities.



I-580 Truck Access Study Update
Draft Report Expected in Late November

The Caltrans I-580 Truck Access Study held its fifth Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) workgroup meeting on Wednesday, October 21. CTA is the only industry group participating in the study.

The study is examining how lifting the truck ban on I-580 between Grand Avenue in Oakland and Foothill Boulevard in San Leandro, in place since 1951, would affect safety, traffic, air quality and noise along the I-580 and I-880 corridors. Earlier this year, the study's preliminary traffic analysis found that lifting the ban would shift a share of truck traffic from I-880 to I-580.

Meeting Highlights

- Community Survey - Caltrans and its consultant, Fehr & Peers, shared the results of a survey of residents in the surrounding communities. Respondents raised concerns about traffic, noise and air quality, and expressed broad support for transitioning to a cleaner truck fleet.
- Next Steps - The draft report will be available for the TAC to review in late November, ahead of a public review draft. The final report is expected in early 2027.
- Because the truck ban is written into the California Vehicle Code, any change would require action by the Legislature.

CTA will review the draft report and continue to represent the trucking industry throughout the study.

Questions can be directed to Nick Chiappe, Vice President of Government Affairs, at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

Learn About the Study →



California Freight Advisory Committee
Urban Truck Parking | Tuesday, November 3

The California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) will meet Tuesday, November 3. Caltrans will provide an update on urban truck parking challenges and strategies, and is seeking industry guidance on strategic partnerships and opportunities to increase truck parking availability. CTA encourages members to take part in the discussion.

Meeting Details

- Date - Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- Time - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location - The Allenby, 1215 O Street, Sacramento (virtual option available)
- Agenda - **November CFAC Meeting Agenda**

The agenda also includes a keynote from California State Transportation Agency Secretary Toks Omishakin and an update on the California Freight Mobility Plan 2027.

Interested members can register using the button below.

Questions can be directed to Nick Chiappe, Vice President of Government Affairs, at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

Register →



President Trump's Dyed Diesel Executive Order

On October 5, the President issued an **Executive Order** that, according to the White House, "temporarily opens highway use of tax-free dyed diesel, deferring the federal diesel tax on that fuel through the end of the year — no interest, no penalties."

Specifically, the Order directs the Secretary of the Treasury to use his authority to defer **(not waive)** federal diesel fuel tax payments without penalty or interest for the period of October 5 **through December 31, 2026.**

The Treasury Secretary is also directed to "explore avenues, including legislation" to forgive the deferred tax payments. The Transportation Secretary is directed to engage with state governments to coordinate policies.

Additionally, on October 14, 2026, the IRS announced that in response to the President's Oct. 5, 2026, Executive Order, Emergency Tax Relief on Diesel Fuel, it will **NOT** impose a penalty when dyed diesel fuel is sold for use or used on highways nationwide.

The relief is **retroactive to Oct. 1, 2026,** and will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2026. Relief is available to any person that sells dyed diesel fuel or uses dyed diesel fuel for highway use. During the relief period, ordinary procedures for collection and enforcement will be suspended.

This relief **only** applies for **federal tax purposes.** It has **no effect on state fuel taxes and penalties** that a state may impose on the use of dyed diesel fuel on the highway. Many, but not all, states have provided similar state excise tax-related relief. Taxpayers are encouraged to refer to their applicable state agencies for the latest guidance on state-level relief.

The IRS says that they will release guidance soon and the full announcement can be found **HERE.**

What does this mean for California?

For California carriers, **the federal order does not override California's restrictions on the use of dyed diesel in on-road vehicles.** Dyed diesel remains prohibited for regular on-road trucking operations under state law.

California would need to separately authorize this use, such as through an executive order from the Governor temporarily suspending the state's restrictions on the on-road use of red-dyed diesel.

Until California authorizes this use, carriers should continue using standard on-road diesel fuel. CTA will notify members if the Governor issues such an order or exemption.

Carriers remain subject to enforcement by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, including fuel inspections at roadside inspection stations and fueling facilities. Unauthorized use can result in state penalties regardless of the temporary federal relief.



CARB Board Hears Update on SB 253 Corporate GHG Reporting
First Reports Due November 10 | Scope 3 Rules in Development

On Thursday, October 22, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) heard an informational update on the California Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, which carries out SB 253 (Wiener, 2023). The program requires U.S. companies with more than $1 billion in annual revenue that do business in California to report their greenhouse gas emissions.

Where Things Stand

- Initial Regulation - The first regulation took effect October 12. First-year reports, covering a company's direct emissions (Scope 1) and the energy it buys (Scope 2), are due November 10, 2026. Companies may report using information they already had or were collecting as of December 5, 2024.
- Next Regulation - CARB is developing a second regulation that would require more detailed Scope 1 and 2 reporting with third-party assurance and add Scope 3, the emissions across a company's value chain, beginning in 2027. Staff are considering a phased approach to Scope 3 to provide flexibility in the early years.
- Next Steps - CARB will hold a public workshop, then release the rulemaking package for a 45-day comment period before the Board considers it.

CTA is following the rulemaking closely and will keep members informed as CARB releases its draft proposal and opens it for public comment.

Questions can be directed to Nick Chiappe, Vice President of Government Affairs, at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

View CARB's Presentation →

CARB Drive Forward Expo in Fresno

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Catalyst Mobility are sponsoring the free **Drive Forward Expo** (formerly known as the Zero-Emission Showcase + Ride & Drive) on November 18, 2026, at the Big Fresno, Fair 1121 S. Chance Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702.

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What to expect:

- Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment.
- Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies.

- Past Ride and Drive events have featured over 70 Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment.
- Receive information on incentive opportunities and the Cal Fleet Advisor technical assistance program.
- CARB staff will be available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.
- Free parking available for attendees
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Date: November 18, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702

Register



WAIRE Mitigation Program

Incentive Funding Window Opens

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is accepting applications for its WAIRE Mitigation Program. Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2026.

For the first year of the program, approximately $73.1 million is available to support the purchase of new zero-emission Class 4-8 trucks, off-road yard trucks, and associated zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure.

Eligible applicants include warehouse operators, fleet operators, and zero emission truck charging and fueling infrastructure providers serving warehouses.

Applications are reviewed in the order received on a first-come, first-served basis, and funds are awarded to applicants that meet all requirements of the program.

Applicants who previously drafted and saved an application in the system will need to return to the GMS and click the “Submit” button to formally submit their application for review.

For eligibility details and access to the grant funding portal, visit the **WAIRE Mitigation Program Webpage.**

For any questions, contact SCAQMD staff at **waire-incentives@aqmd.gov.**

WAIRE Mitigation Program

EDUCATION

Virtual Safety Seminar: 6 Audit Factors

Get an in-depth review of the six key factors FMCSA evaluates during Compliance Reviews and Safety Audits, along with practical steps to strengthen your safety management controls.

Wednesday, November 4 at 1:00
CTA Member:$99
Non-Member: $149

Register Here

Central Valley Safety Day November 4 in Tulare

CTA's highly popular CHP CIEP Safety Training is coming to the Central Valley on November 4. This event is open to carrier members and carrier companies looking to join. Get answers to your compliance questions straight from the source.

Allied members- consider sponsoring a display table to show your product to all attendees.

Registration & Sponsorship Information



EVENTS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



AMC 2027 Registration Now Open!

Details, Sponsorship, & Registration

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**.

Golden Jubilee Nomination Form



Sponsorships Open for Driver of the Month Banquets

Drivers are the heart of this industry, so consider sponsoring the event to honor drivers across California! Click the date below for more information on either banquet.

November 7: Northern California Banquet

November 14: Southern California Banquet

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

CALIFORNIA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

POLICY MANUAL

CTA Board Approves Policy Manual

On October 15, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a revised version of the CTA Policy Manual. This is your best guide to understand the inner workings and guidelines of our organization.

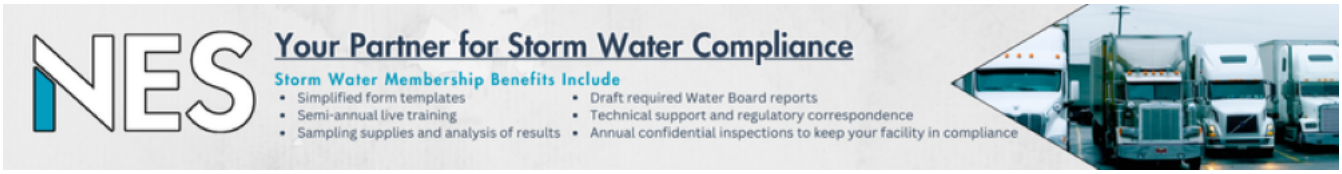
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Contact Levi Ochotorena for more information





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.

Just Drive
DELIVER DISTRACTION-FREE

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

Scope of the problem
Risk & consequences

Just Drive
DELIVER DRUG-FREE

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

Scope of the problem
Contributing factors

Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety

Learn More

Risks & consequences
Laws & testing procedures
Strategies to drive-drug free

Learn More

EVENT CALENDAR

November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors

November 4: Central Valley Safety Day

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

MEMBER SERVICES

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For decades **Caltrux Magazine** has informed and entertained our members with news and features regarding the transport business, our legislative challenges and wins, and in-depth focus on the movers and shakers of California trucking.

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