



**CA Transit Association**  
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## CALSTA'S CORE FOUR PRIORITIES



### SAFETY

Nearly 10% of all the year 2021 traffic deaths in the U.S. occurred on California roadways. Fatalities for Active Transportation users are also at a 16-year high. By embedding the Safe System approach into our investments, planning, design and innovation, we will be able to achieve better outcomes on this urgent responsibility.



### EQUITY

Historically, transportation decisions prioritized movement of vehicles over the movement of people. We also built a transportation system that in some cases had detrimental impacts in underserved communities. We aim to create an equitable and accessible transportation network and to provide equitable opportunities for all people.



### CLIMATE ACTION

Nearly half of all climate-changing pollution in California comes from the transportation sector, and this demands our action for a cleaner future for all Californians. We must continue making our carbon footprint smaller by investing in a more multimodal system, embracing smarter land use development and utilizing innovation around zero emission vehicles.



### ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Transportation policy done right creates well-paying jobs, provides affordable options, supports housing opportunities and powers our economy. This must be our focus as we strive for all people to be on equal footing, resulting in more thriving, robust communities.



# CALSTA'S CORE FOUR PRIORITIES

- SAFETY
- EQUITY
- CLIMATE ACTION
- ECONOMIC PROSPERITY





# CLIMATE ACTION



## CAPTI 2.0

Climate Action Plan for  
Transportation Infrastructure



January 2025 • Final Draft

CAPTI 2.0 builds on successes of CAPTI 1.0;

- 14 new key actions
- Prioritizes transit
- Stakeholder feedback incorporated

- SB125 - funding still being disbursed; \$1B will release this FY
- Transit Transformation Task Force –final recommendations in report due October 2025
- Caltrans Director's Policy on Transit- to be released for public comment June 2025



## USA Transit Ridership 2024: Top 25 Agencies

Daily ridership total for all modes operated by each agency for January-August

	Agency	Year-over-year change	Daily Ridership 2024
1	MTA NYCT	1.9%	7,224,687
2	LA Metro	7.7%	852,041
3	CTA	10.8%	836,849
4	WMATA	10.6%	759,320
5	MBTA	0.7%	663,914
6	New Jersey Transit	7.4%	614,057
7	SEPTA	7.5%	572,002
8	San Francisco Muni	9.1%	449,780
9	MTA Bus Company	5.8%	343,683
10	Miami-Dade Transit	9.8%	241,048
11	King County Metro	10.8%	240,842
12	MTA LIRR	-0.8%	229,525
13	San Diego MTS	10.4%	211,360
14	Houston Metro	8.2%	207,757
15	Portland TriMet	8.8%	183,222
16	Maryland Transit	11.5%	181,741
17	MARTA	2.8%	179,547
18	Denver RTD	1.2%	177,698
19	Metro-North	-0.6%	176,811
20	PATH	10.7%	165,422
21	SF BART	3.7%	150,647
22	RTC Vegas	4.2%	149,498
23	DART	8.1%	146,287
24	Twin Cities Metro	7.7%	129,767
25	Honolulu Transit	5.0%	117,887

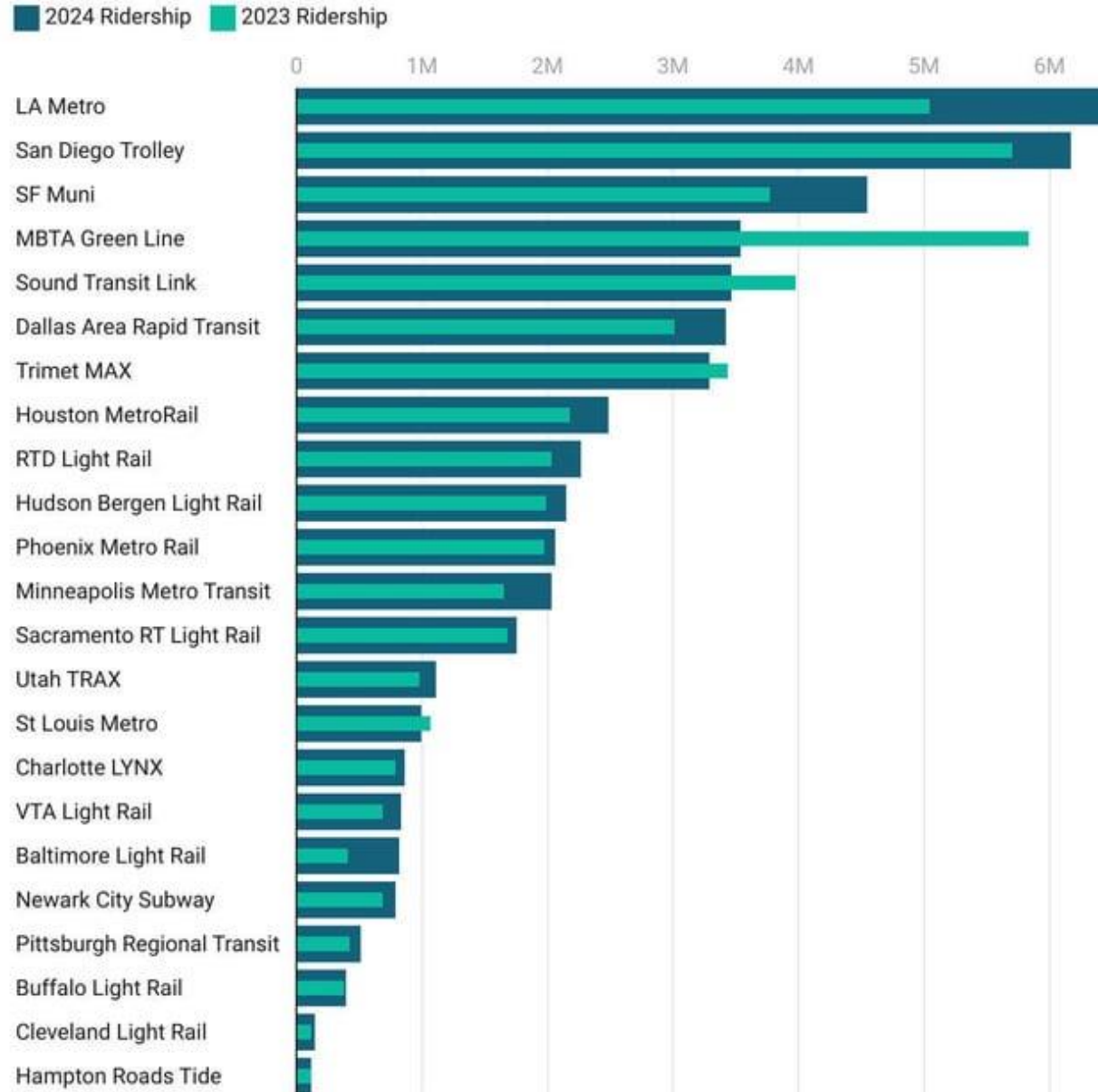
Daily Average calculated by dividing total ridership by total days, average weekday ridership understated.

Table: Naqiy Mcmullen • Source: FTA National Transit Database • Created with Datawrapper



# US Light Rail Ridership

Year over Year comparison of Light Rail Ridership for Jan. & Feb of 2023 and 2024





# TIRCP PROJECTS



January 2023



April 2023



July 2023: Grade Separation projects



October 2024



Since 2015:  
Total \$11.5B and  
153 projects awarded





# EQUITY



- Cal-ITP – **87** agencies participating to date

- Equity Index Tool incorporates commitment to Equity; enables increased transit access; supports transit agencies

- Equity Advisory Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort in place







# SAFETY



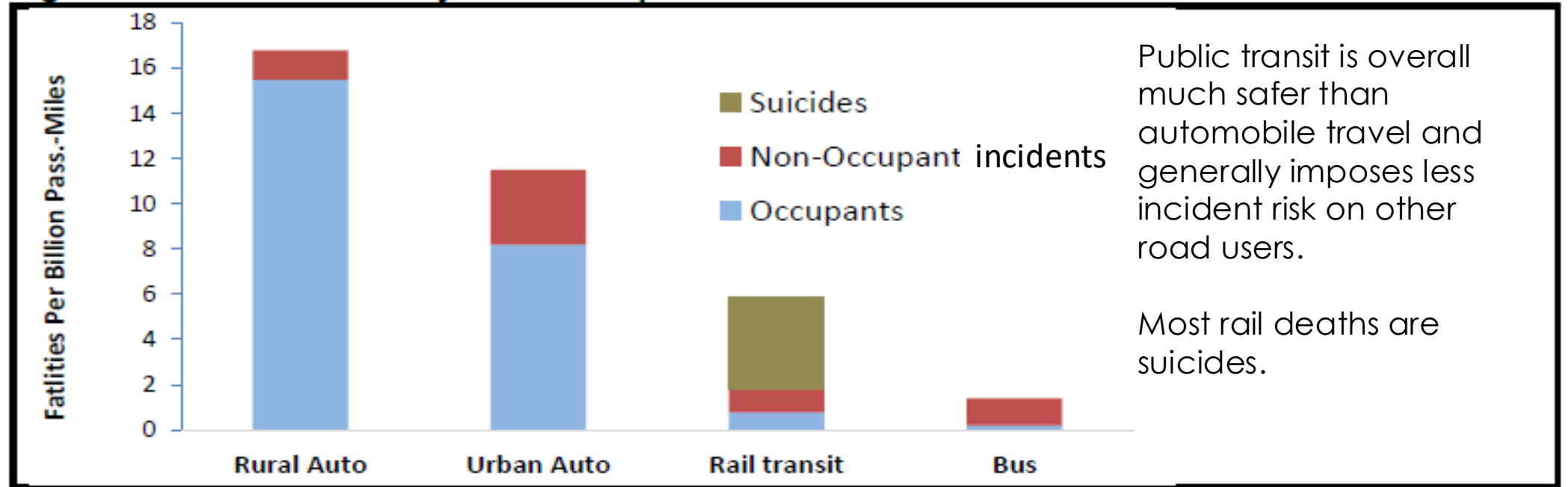
- State Rail Plan released January 2025: efficiency, sustainability → safe, integrated and ZE future
- National Safety Council: auto fatality rate 17x greater per passenger mi. than rail travel; safety improvements incorporate grade-crossings & grade separations
- Safety focus part of CAPTI 2.0





# SAFETY

**Figure ES-1 Traffic Fatality Rates Compared**



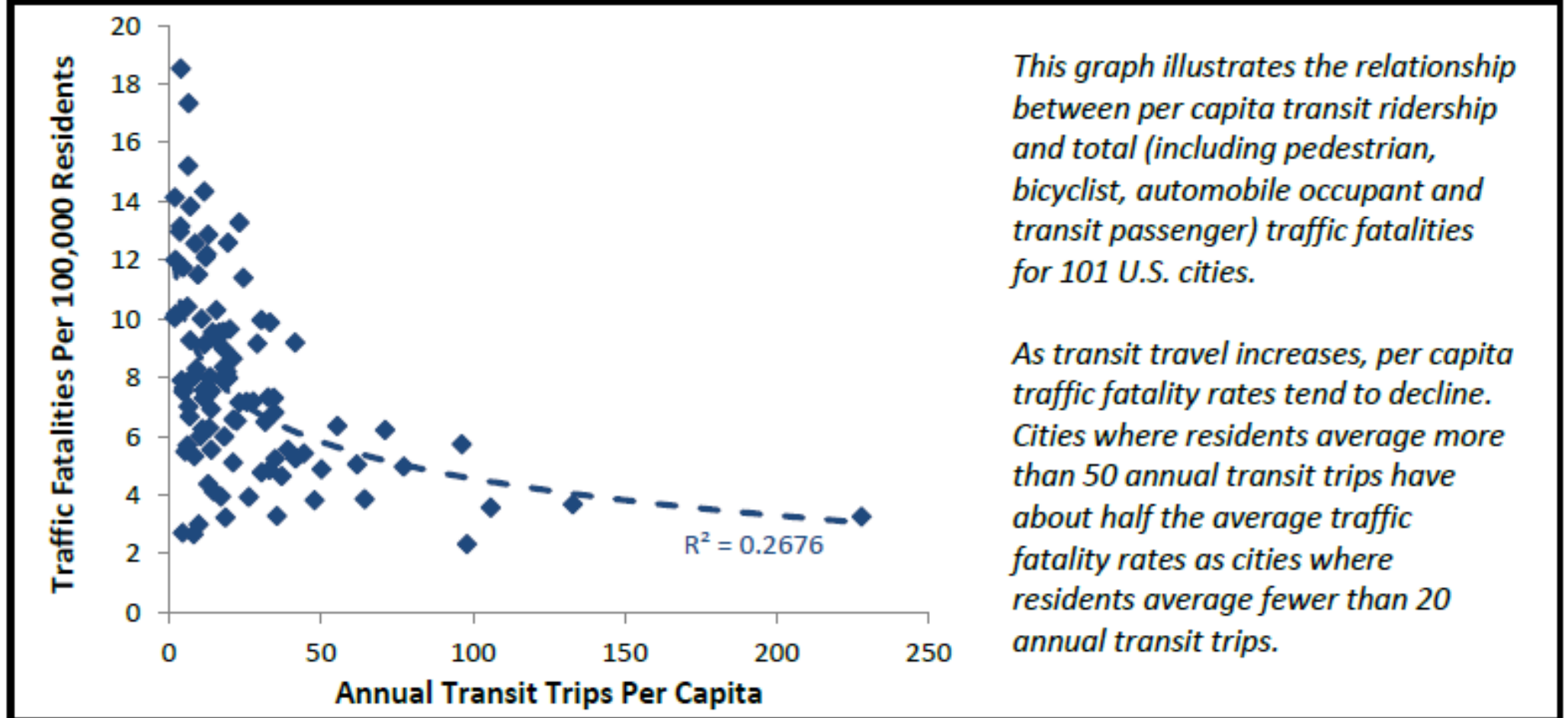
Public transit is overall much safer than automobile travel and generally imposes less incident risk on other road users.

Most rail deaths are suicides.



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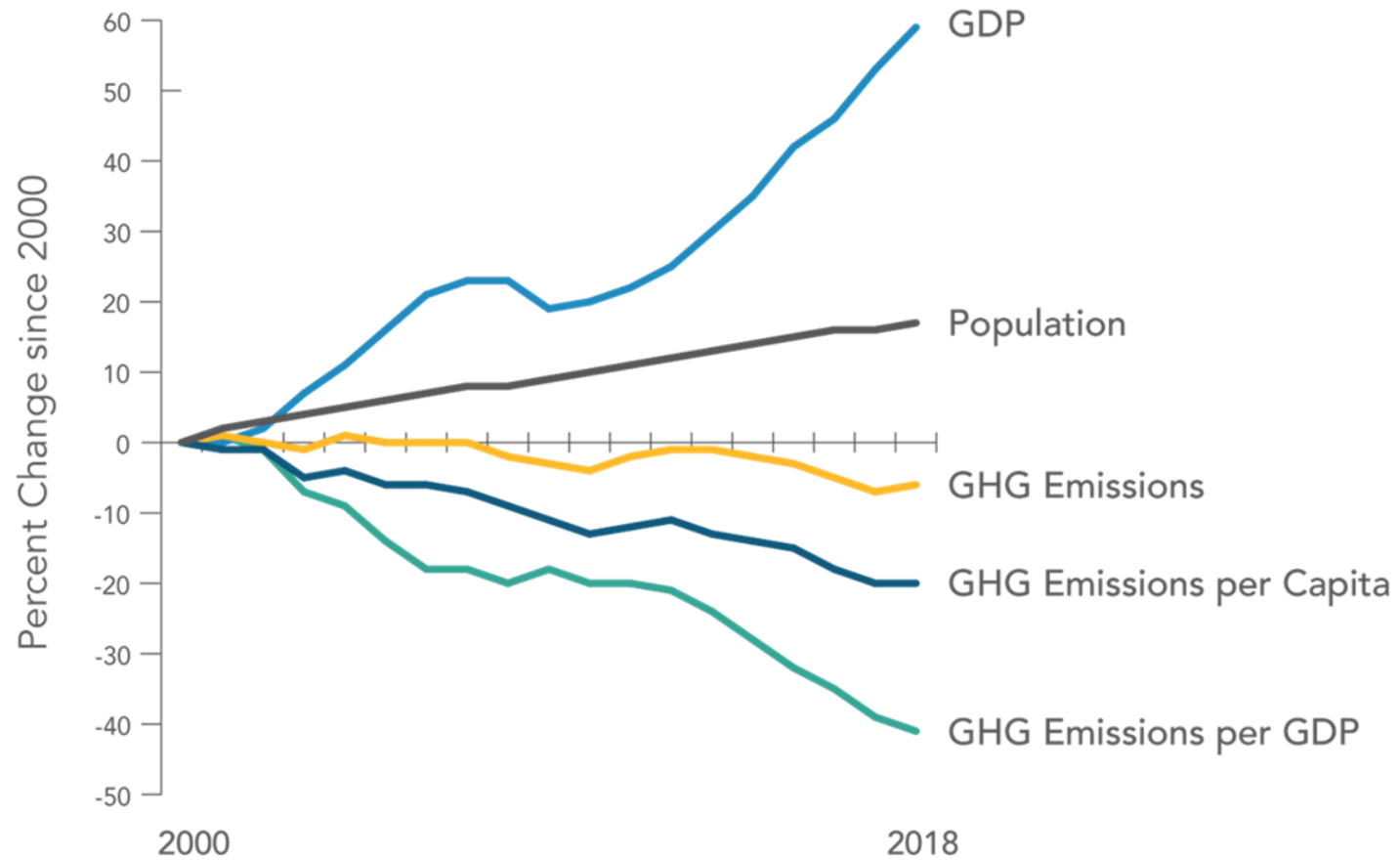
**Figure ES-2** Traffic Fatalities Versus Transit Ridership for U.S. Urban Regions







# ECONOMIC PROSPERITY





## 2024 NOMINAL GDP

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1. UNITED STATES	\$29.18T
2. CHINA	\$18.74T
3. GERMANY	\$4.65T
4. CALIFORNIA	\$4.10T
5. JAPAN	\$4.02T
6. INDIA	\$3.90T
7. UNITED KINGDOM	\$3.64T

DATA IS FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND'S NOMINAL GDP PROJECTIONS AND BEA





# HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Passenger service expected to begin 2030-2033
- Full environmental clearance from Downtown LA → Downtown SF
- >15,000 construction jobs
- Track-laying process has begun; Railhead project initiated in Kern Co., January 2025
- \$3.1B in funding from US DOT December 2023





# THANK YOU!



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