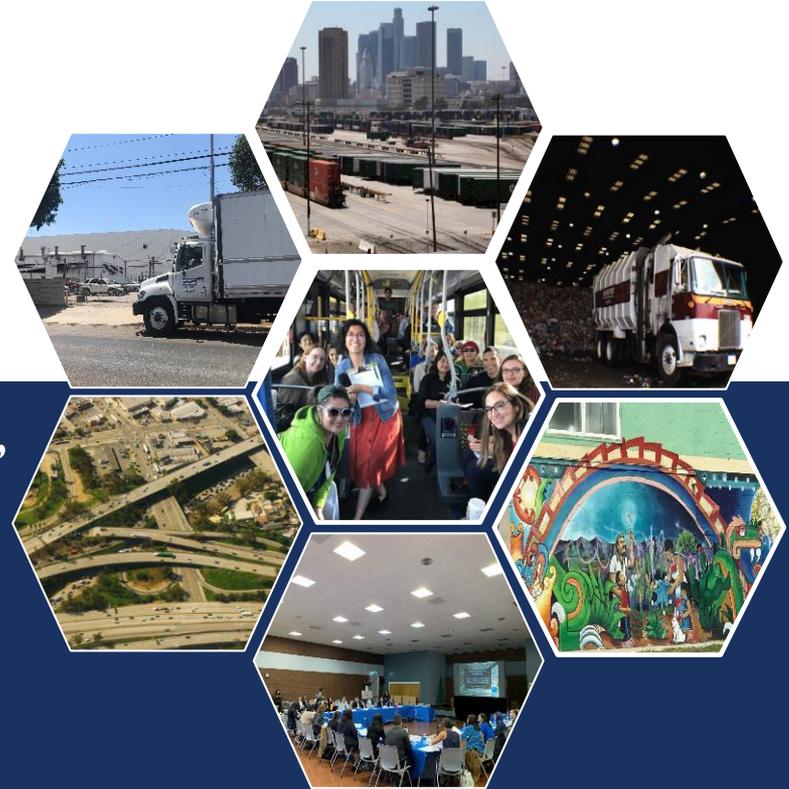


QUARTERLY 2026 CSC MEETING #1

EAST LOS ANGELES, BOYLE HEIGHTS,
WEST COMMERCE

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Bernard Tolliver
Senior Public Affairs Specialist



AGENDA



- CSC Member Updates & Announcements
- Clean Community School Initiative
- CERP Implementation Update:
 - Residential Air Filtration Program Update
 - CERP Implementation 5th Year Review
 - Truck Routes Update
- CARB Updates
- Next Steps

ELA, BH, WC, CSC 2026

Member Updates



AB 617 Clean Community School Initiatives Update

Overview	Eligible Communities*	Funding Amount	Tentative Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Coast AQMD is developing a Program Announcement (PA) focusing on school bus replacement with zero-emission models and charging infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB 617 Communities• Consistently Nominated Communities*• Disadvantaged Communities per CalEnviroScreen 4.0**	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20 Million Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentive Funding for School Bus Replacement Program• \$10 Million CAP Incentive Funding for Electric Charging Infrastructure Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 6, 2026, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved the PA• Accepting applications on Tuesday, February 10, 2026• Applications due by Tuesday, April 7, 2026• Contract(s) execution is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026

* CNCs: [Consistently Nominated AB 617 Communities list | California Air Resources Board](#)

** *Within South Coast AQMD jurisdiction*



Clean Buses. Cleaner Air. Healthier Schools & Communities.

South Coast AQMD is offering financial incentives to replace older school buses with zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure benefiting communities most impacted by air pollution. This program helps reduce smog-forming pollution and diesel exhaust while supporting cleaner transportation for students.



Incentive Program Description:

South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative is an incentive program designed to focus solely on school-related community projects located in disadvantaged communities as identified under the **AB 617 Program**. At least \$30 million is available under this solicitation from the AB 617 Community Air Protection Incentive Funds.



Applicant Eligibility:

Private transportation providers that own their own school buses and are contracted with and servicing public school districts located in communities identified under the **AB 617 Program**.



Program Benefits:

- Emission reductions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM10) and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG).
- Financial incentives to privately-owned school bus fleets to replace in-use heavy-duty school buses with zero-emission school buses and charging infrastructure that will achieve emission reductions that are real, surplus, quantifiable and enforceable.

Maximum Program Funding Amounts for School Bus Replacement and Charging Infrastructure

School Bus Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	School Bus Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	School Bus Replacement	Charging Infrastructure
>8,501 lbs)	Zero Emission	Up to 95% of eligible costs	Up to 60% of eligible costs

Eligible Projects Must Meet the Following Requirements:

- Existing school bus must be diesel, CNG, or propane fueled
- The existing school bus must have GVWR greater than 8,501 lbs.
- The existing school bus must be currently registered with the DMV
- Must be compliant with CARB's Truck and Bus Regulation
- Must be willing to crush/dismantle existing school bus once replaced
- Replacement school bus must be CARB certified zero-emission school bus technology



Application Window: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – Tuesday, April 7, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

To apply, access South Coast AQMD's AB 617 CAP Incentives Online Grant Management System at: www.aqmd.gov/cleancommunityschools



Autobuses limpios. Aire más limpio. Escuelas y comunidades más saludables.

El South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) ofrece incentivos financieros para sustituir los autobuses escolares antiguos por modelos de cero emisiones e infraestructura de carga, favoreciendo a las comunidades más afectadas por la contaminación del aire. Este programa ayuda a reducir la contaminación en el aire y el escape de diésel, a la vez que apoya un transporte más limpio para los estudiantes.



Descripción del programa de incentivos:

La Iniciativa AB 617 del South Coast AQMD para Escuelas y Comunidades Limpias es un programa de incentivos diseñado para enfocarse exclusivamente en proyectos comunitarios relacionados con escuelas ubicadas en comunidades desfavorecidas, según lo identificado en el **Programa AB 617**. Se cuenta con al menos 30 millones provenientes de los Fondos de Incentivos para la Protección del Aire en Comunidades AB 617.



Requisitos de elegibilidad:

Proveedores de transporte privado que son propietarios de sus propios autobuses escolares y que tienen contratos con distritos escolares públicos ubicados en comunidades identificadas bajo el **Programa AB 617**, a las cuales prestan servicios.



Beneficios del programa:

- Emission reductions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM10) and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG).
- Reducción de emisiones de óxidos de nitrógeno (NOx), materia in partículas de hasta 10 micrómetros de diámetro (PM10) y gases orgánicos reactivos (ROG).
- Incentivos financieros para que las flotas de autobuses escolares privadas reemplacen los autobuses de servicio pesado en operación por autobuses escolares de cero emisiones junto con la infraestructura de carga, logrando reducciones de emisiones reales, adicionales, medibles y exigibles.

Montos máximos de financiamiento del programa para reemplazar autobuses escolares y la infraestructura de carga

Clasificación del peso vehicular bruto (GVWR) del autobús escolar	Clasificación del peso vehicular bruto (GVWR) del autobús escolar	Reemplazo de autobuses escolares	Infraestructura de carga
>8,501 lbs (3,856 kg).	Cero emisiones	Hasta el 95 % de los costos que califican	Hasta el 60 % de los costos que califican

Los proyectos elegibles deben cumplir con estos requisitos:

- El autobús escolar actual debe operar con diésel, gas natural comprimido o propano.
- El autobús escolar actual debe tener GVWR superior a 8,501 libras (3,856 kg).
- El autobús escolar actual debe tener vigente el registro del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados (DMV).
- Debe cumplir con el Reglamento para Camiones y Autobuses de la Junta de Recursos del Aire de California (CARB).
- Debe estar dispuesto a destruir o desmantelar el autobús escolar existente una vez que se reemplace.
- El autobús escolar de reemplazo debe estar certificado por la CARB como tecnología de autobús escolar con cero emisiones.



Periodo de solicitud: del martes 10 de febrero del 2026 al martes 7 de abril del 2026, hasta las 11:59 p.m.

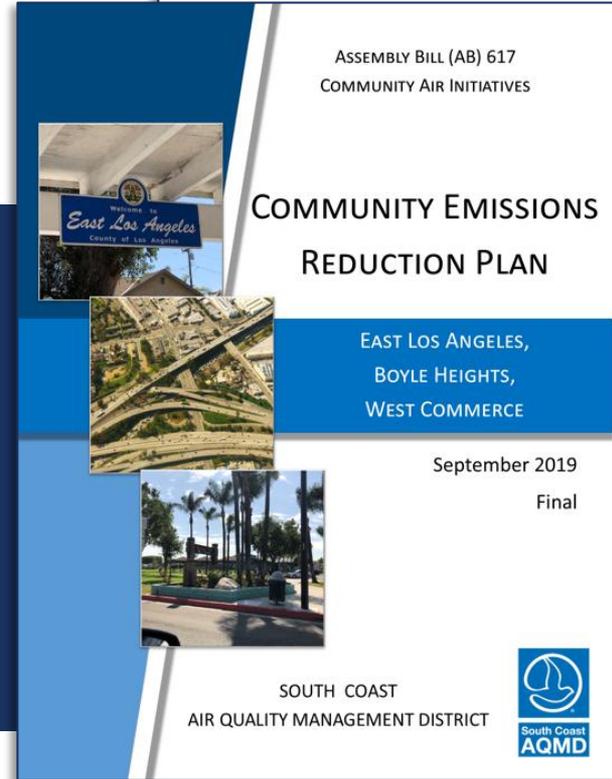
Para solicitar, ingrese al Sistema en Línea del South Coast AQMD - Subvenciones de Incentivos para la Protección del Aire en Comunidades AB 617: www.aqmd.gov/cleancommunityschools



Community Emission Reductions Plan (CERP) Implementation Update

East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC)
February 26, 2026

Nish Krishnamurthy, Ph.D.
Air Quality Specialist



AB 617 COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN (CAMP)

ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617
COMMUNITY AIR INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN

EAST LOS ANGELES,
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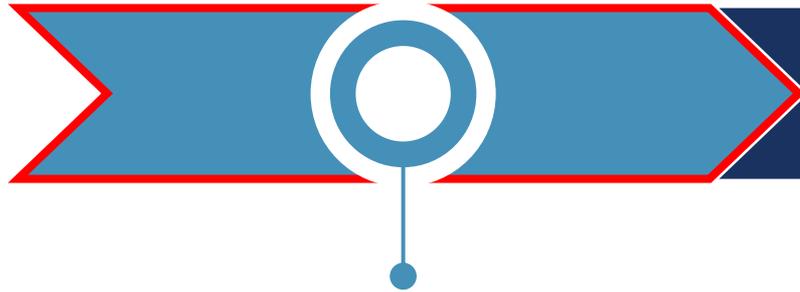
September 2019
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SOUTH COAST
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



2026 ELABHWC CERP Implementation Progress

Today



Quarter 1 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting

- Residential Air Filtration Program
- CERP 5th Year Review
- Truck Routes
- CARB Update

May 21*



Quarter 2 CSC Meeting

- Public School Air Filtration Program
- TBD

*Final ELABHWC CSC Meeting



Residential Air Filtration Program

Residential Air Filtration Program – Background

- Chapter 5g – Exposure Reduction at Sensitive Sites, Objective 3*
 - **Objective:** Reducing exposure to harmful air pollutants at homes
 - **Goal:** Install air filtration systems at residences
- **Purpose:** Provide update on the ELABHWC Residential Air Filtration Program



AB 617 RESIDENTIAL AIR FILTRATION PROGRAM UPDATES

- Since November 2022, the Board has approved \$4.6 Million for the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program in ELABHWC
- The program began accepting applications in March of 2024
- 2,662* air filtration units have been awarded to residents of ELABHWC
- Approximately \$1.9 Million in funding is still available to residents of ELABHWC

**Based on data as of February 3, 2026. Each unit awarded includes a three-year supply of replacement filters.*



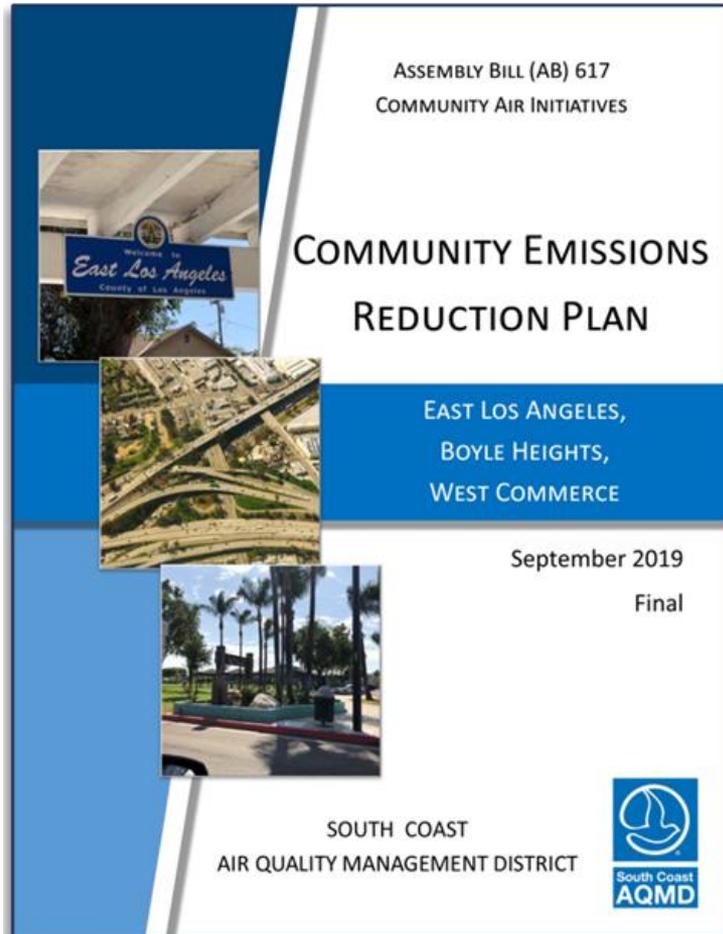
PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



Program application and
information available at:
www.aqmd.gov/raf



Email for assistance:
617airfiltration@aqmd.gov



CERP* 5th Year Review

*ELABHWC CERP: <https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/steering-committees/east-la/cerp/carb-submittal/final-cerp.pdf?sfvrsn=8>

ELABHWC CERP Implementation Progress

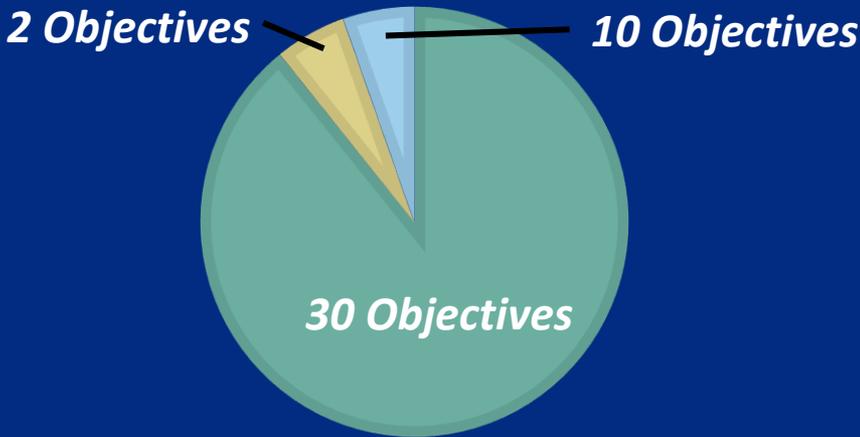
• Seven Air Quality Priorities

- Trucks
- Railyards
- Metal Processing Facilities
- Rendering Facilities
- Auto Body Shops
- Exposure Reduction
- General Industrial Facilities

42 CERP Objectives

Status of CERP Implementation

From September 6, 2019 to February 20, 2026



 Completed: 100%	 Initiated: 1%-74%
 Nearing Completion: 75%-99%	

ELABHWC Next Steps



Permit Cross-Check System | ELAB-5h-03

Continue identifying facilities which might be operating without necessary South Coast AQMD permits for further investigation



Public School and Residential Air Filtration Systems | ELAB-5g-02 & ELAB-5g-03

Continue distributing portable air filtration units to households and finalizing contracts with selected vendors who will provide air filtration to public schools



Truck Routes | ELAB-5b-03

Solicit additional feedback from the CSC and engaging with local transportation agencies to provide community suggestions



Neighborhood and Freeway Traffic from Trucks

Truck Routes – Background

- Chapter 5b – Neighborhood and Freeway Traffic from Trucks, Objective 2*
 - **Objective:** Reduce emissions and/or exposure from heavy-duty trucks
 - **Goal:** Work with municipalities to help establish truck routes
- **Purpose:** Provide summary of CSC feedback received on streets of concern for truck traffic and to announce a new feedback opportunity



Overview of CSC Feedback Received



CSC input collected from March 18, 2025 – May 23, 2025

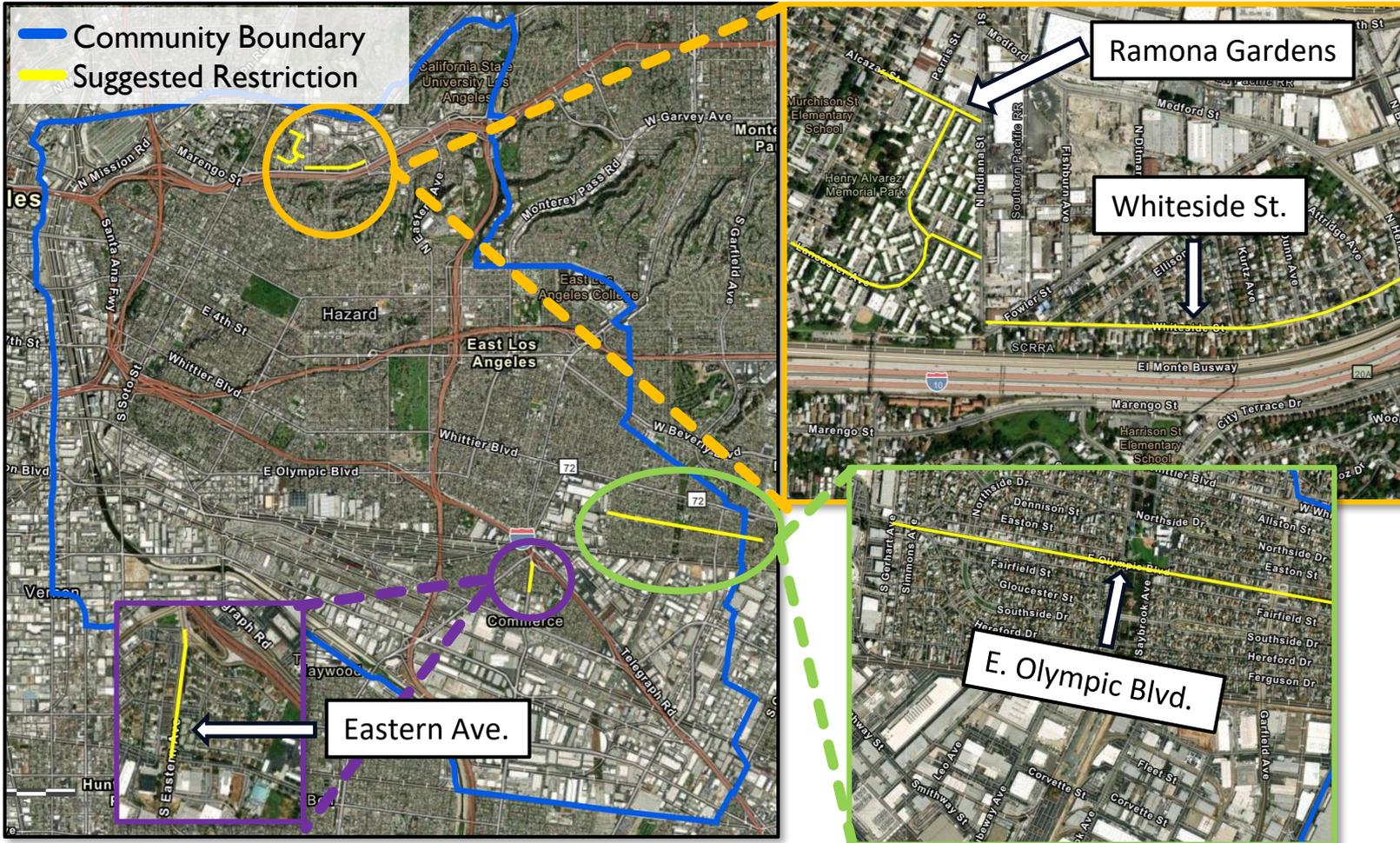


Three responses received



Feedback focused on residential neighborhoods

CSC Feedback



New Feedback Opportunity!

Purpose

- Provide the ELABHWC CSC additional opportunities to provide feedback since a few are new and were not present during previous solicitation window

Upcoming Events

- Virtual meeting
- In-person event at Legacy LA
- Dates TBD*

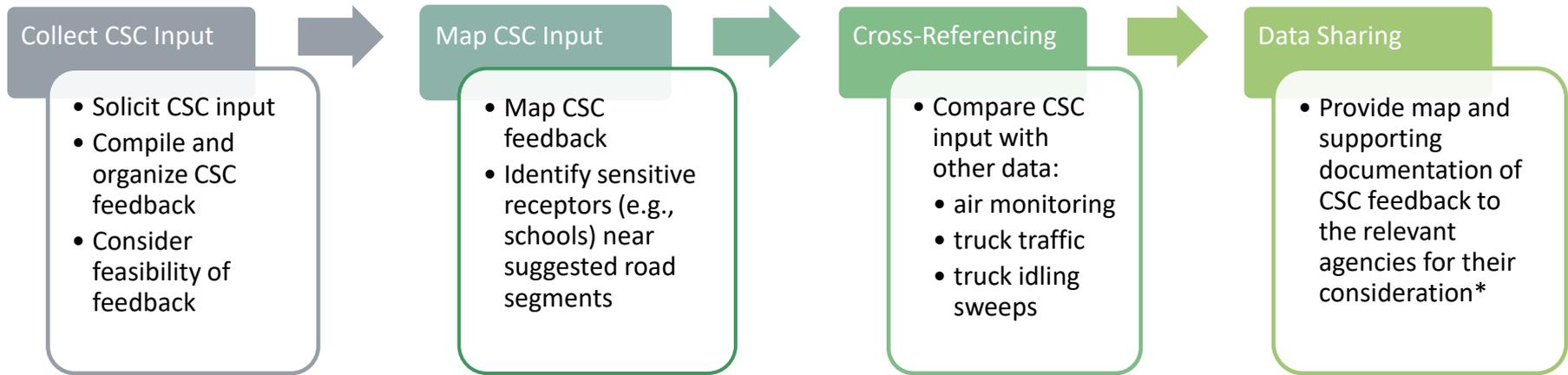
*Event information will be forthcoming

Ways to Provide Input**

- [Online submission form](#)
- Email
- On handouts and map (during in-person event)
- Deadline TBD

**Information to assist in your decision-making process was provided at the [March 27, 2025 CSC meeting](#)

Process Overview



* Submission of maps by South Coast AQMD to other agencies does not guarantee that truck route restrictions will be implemented



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CARB Updates

February 26, 2026

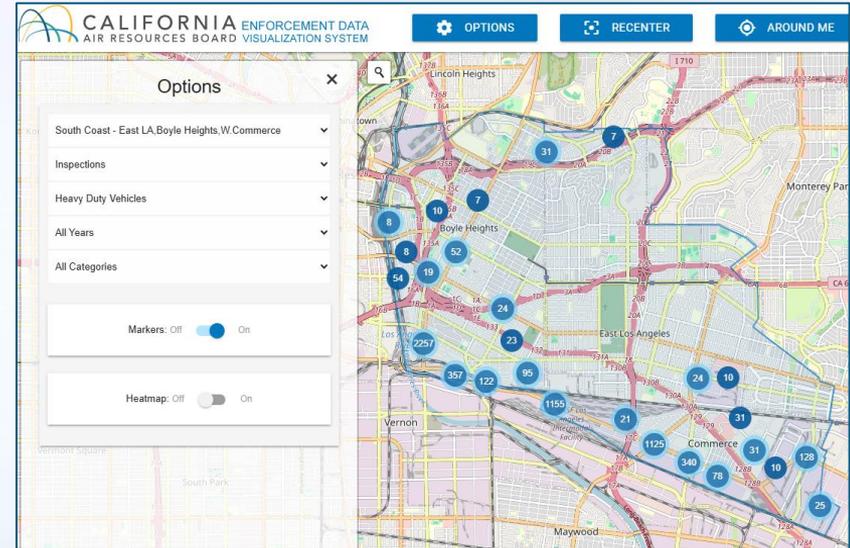


Enforcement Efforts in Your Community CERP Implementation Update

Crystal Reul-Chen (Crystal.Reul-Chen@arb.ca.gov),
Community Enforcement Liaison
February 26, 2026

CARB Enforcement in ELABHWC 2015 - 2025

Type	Inspection Count	Violations	Compliance Rate
Heavy-duty Vehicles	6052	640	99%
Railroads	440	1	99%
Consumer Products	21	0	100%
Vehicles and Engines	65	1	99%

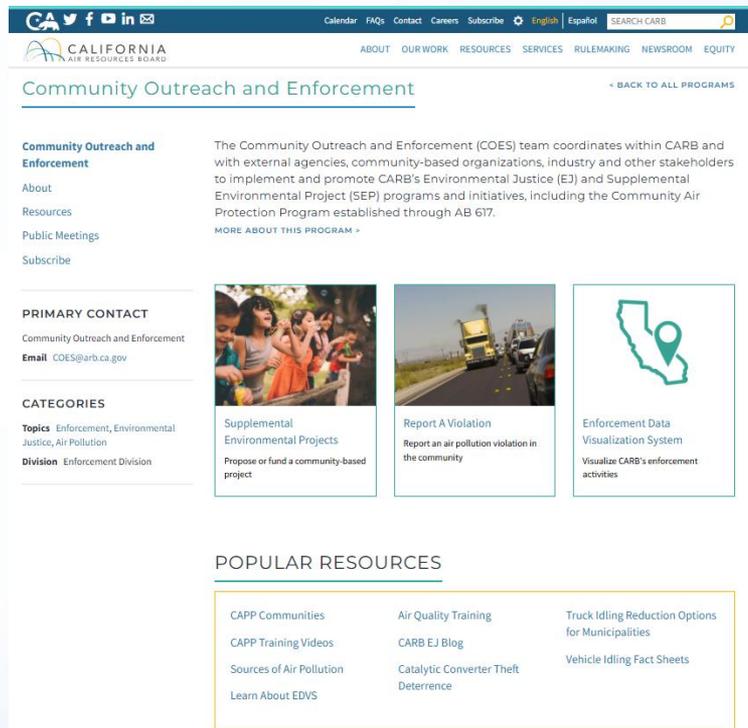


Blue icons: Starting points for CARB inspectors, who inspected trucks and buses at multiple locations throughout the community.

<https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/edvs/>

CARB Community Outreach Enforcement Resources

(bitly.com/CARB-COES)



The screenshot shows the CARB website's 'Community Outreach and Enforcement' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with social media icons, a search bar, and links for 'Calendar', 'FAQs', 'Contact', 'Careers', 'Subscribe', 'English', and 'Español'. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Community Outreach and Enforcement' is displayed with a 'BACK TO ALL PROGRAMS' link. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a 'Community Outreach and Enforcement' section with links for 'About', 'Resources', 'Public Meetings', and 'Subscribe'. The middle column features a paragraph describing the COES team's role in coordinating with external agencies and implementing programs like Environmental Justice (EJ) and Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). Below this text are three image-based links: 'Supplemental Environmental Projects' (with an image of people), 'Report A Violation' (with an image of a truck), and 'Enforcement Data Visualization System' (with a map of California). The right column contains a 'PRIMARY CONTACT' section with the email 'COES@arb.ca.gov' and a 'CATEGORIES' section listing 'Enforcement, Environmental Justice, Air Pollution' and 'Enforcement Division'. At the bottom, there is a 'POPULAR RESOURCES' section with a grid of links including 'CAPP Communities', 'Air Quality Training', 'Truck Idling Reduction Options for Municipalities', 'CAPP Training Videos', 'CARB EJ Blog', 'Sources of Air Pollution', 'Catalytic Converter Theft Deterrence', and 'Vehicle Idling Fact Sheets'.



SEP Funding Program

- Apply for funding for community projects funded by penalty fees
- sep@arb.ca.gov



Report a Complaint (CalEPA)

- CARB-specific complaints
- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/environmental-complaints>
- envirotip@arb.ca.gov



Enforcement Data Visualization System

- Choose your community under “All Regions”
- Find out inspections and compliance

CARB Community Outreach Enforcement Resources

Popular Resources (bitly.com/CARB-COES)

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Learn about EDVS

- How-to videos
- Step-by-step fact sheets
- In English and Spanish

Catalytic Converter Theft Deterrence

- Fact sheets
- In English and Spanish

Anti-idling Fact Sheets

- Truck idling reduction options for municipalities
- Other idling fact sheets for community members and truck drivers

Thank you!



Questions?

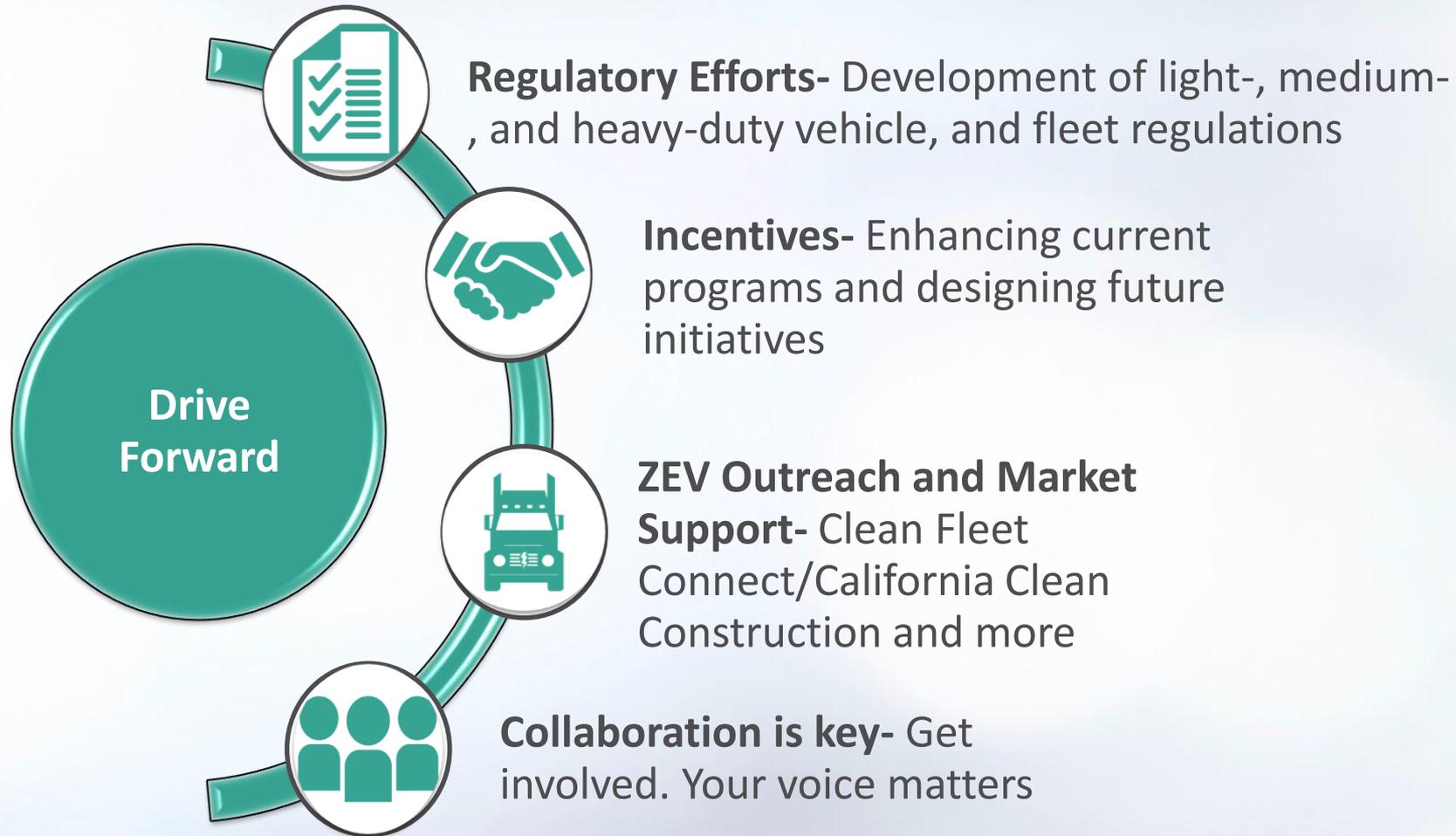


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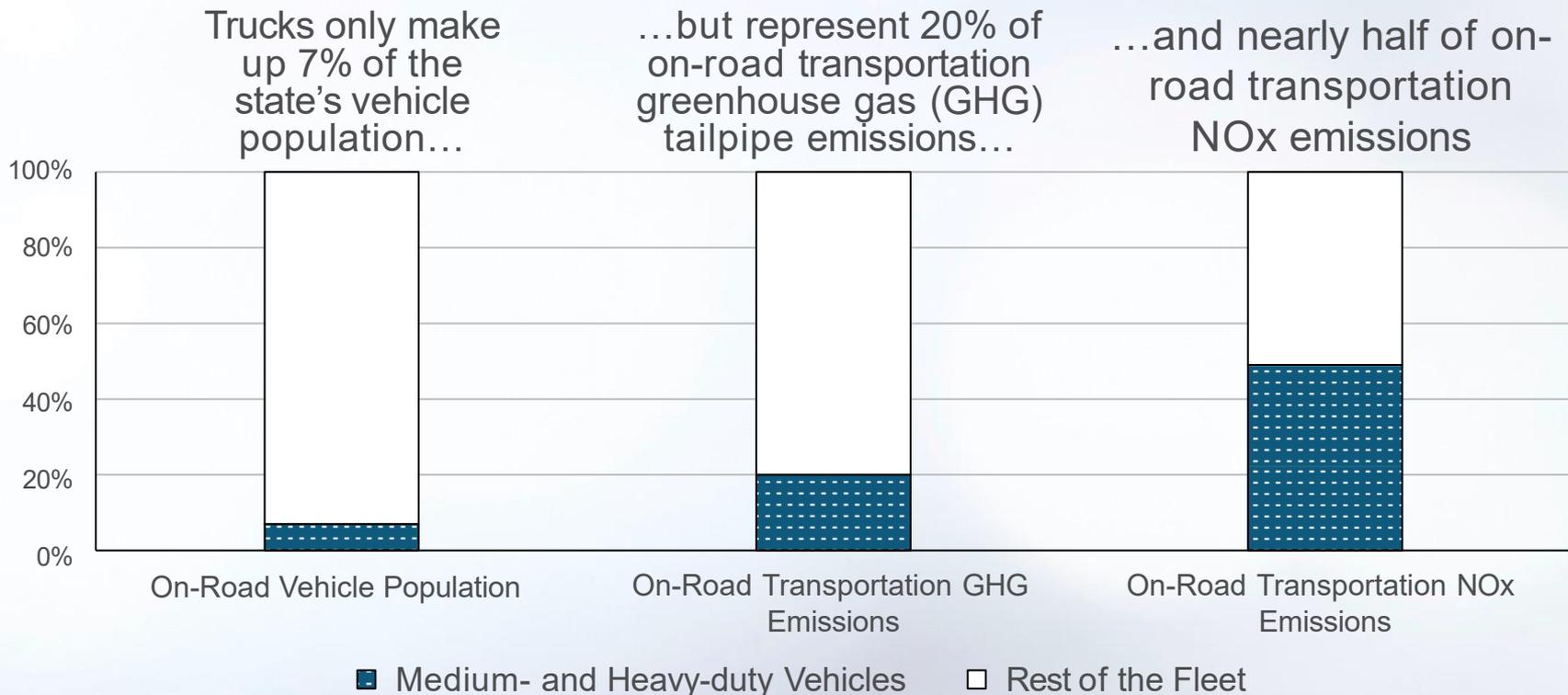
Drive Forward Initiative



Air Pollution and Climate Change Threaten Public Health



The Importance of Addressing Truck Emissions



Principles for Potential New Heavy-duty Rules

- Protect public health with a focus on overburdened communities
- Achieve cost-effective and technologically feasible emission reductions
- Simple and streamlined compliance and enforcement
- Maintain a level playing field
- Incentivize early action
- Avoid unintended consequences for businesses and consumers



Scope of Potential Heavy-duty Rulemaking

- General focus on medium- and heavy-duty vehicles
 - Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) >8500 lbs.
- Suggestions from the public apply to:
 - Manufacturers
 - Vehicle owners and operators, and
 - Other entities that hire truck services





Clean Fleet Connect

- Planned web tool to highlight zero-emission fleets and connect them with businesses seeking clean transportation solutions
- Open to on-road fleets with medium- and heavy-duty vehicles
- Fleet participation is **voluntary**
- Expected launch: Mid 2026
- For more information, visit:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/clean-fleet-connect>



Drive Forward Outreach

- **Inform** interested parties, local communities, business partners, and other stakeholders about new rulemakings and seek their input
- **Build partnerships** with organizations, community groups and agencies to expand outreach opportunities
- **Communicate** through direct public engagement, social media, and events
- **Collect feedback** to inform and shape rulemaking
- **Promote inclusion** through language access and outreach

Drive Forward Outreach Schedule

2025 – Build &
Launch

- Portal launch with form
- Develop materials
- Workshops

2026 – Deep
Engagement

- Fleet sessions
- In-person events
- Community meetings
- Tribal engagement
- Workshops

2027 – Follow-
up

- Proposal release
- Share "What We Heard"
- Continue discussions
- Evaluate effort

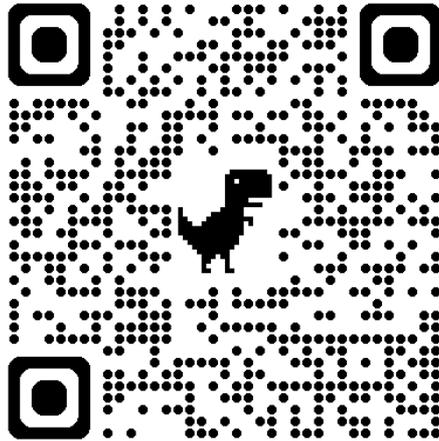
Drive Forward Information

- Drive Forward Heavy-Duty Vehicle Standards and Strategies
- Drive Forward Light-Duty Vehicle Program
- Drive Forward Incentives
- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/drive-forward>



Your Voice Matters!

Subscribe for email updates and to stay involved.



NEXT STEPS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future Announcements

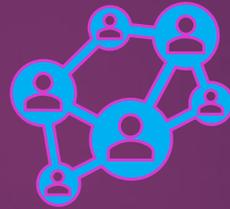
- Newsletters or emails
- Continue CERP implementation
- Stipends

Future CSC Meetings

- Thursday, May 21, 2026
- Agenda Topics
- What would you like to hear about and how would like to continue meeting?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENTOS DE LA COMUNIDAD

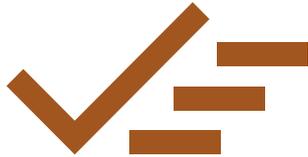


Connecting with
our Communities

*Comunicando Con
Nuestras Comunidades*



AB 617: CSC MEMBERSHIP 2025 / MEMBRESÍA DEL CSC 2025



Current CSC Members / *Miembros actuales del CSC*

- ✓ No action required to continue serving as CSC Member / *No se requiere ninguna acción para continuar sirviendo como miembro del CSC*
- ✓ Will receive an email confirmation with CSC Interest Form / *Recibirá un correo electrónico con el Formulario de Interés del CSC*



New Applicants / *Nuevos solicitantes*

- CSC Interest Form available at: /
El Formulario de Interés del CSC está disponible en:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/steering-committee-interest-form.pdf?sfvrsn=34>
- Send CSC Interest Form or Questions to /
Envíe el Formulario de Interés del CSC o Preguntas a:
ab617comments@aqmd.gov or 909.396.2250



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Public Comments

