The 5th Wheel







Wreaths Across America

Volunteers across the state of California are working in support of national nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) as they prepare for National Wreaths Across America Day – this year on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Please consider donating or volunteering.

Wreaths Across America

CARB Public Hearing on Draft Roadmap to Reduce Air Toxics

The California Air Resources Board (**CARB**) will host a **public meeting** on **December 10, 2026** at **9:00 a.m.** to consider the **Roadmap to Reduce Air Toxics.**

This Roadmap builds upon CARB's authority to develop statewide Airborne Toxic Control Measures (ATCM), which resulted in the passing of the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan in 2000 and many regulations aimed at regulating emissions of diesel particulate matter (DPM) from mobile sources.

The Roadmap identifies two new criteria pollutants: acrolein and ethylene oxide, which are potentially more cancer causing than DPM.

In September, CTA and a coalition of organizations **submitted comments** to CARB on the draft Roadmap. We will keep members updated and will share meeting information when it becomes available.

ICYMI: CTA Asks for Diesel Price Relief

In October, CTA and 37 other organizations urged Governor Newsom to act on diesel prices. A month later, California diesel is still averaging more than $8 a gallon.

CTA has since asked the Administration for four temporary measures:

- Diesel sales tax relief, similar to what California provided in 2022.
- Raising the maximum driving time for tank truck drivers from 10 hours to 11 hours, the same limit federal rules allow.
- Allowing up to 88,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for trucks hauling petroleum and fuel products.
- A diesel fuel surcharge for motor carriers working on public works construction projects.

Please find the CTA led coalition letter below:

CTA's Letter to Governor's Office

Caltrans District 7 Begins Construction on Vincent Thomas Bridge

Caltrans District 7 is going to close the Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) State Route 47 in San Pedro for approximately 16 months to retrofit the bridge ahead of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The bridge will close starting November 7, 2026 and will reopen in the winter/spring of 2028.

Although the bridge is structurally sound, the bridge deck is rapidly deteriorating. This is due to concrete fatigue caused by heavy traffic loading, as well as environmental deterioration due to age and the marine environment. Caltrans is proposing to replace the entire bridge deck and its seismic sensors. In addition, the project will replace the bridge railings, fences and median barrier. The purpose of this project is to preserve the operations, functionality, and structural integrity of the bridge deck.

After opening to traffic in early 2028, the bridge will undergo a final phase, during which Caltrans will remove the previously installed temporary features and install new seismic sensors and utilities on the bridge.

Caltrans illustrates the timeline of the whole project below:



The estimated total cost of the project is $750 million dollars.

During the closure, Caltrans will minimize local traffic impacts through infrastructure improvements, manual traffic control strategies, and enhanced communication efforts. Additionally, traffic control officers will be deployed to 18 key intersections in the area, as required, to monitor and manually facilitate traffic flow, and local police will expand commercial trucking enforcement.

A multifaceted communications effort, including the Caltrans QuickMap traffic app, will increase awareness of the project and help divert traffic from the area during construction.

Below is a map of the closure and the potentially affected areas:



More information about the closure can be found on **Caltrans Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project** website.

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.

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

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

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.

2026 CTA Policy Manual



CTA-SUPPORTING, CTA-OWNED & OPERATED

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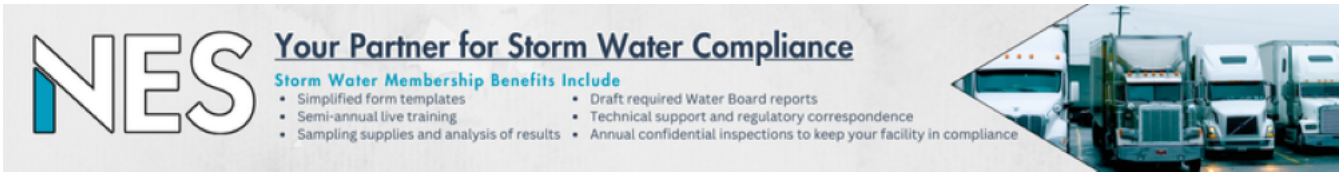
A portion of every dollar spent with TSC goes back to support the CTA. Experience exclusive member treatment with excellent customer service, reliability, and added value.

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

Learn More

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

Learn More

EVENT CALENDAR

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

CALIFORNIA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

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We encourage our members to take advantage of these special offers and support these affiliated businesses.

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