

*Contracting for transit service  
upgrades and additions*

California Public Transit Association



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# US context?

We need a new conversation about contracting, but the politics of releasing this report in 2017 are complex

Current federal government pushing for privatization, but lacks... nuance

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## Lessons Learned

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# Thank you

