

POSITION DUTY STATEMENT

DOT PM-0924 (REV 12/2024)

CLASSIFICATION TITLE Associate Transportation Planner	OFFICE/BRANCH/SECTION District 09 - Transportation Planning	
WORKING TITLE Associate Transportation Planner	POSITION NUMBER 909-001-4721-921	REVISION DATE 01/05/2025

As a valued member of the Caltrans team, you make it possible to improve lives and communities through transportation.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

In District 9's Transportation Planning Division, the Associate Transportation Planner (ATP) works at the journey level under the direction of a Branch Senior, a Senior Transportation Planner. The incumbent will function as an interdisciplinary team member at full journey person level. Incumbent will work independently to perform difficult and complex planning work to plan, develop, organize, and direct activities which integrate various social, economic, environmental, transportation, and land use factors to support implementation of a balanced State transportation program. The incumbent will plan, develop, administer, evaluate, and monitor transportation plans, programs, and projects in the transportation planning process and may serve in lead capacity. This may include but not be limited to: local assistance, regional planning, multi modal system planning, community planning, state planning, freight planning, active transportation, health, climate change, air quality, program project planning, strategic investment planning, local development review, modeling, geospatial data analysis, and economics.

CORE COMPETENCIES:

As an Associate Transportation Planner, the incumbent is expected to become proficient in the following competencies as described below in order to successfully perform the essential functions of the job, while adhering to and promoting the Department's Mission, Vision, Values, Strategic Imperatives and Goals. Effective development of the identified Core Competencies fosters the advancement of the following Leadership Competencies: Change Commitment, Risk Appetite, Self-Development/Growth, Conflict Management, Relationship Building, Organizational Awareness, Communication, Strategic Perspective, and Results Driven.

- **Flexibility and Managing Uncertainty** : Adjusts thinking and behavior in order to adapt to changes in the job and work environment. (Cultivate Excellence - Innovation)
- **Dealing with Ambiguity (Risk)**: Can comfortably handle risk and uncertainty, as well as make decisions to act without having the total picture. (Strengthen Stewardship and Drive Efficiency - Integrity)
- **Initiative**: Ability to identify what needs to be done and doing it before being asked or required by the situation. Seeks out others involved in a situation to learn their perspectives. (Cultivate Excellence - Engagement)
- **Problem-solving and Decision-making** : Identifies problems and uses logical analysis to find information, understand causes, and evaluate and select or recommend best possible courses of action. (Strengthen Stewardship and Drive Efficiency - Integrity)
- **Teamwork/Partnership**: Develops, maintains, and strengthens partnerships with others inside or outside of the organization through effective communication and collaboration. (Strengthen Stewardship and Drive Efficiency - Engagement)
- **Organizational Awareness**: Contributes to the organization by understanding and aligning actions with the organization's strategic plan, including the mission, vision, goals, core functions, and values. (Strengthen Stewardship and Drive Efficiency - Pride)
- **Communication**: Expresses oneself clearly in all forms of communication. Gives feedback and is receptive to feedback received. Knows that listening is essential. Keeps others in the Division and other functional units informed as appropriate. (Strengthen Stewardship and Drive Efficiency - Engagement)
- **Forward Thinking**: Anticipates the implications and consequences of situations and takes appropriate actions to be prepared for possible contingencies. Anticipates and prepares for future developments. (Advance Equity and Livability in all Communities - Equity)
- **Commitment/Results Oriented**: Dedicated to public service and strives for excellence and customer satisfaction. Ensures results in their organization. (Cultivate Excellence - Pride)

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Percentage	Job Description
Essential (E)/Marginal (M) ¹	

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30%	E	Lead Multi-Modal, System, Complete Street, Freight Planning, and State Planning Prepare System Planning products, including but not limited to: Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans, District System Management Plan, and Project Lists. Develop and lead community engagement in support of Department plans, programs and projects. Facilitate engagement with and collect comments from stakeholders as appropriate throughout the document preparation process and in public meetings. Lead the coordination of Caltrans functional units and local partners to: research multi-modal deficiencies and identify conceptual alternatives, conduct investigations, analyze socio-economic and land use impacts, recommend complete streets improvements, and prepare reports/presentations reflecting current and future conditions of the State Highway System (SHS). Develop and lead identification, communication, and documentation of needs via Project Initiation Documents (PID), Transportation Planning Scoping Information Sheets (TPSIS), Complete Streets Decision Document (CSDD), Project Delivery Team (PDT) meetings, and public engagement. Interact with Caltrans district and HQ staff, stakeholders, and advisory groups regarding projects on the SHS and document issues/recommendations in statewide and regional planning documents.
30%	E	Lead the preparation of Regional, Smart Mobility, Climate Change, Complete Street, and Strategic Investment Planning. Interact at the journey level with Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and/or Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and lead the development of various regional transportation planning documents, including the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Overall Work Program (OWP), and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Prepare summary for management of Caltrans-related LTC/COG agenda items and project status reports. Research/follow-up on questions, actions, or items requested of Caltrans. Review subsequent meeting minutes for accuracy, notifying management and others accordingly. Work with local agency planning commissions and planning departments on regional and community planning activities. Attend advisory committee meetings, scoping meetings, public hearings, and other related events. Review, administer, and monitor the use of State and Federal planning funds to the RTPAs and MPO, including amendments. Write, review and guide the development of grant applications and their associated funding plans and programs in their support of Caltrans and partnering agencies' goals. Administer planning grants awarded and consult with awardees.
20%	E	Support Local Development Review (LDR) by being responsible for documenting, researching, coordinating, and providing response for Local Development Review activities; including but not limited to, review and analysis of other agency actions and development projects' affect upon the State Transportation System. Will act as a point of contact with various federal, state, and local agencies to convey the District's perspective in accordance with requirements and deadlines set by the agencies, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
15%	E	Represent Planning at various internal and external meetings. Deliver oral presentations, facilitate meetings, and scribe meeting notes. Create, use, and/or maintain Planning related data.
5%	M	Other duties as assigned within the specification of the classification.

¹ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS are the core duties of the position that cannot be reassigned.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS are the minor tasks of the position that can be assigned to others.

SUPERVISION OR GUIDANCE EXERCISED OVER OTHERS

None.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

The incumbent must be knowledgeable about public transportation systems and able to gather, compile, analyze, and interpret data relating to transportation systems to formulate recommendations for effective courses of action. He/she must be able to write clearly, concisely and professionally for the intended purpose. He/she must be able to produce deliverables and meet agreed upon project milestones. He/she must be able to use personal computer software for writing, graphics, presentations and spreadsheet analysis. He/she must have well-developed communication skills, and be able to work independently and with groups, as well as closely follow verbal and written instructions. He/she must have capability to learn specialized computer programs.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ERROR

The incumbent is expected to follow standardized practices and procedures and is responsible for the accurate, professional, and timely application of work plans. An error or invalid decision could result in unnecessary delays to the transportation planning process, failure to meet required deadlines, loss of funding opportunities, and damage to Caltrans' credibility.

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PUBLIC AND INTERNAL CONTACTS

This position requires regular contact with public, private, and government stakeholders, as well as frequent contact with Caltrans personnel within the District, in other districts, and HQ. Interaction to disseminate information and/or explain programs, methodologies, legislation, processes, projects, etc. is necessary, both informally and during meetings.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The incumbent may be required to work under stressful situations, both inside and outside the office setting that require appropriate responses. He/she must accept personal responsibility for meeting delivery milestones and exercise sound, professional judgment and tact. He/she must report to work on time, treat others with respect, honesty, and fairness. He/she is also expected to be flexible since assignments, duties, and priorities can change over time. He/she must acquire and exercise knowledge of Caltrans' Safety Manual and safe practices. He/ she must be physically able to complete a variety of fieldwork and/or surveys in various outdoor environments and weather.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The incumbent will primarily work in a professional office setting that is climate controlled with both natural and artificial light. Some fieldwork may be required that will involve various terrain. He/she will attend off-site meetings, hearings, and training, which may include some overnight travel. Overtime may be required.

I have read, understand and can perform the duties listed above. (If you believe you may require reasonable accommodation, please discuss this with your hiring supervisor. If you are unsure whether you require reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor who will discuss your concerns with the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator.)

I agree that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree to conduct business transactions by electronic means and that my electronic signature is the legal binding equivalent to my handwritten signature. I hereby agree that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

EMPLOYEE (Print)

EMPLOYEE (Signature)

DATE

I have discussed the duties with, and provided a copy of this duty statement to the employee named above.

SUPERVISOR (Print)

SUPERVISOR (Signature)

DATE
