

# Monthly Performance Report – December 2024

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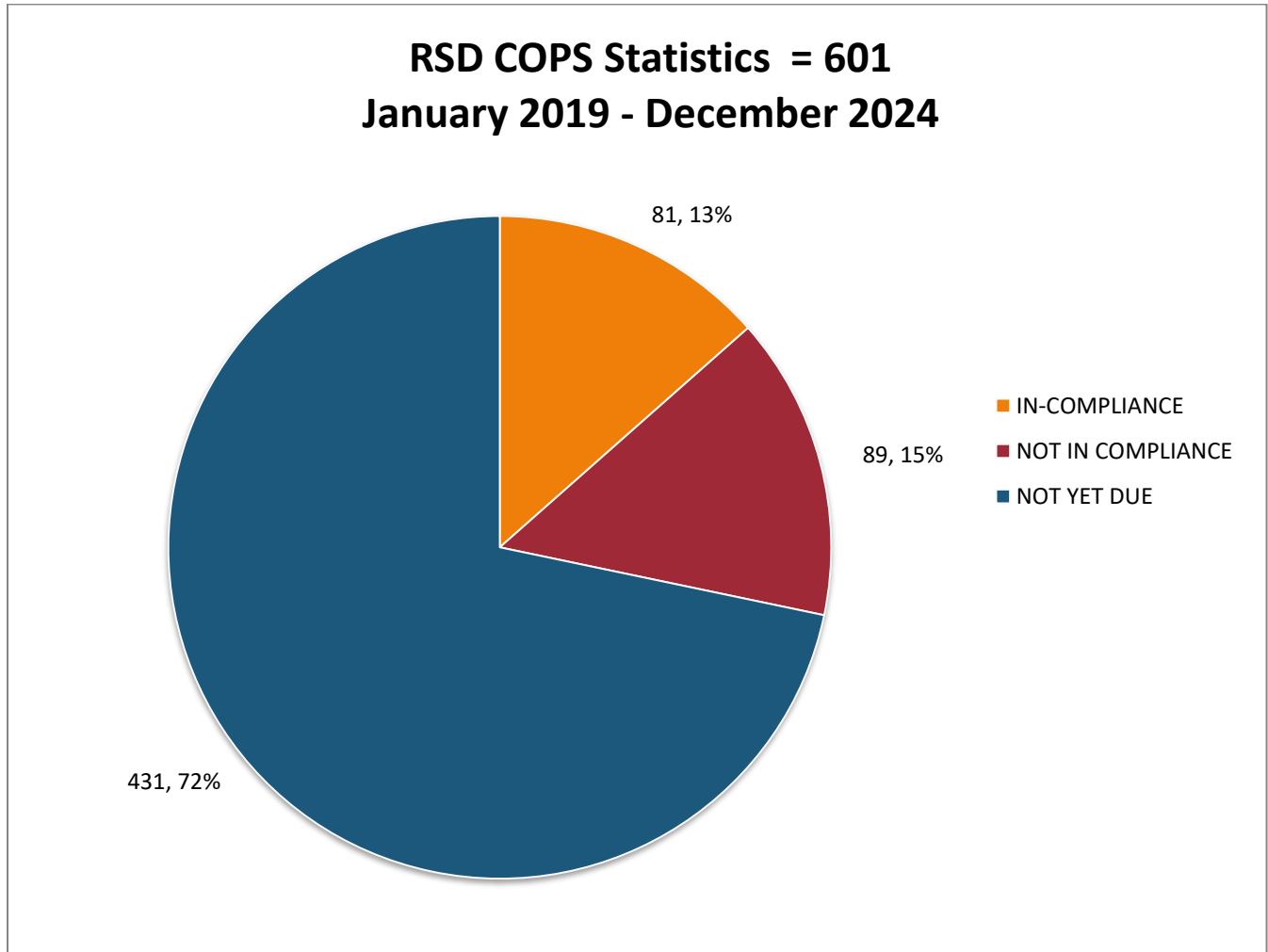
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# Compliance with Ordering Paragraphs (COPS)

Through December 31, 2024, the Rail Safety Division (RSD) showed 601 total entries in the COPS system, with 81 (13%) reaching compliance, 431 (72%) not yet due for compliance, and 89 (15%) out of compliance. 601 (100%) of all ordering paragraphs (OPs) are assigned to RSD staff.

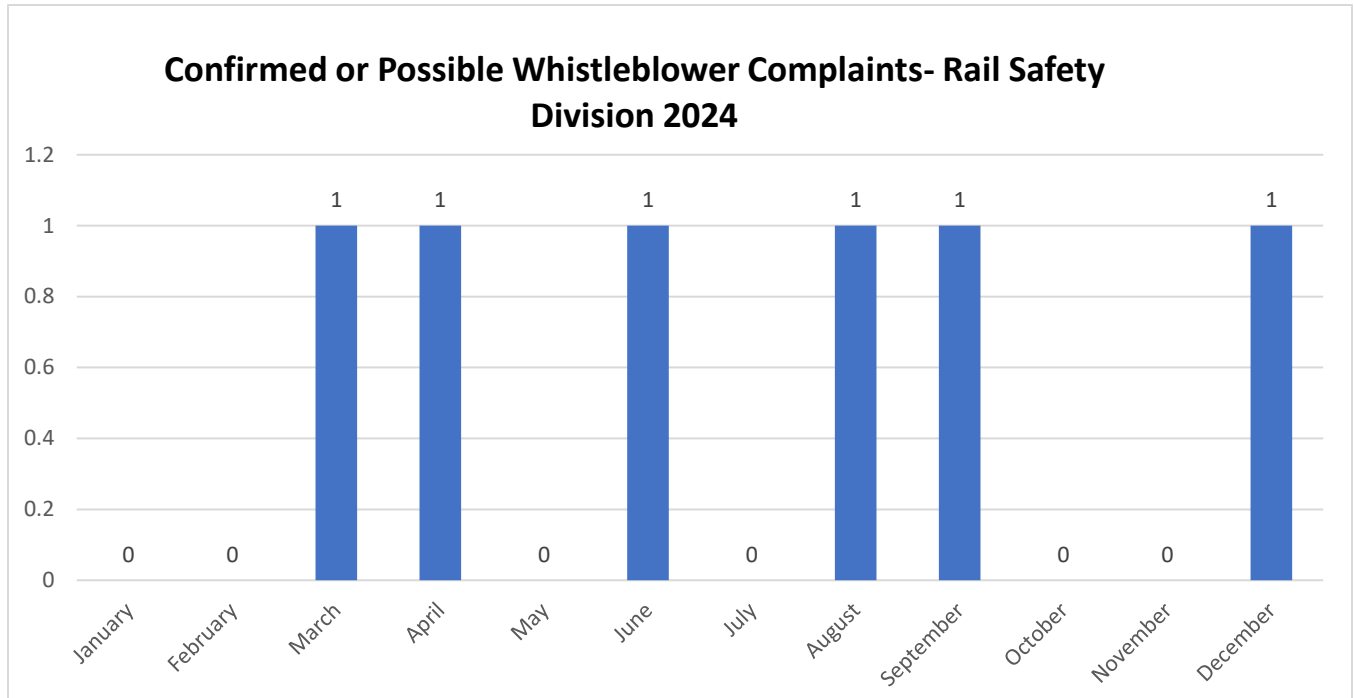


# Monitoring the Whistleblower Website

The Risk Section has been overseeing intake for complaints that arrive via a “whistleblower” application on the Commission’s web site. Whistleblower protections are afforded to utility employees and contractors who report potentially unsafe or illegal practices.

## Statistics – 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

Note: This is for complaints filed using the on-line Whistleblower Application ONLY.



# Railroad Operations and Safety Branch - ROSB

In December 2024, the RSD Railroad Operations and Safety Branch (ROSB) completed the following:

Railroad Operations and Safety Branch	December-2024	YTD 2024
New Incidents Investigated	24	168
Informal Complaints Investigated	0	8
Railroad Bridge Observations	0	47
Railroad Safety Inspections	125	2655
Non-compliant conditions identified/corrected	521	9274
Operation Lifesaver Presentations	0	46

## ROSB Inspection, Investigation & Field Activities

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**December 1, 2024:** RSD Railroad Safety Inspectors performed a general order inspection at the BNSF Railway’s Porphyry Yard in Corona. The inspectors identified a non-compliant condition, a step ladder in the walkway of a track creating a tripping hazard for railroad employees. The inspectors notified BNSF Management of the non-compliant condition which was corrected on site.

**December 11, 2024:** RSD Railroad Safety Inspectors performed an inspection on the BNSF in Stockton. The purpose of the inspection was to ensure compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) for freight equipment.

The inspection revealed a disconnected safety appliance on a freight car. The end platform brace was missing a securement bolt which left that end of the platform unsupported. This is not in compliance with CFR Part 231 – Railroad Safety Appliance Standards. This type of non-compliant condition is one of the leading causes of injuries for railroad employees. The platform is utilized when crossing over the equipment and provides access to the hand brake on the car. The inspectors immediately applied high visibility flagging tape to the car to guard against an unsuspecting railroad employee from falling victim to the hazardous condition.

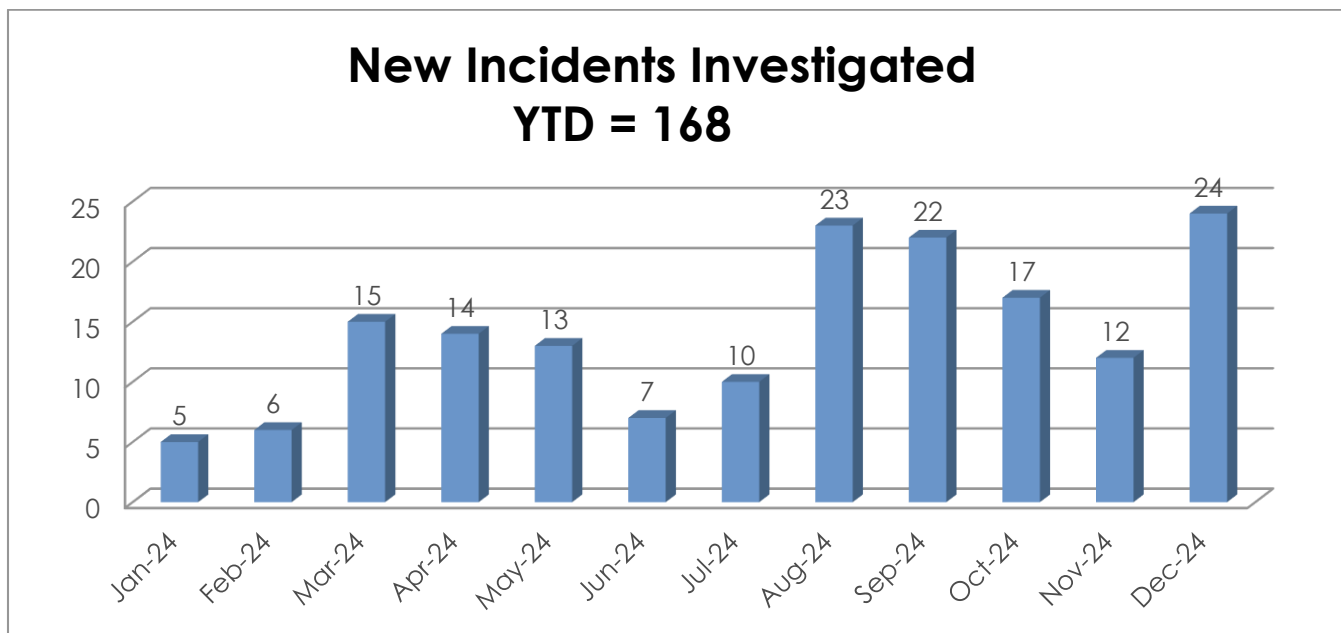
BNSF management was promptly notified of the hazardous condition and immediately removed the car from service so that it could be repaired before being placed back in service.

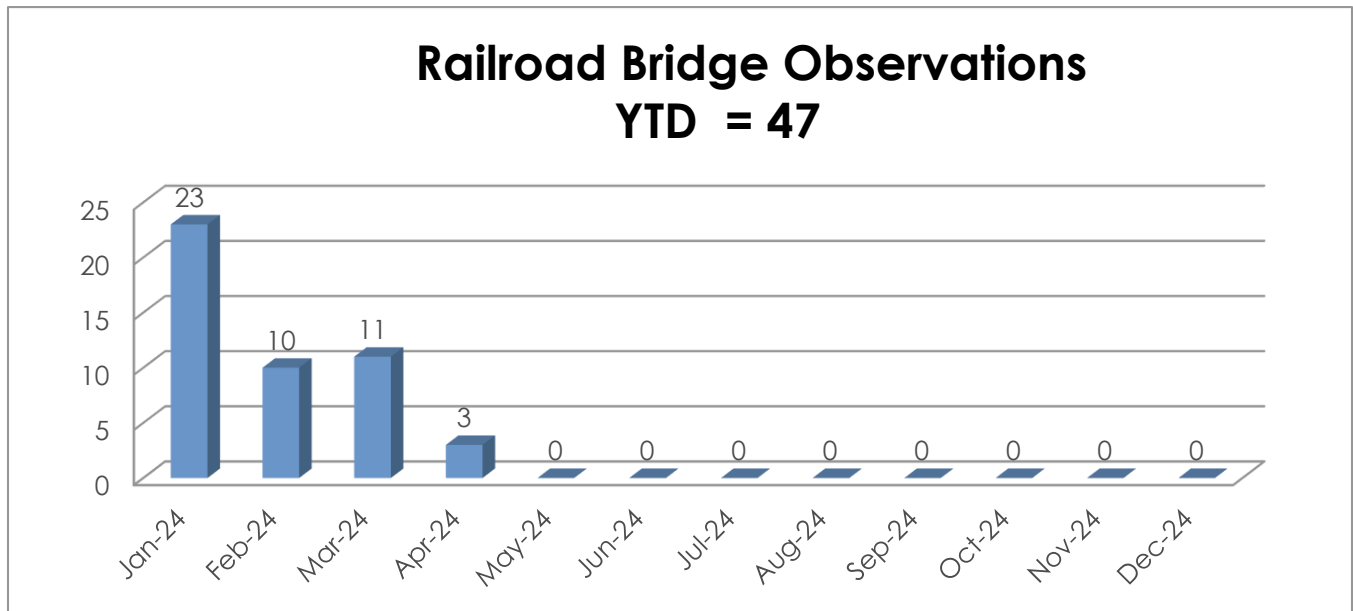
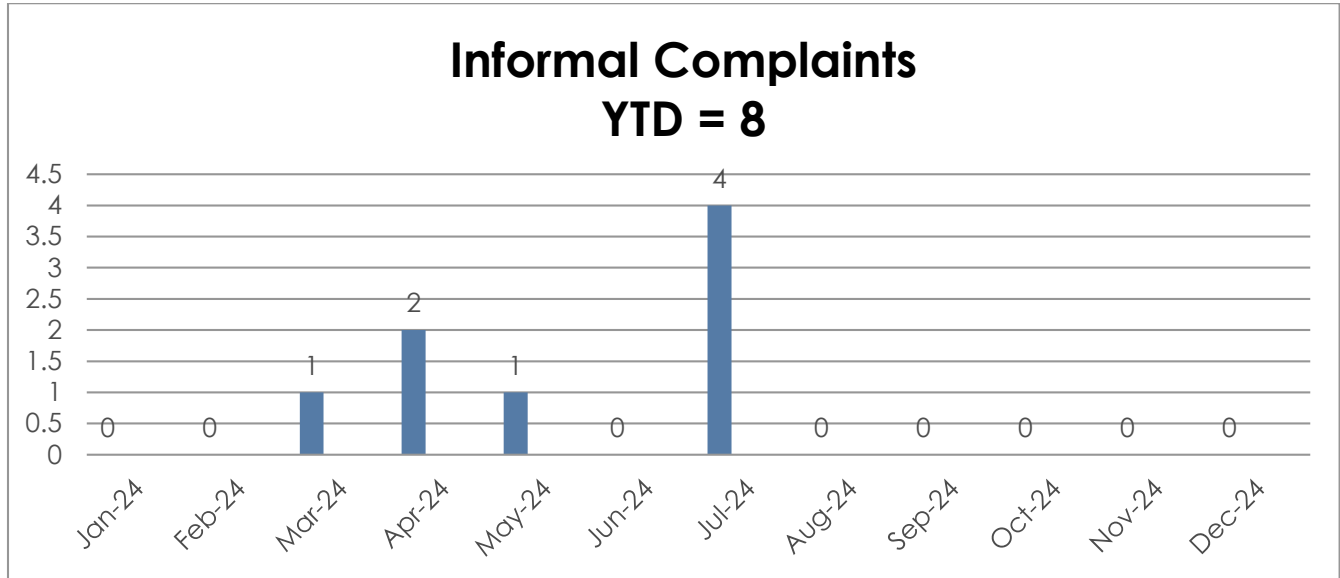
**December 18, 2024:** An RSD Railroad Safety Inspector performed an inspection of the Pacific Asphalt and Distribution facility in Mojave. During the inspection it was discovered the facility did not have monthly track inspection documentation as required by CPUC General Order (GO) 161.

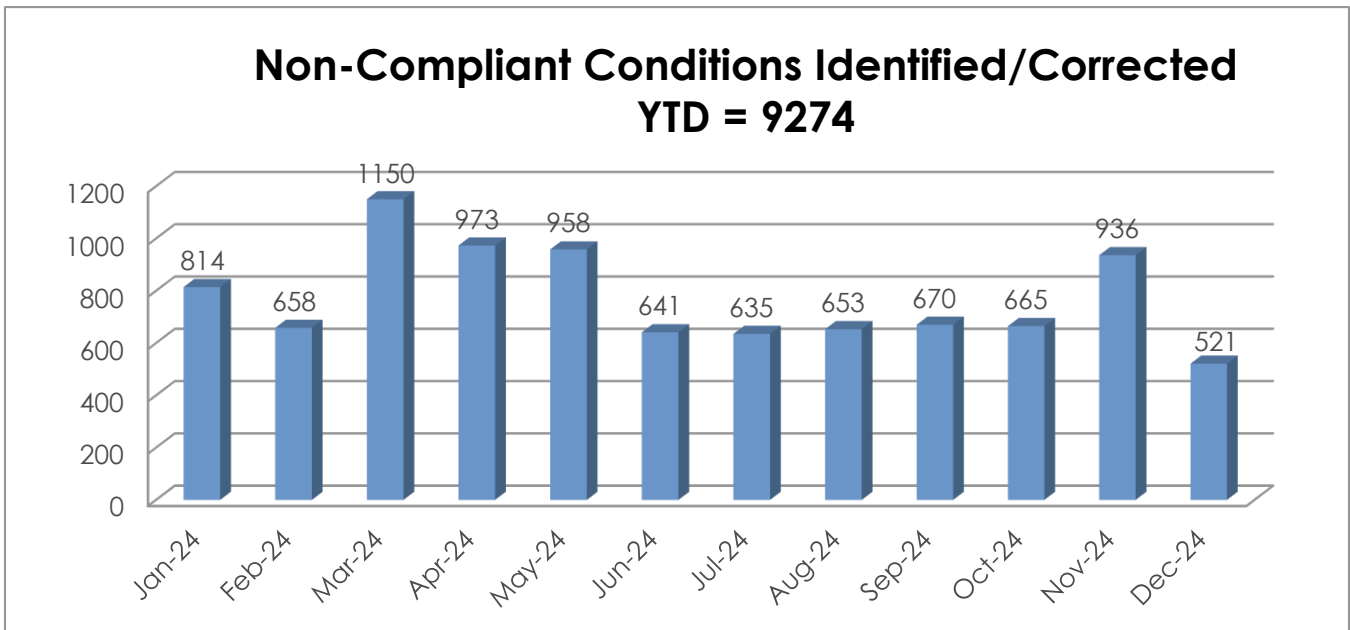
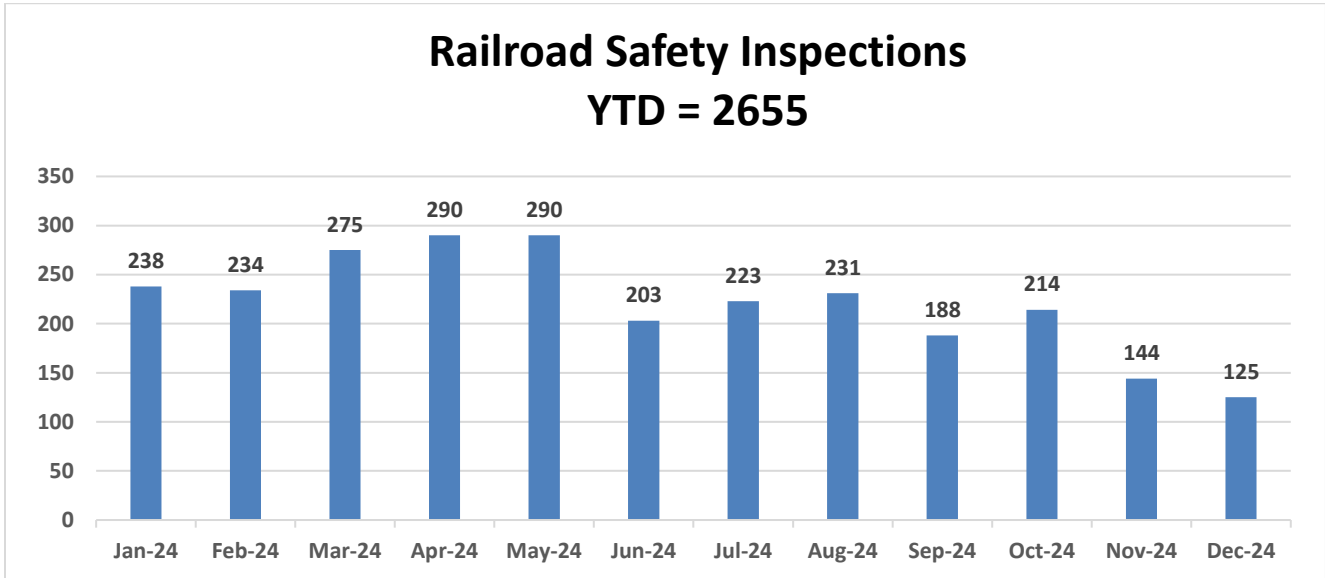
The inspector informed the facility manager of the non-compliant condition, and they agreed to meet next month to establish such a program. A follow up meeting took place on January 15th where a track inspection program was established.

**December 18, 2024:** During an inspection of the Union Pacific (UP) Commerce yard, an RSD Railroad Safety Inspector discovered two (2) End of train devices (ETDs) lying in the walkway. This is in violation of General Order (GO) 118-A which requires walkways to be free of any obstructions.

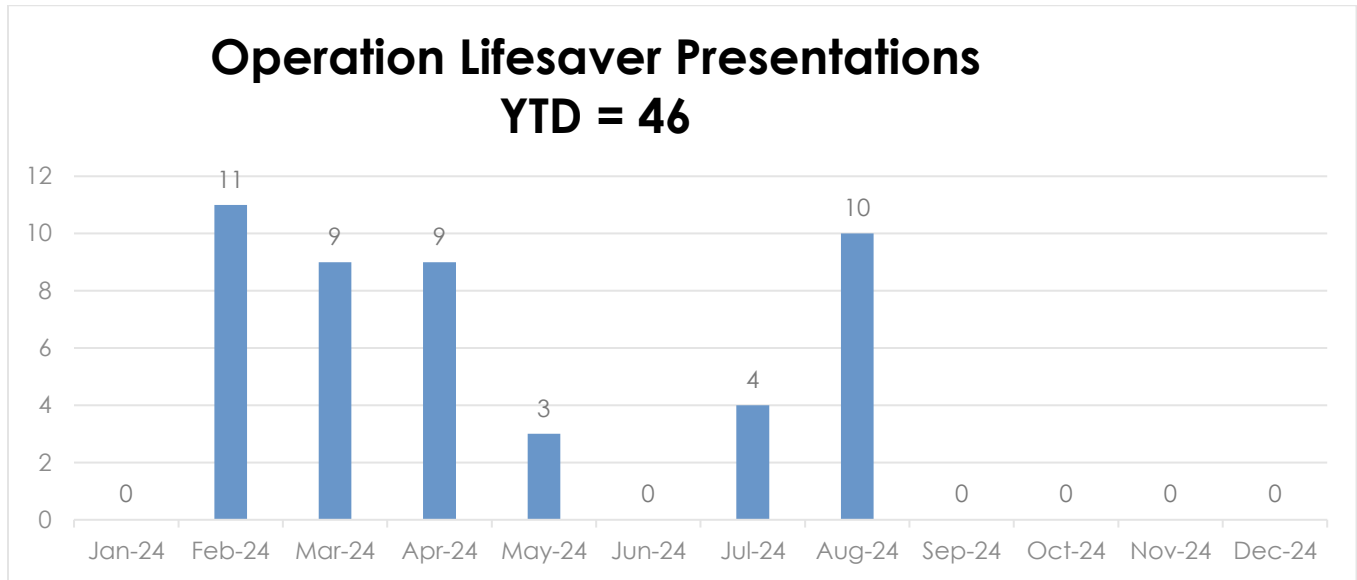
The inspector notified UP management of the non-compliant condition and UP management had a nearby carman remove the devices eliminating the hazardous condition and bringing the walkway into regulatory compliance.











## Crude Oil Reconnaissance Team (CORT) Monthly Report

The CORT was formed in 2014 in response to highly volatile crude oil transportation in North America. The CORT's purpose is to monitor crude oil transported by rail into California. This report tracks CORT activities, crude oil unit trains<sup>1</sup> entering California each month and the type of crude oil being transported.

The CORT's role was expanded in 2018 to include tracking ethanol unit trains entering the state and documenting the location of stored hazardous material tank cars.

Crude Oil Shipments in California							
Consignee <sup>2</sup>	Highly Volatile (Y/N)	# Unit Trains Received December	# Unit Trains Projected January	# Unit Trains FYTD (24-25)	# Cars Received December	# Cars Projected January	# Cars FYTD (24-25)
Plains All America	N	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern Oil	N	1	0	7	105	0	714

Ethanol Unit Train Shipments in California							
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<sup>1</sup> A unit train is a freight train composed of cars carrying a single type of commodity that are all bound for the same destination.

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix A for descriptions of Consignees and Railroads.

Consignee	# Unit Trains Received December	# Unit Trains Projected January	# Unit Trains FYTD (24-25)	# Cars Received December	# Cars Projected January	# Cars FYTD (24-25)
Kinder Morgan (Wilmington)	14	21	86	1343	2016	8259
Eco-Energy (Stockton)	6	5	31	629	536	3428
Pelican Renewables (Stockton)	0	0	0	190	190	1217
Storage of Hazardous Material Cars						
Railroad	Loads	Empties	Commodity	County		
Arizona California RR	290	16	LPG	San Bernardino		
Santa Maria RR	58	115	LPG	Santa Barbara		
Sierra Northern Railway	292	147	LPG	Stanislaus		
Oakland Global Rail Enterprise	0	30	LPG	Alameda		
Yreka Western RR	0	0	N/A	Siskiyou		

**Appendix A**

**Crude Oil Consignees**

**Delta Trading** in Bakersfield has oil cars delivered by manifest train. Delta is still seeking a new customer.

**Kern Oil** in Bakersfield has unit trains delivered by the San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR).

**Plains All America** in Taft has unit trains delivered by the SJVR.

**Ethanol Unit Train Consignees**

**Kinder Morgan** is a pipeline and off-loading facility located in Wilmington that receives 64 or 96 car unit trains delivered by the BNSF.

**Eco-Energy** is an energy provider in Stockton that receives 100 to 112 car ethanol unit trains delivered by the Central California Traction Company.

**Pelican Renewables** is an energy provider in Stockton that receives 96 to 108 car ethanol unit trains delivered by the Central California Traction Company (currently receiving single car shipments).

**Hazardous Material Car Storage Locations**

**Arizona-California Railroad** is a short line railroad that operates over 91 miles between Cadiz and Parker, Arizona. A spur track located in Rice, owned by the railroad but leased by PBF Energy for the storage of tank cars. Cars are Interchanged at Cadiz with BNSF.

**Santa Maria Railroad** is a short line railroad that operates over 14 miles of track and interchanges with the UPRR in Guadalupe.

**Sierra Northern Railway** is a short line railroad that operates over 100 miles of track in Mendocino, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Yolo counties. Sierra Northern provides rail shipping to all of California through interchanges with the BNSF and UPRR.

**Oakland Global Rail Enterprise** is a short line railroad that operates over 10 miles of industrial track in Oakland and interchanges with the UPRR.

**Yreka Western Railroad** is a short line railroad that operates 9 miles of track in Siskiyou County and interchanges with the UPRR and Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad (CORP) in Montague.

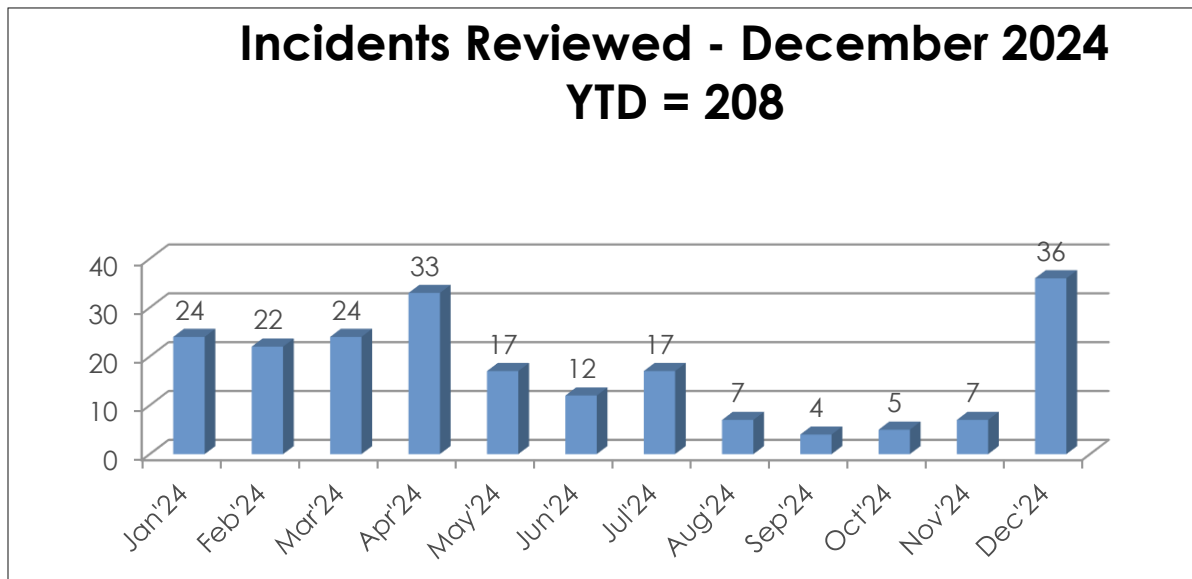
# Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch – RCEB

In December 2024, the Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) completed the following:

	<b>Closed December</b>	<b>Closed YTD</b>
<b>Crossing Incident Reviews</b>	36	208
<b>Safety Assessments/Quiet Zones/Reviews/Training/Operation LifeSaver Presentations</b>	32	622
<b>Proceedings, Resolutions and G.O. 88-B Reviews</b>	6	102

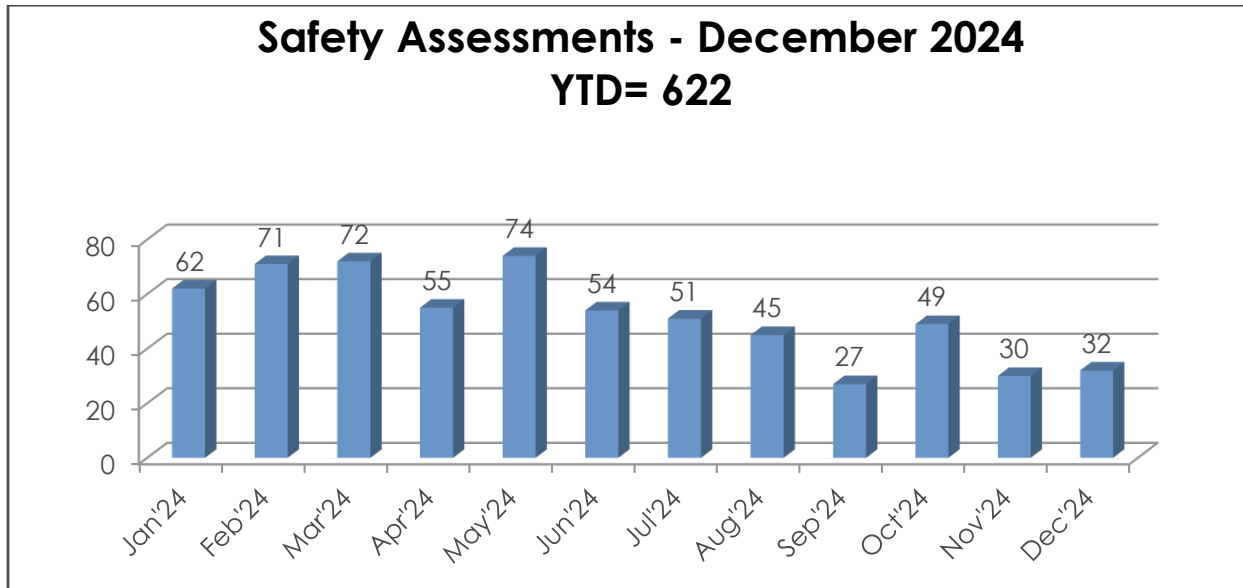
## Rail Crossing Incident Investigations

In December 2024, RCEB closed 36 incidents at highway-rail at-grade crossings (crossings).



## Safety Assessments, Quiet ZONES, and Reviews

In December 2024, RCEB completed 32 rail-crossing safety assessments involving: communications, field inspections, meetings, quiet zone reviews, staff training, diagnostic reviews, and Operation LifeSaver presentations. These activities review existing crossings and proposed changes to crossing warning devices.

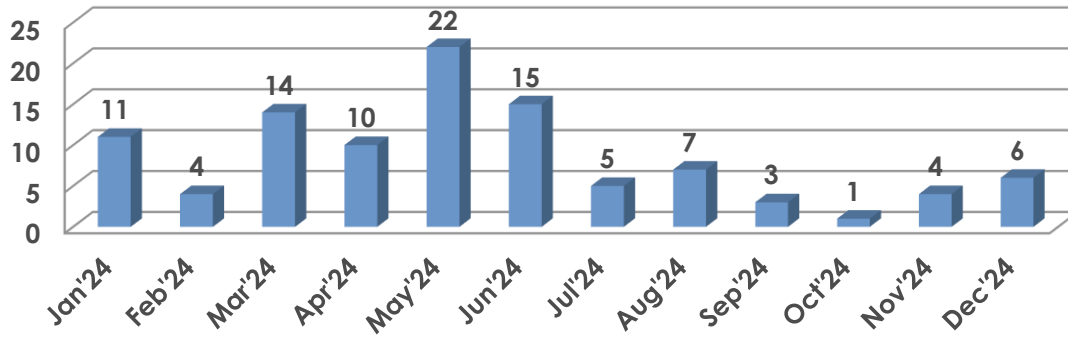


#### Proceedings, Resolutions and G.O. 88B Reviews

In December 2024, RCEB approved two General Order 88-B requests for authority for alteration to existing crossings. The Commission approved three Formal Applications, and the RSD Director approved one Time Extension Decision Resolution.

1. PROC - A2404008 - D.24-12-002 - Authorizes MTS to construct a new at-grade in-station pedestrian crossing at the 12<sup>th</sup> and Imperial Station in the City of San Diego.
2. PROC – A2402010 – D.24-12-012 - Authorizes Southern California Regional Rail Authority to construct a new public bikeway and multi-use trail crossing in the City of San Bernardino.
3. PROC – A2310014 – D.2412013 - Authorizes Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District to construct a grade separated multi-purpose trail at Green River Golf Club on the BNSF Railway in the San Bernardino subdivision.
4. RESL - TED-311 – Authorizes Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission a Time Extension Decision for four new public at-grade pedestrian rail crossing and one new private at-grade vehicular crossing in Santa Cruz County.

### Proceedings, Resolutions, and G.O.88-B Applications Closed - December 2024 YTD= 102



# Rail Transit Safety Branch - RTSB

In December 2024, the Rail Transit Safety Branch (RTSB) completed the following:

## Major Audits

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On April 29, 2024, RTSB initiated its triennial audit of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA or MUNI).

On September 9, 2024, RTSB initiated its triennial safety and security audit of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System.

On October 7, 2024, RTSB initiated its triennial safety and security audit of the Getty Tram.

On November 12, 2024, RTSB initiated its triennial safety and security audit of the Sacramento County Department of Airports' (SCDOA) Automated People Mover (APM).

## Administrative Accomplishments

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### **TSOA Meeting:**

On December 19, RTSB management participated in a monthly meeting of the Transit Safety Oversight Association (TSOA), a national non-profit association developed to serve professionals in the transit safety oversight field.

### **RCEB-RTSB Coordination Meeting:**

On December 4, RTSB and RCEB management met to review items of common interest.

### **Training:**

RTSB staff completed the following training in the month of December:

- Noel Takahara completed the "Roadway Worker Protection" training program administered by the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority.
- Several RTSB staff completed the "Ethics Training for State Official" training offered by the California Attorney General's Office and the Fair Political Practices Commission.

### **RSSIMS Replacement Project:**

The three rail branches (RCEB, ROSB, and RTSB) share a database called the Rail Safety and Security Information Management System (RSSIMS). The database is being replaced under a contract and the system is nearing completion. Release 1 and Go-Live date was August 29th.

RTSB and the other RSD Branches are participating in development with the contractor to ensure records in the system contain the proper data fields and formats and have been participating in system testing. Releases 2 and 3 will be at later dates.

## Safety Certification and Oversight of Rail Transit Agency Projects

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### **Bay Area Rapid Transit – BART**

#### ***Communications Based Train Control Project:***

BART entered a \$798 million contract with Hitachi Rail STS USA, Inc. to design and build a modern Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) system. The agency intends for this project to “greatly improve (its) train service.” The Project’s Safety Certification Plan (SCP) was approved by the Commission via Resolution ST-206. Contractor Hitachi executed Notice to Proceed in November 2020. SSRC quarterly meetings started in June 2022. Project completed preliminary design for Phase 1 – AT&S upgrade at OCC; Final Design Review is in progress. Hayward test track installation is underway. No update.

#### ***BART Hayward Maintenance Complex Project:***

The Hayward Maintenance Complex (HMC) project is comprised of two phases. On November 16, 2018, RTSB management approved an element of the first phase of this project, the Component Repair Shop, to commence operations. The Central Warehouse, also an element of Phase I, submitted Safety Certification Verification Report (SCVR) on January 7, 2021, and RTSB management approved on January 29, 2021. Construction on the Hayward Maintenance Complex Phase II East Storage Yard began on March 1, 2019. This yard will provide a storage venue for BART revenue vehicles and provide egress to the BART A1 and A2 Mainline Tracks and the Hayward Test Track. Due to funding constraints, BART has sub-divided the HMC Phase II Project into three separate contracts, Civil Grading, Trackwork Procurement, and East Vehicle Storage Yard. At the end of the HMC Project, BART will submit a final SSCVR that will cover both phases. HMC Phase I project scope has been scaled down and is considered by BART to be effectively complete due to budgetary constraints. BART submitted their SSCVR for this phase on July 8th, 2022, has been reviewed by Staff, and Staff has performed site verifications and inspections. The approval letter for Phase I was sent to BART on October 6th, 2022. HMC Phase II completed 100% design completion and is undergoing BART and 3rd Party review. BART submitted their revised SCP Revision 1 on May 24, 2023, updating the document with additional detail and minor changes to scope. The SCP was approved by Staff on September 12, 2023. HMC Phase II has completed 100% design and is undergoing Value Engineering assessment. No update.



### ***Traction Power System Improvements Project:***

Five sites have been identified for installation of new traction power substations to support the traction power system improvements portion of the Transbay Core Capacity Program. The two West Bay sites are Civic Center Station and Montgomery Street Station and have estimated completion dates by 2022. The three East Bay sites are in Oakland at Thirty Fourth Street, Concord at David Avenue and Minert Road and Richmond at Yard East, with completion dates not yet estimated. An SCP was approved via Commission Resolution (ST-239) on July 16, 2020. Project completed design conformance in August 2022. For West Bay sites, Civic Center Station has completed construction and is undergoing testing; Montgomery Station is under construction. PHA and TVA were completed and reviewed. Construction issue-for-bid contract for East Bay sites was complete and expected to be advertised in Spring of 2025. No update.

### ***Irvington Station Project:***

The Irvington Station Project includes construction of a new station halfway between the existing Fremont and Warm Springs/South Fremont stations. The estimated completion year is 2027. The Project is in the engineering design phase. The Safety Certification Plan (SCP) was approved under Commission Resolution (ST-240) on November 5, 2020. SCP revision 1 was approved in May 2022. The UPRR crossing application was approved in July by the Rail Crossing Branch. Project completed 90% design package. No update.

### ***Fleet of the Future Vehicle Procurement Project:***

BART is in the process of procuring 1,200 new rail vehicles. There are two types of new vehicles, D-Cars and E-Cars. D-Cars have an operator's cab while E-Cars do not. Upon submittal by BART, Staff reviews testing and certification documents for each group of cars prepared for service and verifies compliance with the testing and certification plan before authorizing the cars for revenue service. BART has sent Staff a letter indicating the original 775 car contract is near completion, with exception to a few D-Cars awaiting parts, and BART will begin to exercise their optional 425 E-Car contract. Staff have acknowledged the purchasing of additional cars and will conditionally approve the cars through the established process.

A total of 775 new cars from the original contract have been approved, and 66 new cars from the optional contract have been approved.

## **Inglewood Transit Connector Joint Powers Authority – JPA**

### ***Inglewood Transit Connector Project:***

The Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project is a proposed 1.6- mile Automated People Mover (APM) put forth by the City of Inglewood which aims to address a "first/last mile gap in

Los Angeles County's public transportation network. The project will connect the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) K-Line Downtown Inglewood Station to the City's housing and employment centers, and sports and entertainment venues. The 1.6-mile APM will feature three stations, a maintenance and storage facility, two power distribution system substations, and three new parking lots along the route. As of March 2021, Metro's Board approved the formation of the Inglewood Transit Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the City of Inglewood to implement and operate the project. The city is the lead agency for the project and is responsible for overseeing various aspects. On January 31, 2023, the California State Transportation Agency awarded a \$407 million grant to assist with the construction. This project, which will be a Design Build Finance Operation and Maintenance (DBFOM) project, is expected to break ground in 2025 with the goal of providing passenger service in time for the 2028 Olympics. RTSB Staff are attending the monthly Safety and Security Certification Review Committee Meetings for the ITC Project, which started taking place in December 2022. On October 31st ITC Newsletter updated that the project achieved a positive rating from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In January 2024, the Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project gained approval for a substantial federal investment of \$1,009,430,998. This significant funding infusion represents a pivotal move for the project, propelling it closer to the attainment of full financial support.

This past summer, the City of Inglewood selected Envisioned Inglewood Partners (comprised of Plenary, Tutor, Woojin, Parsons and ACS) as the best value proposer for the Inglewood Transit Connector project. Over the following months, the City focused on contract negotiations and preparing for an early design and planning agreement. However, the proposed project cost required the City and ITC JPA to seek additional funding from the South Bay Cities Council of Government. On October 24, the South Bay Cities Council of Government Board voted against a resolution to allocate the necessary funding for the ITC project. Since then, the team has been working closely with the City and the selected bidder to explore options for advancing the project, ensuring alignment with the City's and grantors' goals within the available funding.

## **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – LACMTA**

### ***P3010 Vehicle Procurement Project:***

All 235 new P3010 Light Rail Vehicles (LRV) have been delivered to LACMTA from Kinkisharyo International, the vehicle manufacturer. These vehicles are intended to expand passenger capacity for the recently completed projects (Expo Phase 2 and Foothill Extension Phase 2) and the future Crenshaw/LAX line currently under construction. The P3010s have state-of-the-art technology and upgrades to improve the passenger experience. As cars are prepared for service, Staff will recommend official approval to RTSB management after in person review of the Car History Books (testing documentation). All 235 cars have been accepted by LACMTA and approved by RTSB management. RTSB staff sent the final approval letter for the last 2 cars on May 11, 2023. Now that all cars have been approved, a Final Safety Certification

Verification Report (SCVR) will have to be resubmitted by LACMTA with a log of all the approved cars. There was a meeting on January 12, 2024, between CPUC and LACMTA to discuss what LACMTA is still tracking internally as well as to discuss the final SCVR package to be submitted to CPUC. On January 19, 2024, the project team informed CPUC that their subject matter experts concluded that the remaining open work orders are not safety critical. CPUC staff replied with a series of questions about inspection frequency and the extent of hazards present, which P3010 staff addressed satisfactorily. Finally, on February 29, 2024, CPUC staff replied stating that there are no issues and the P3010 project can submit final SCVR documentation for CPUC approval. No update.

### ***HR4000 Heavy Rail Vehicle Procurement:***

LACMTA is in the process of procuring a base order of 64 new Heavy Rail Vehicles (HRVs), with the option for up to 282, to provide for the future expansions of Regional Connector and D Line (formerly Purple) Extensions, and to replace the aging HRV fleet operating on the B Line (formerly Red) subway. Resolution ST-185 approved the procurement option. The vehicle manufacturer is China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC). These vehicles will operate as married pairs (MPs) in the LA Metro B and D lines, and trains may be made up of several MPs of HR4000 vehicles. Once the first MP arrived LACMTA began using it for training and single MP qualification tests. On January 11, 2024, RTSB staff met LACMTA Staff and CRRC staff at the Division 20 shop to view the two MPs in the shop at the time. When the other two MPs arrived, they were coupled to the first one for the 3-MP/6-vehicle qualification and acceptance tests. LACMTA has determined from CRRC's schedule that there is a potential 12-car shortage at the start of WPLE1 revenue service in Spring 2025. In response, CRRC has proposed an "Accelerated Production Schedule" plan, which is under evaluation by LACMTA. In addition, to support the opening of WPLE1, LACMTA is making plans to ensure turnback capability at that time. RTSB Staff received the Safety Certification Verification Report for the HR4000 heavy rail vehicle procurement project on November 14, 2024, and received the Letter of Intent to Operate on November 19, 2024.

There are currently sixteen (16) pilot vehicles (8 MPs) in the Los Angeles site, six (6) of which are pilot vehicles. On 12/10/24, CPUC and project staff held a meeting discussing remaining open items for the SCVR. After the SCVR was resubmitted on 12/13/24 with CPUC comments addressed, Staff sent an SCVR approval letter on 12/13/24 allowing LACMTA to place the 3 MPs into revenue service. Additionally, due to project updates, LACMTA staff revised the HR4000 Procurement Project Safety Certification Plan (SCP) prior to the SCVR submittal. CPUC staff sent the SCP approval letter and checklist to LACMTA on 12/12/24.

### ***D Line (Westside) Extension Project:***

LACMTA is extending the D Line (formerly Purple) from the current terminus at Wilshire/Western station for nine miles to Westwood Veteran's Administration Hospital. This extension will consist of approximately 9 miles of heavy rail subway with seven new stations and is separated into 3

different projects/segments, PLE1, PLE2, PLE 3. The project is funded mostly by Measure R, Measure M, and federal grants. Section 1 is forecast to open in Fall 2025, Section 2 in Summer 2026, and Section 3 in Fall 2027. Travel time between Westwood and downtown L.A. is expected to take about 25 minutes. The design build contractor for Segment 1 is STS (a joint venture of Skanska, Traylor, Shea). The design build contractor for Segment 2 is TPOG (a joint venture of Tutor Perini and O&G). Tutor Perini is also the design build contractor for Segment 3 tunneling and stations. System Integration Testing for Segment 1 is expected to be completed in the third and fourth quarters of 2024.

In November 2024 Staff observed Segment 1 System Integration Testing involving powered contact 3rd rail and HR4000 vehicles.

### ***L Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B:***

LACMTA is extending the L Line (formerly Gold) from the current terminus of Azusa Station to the City of Montclair. The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) is an independent transportation planning, design, and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State legislature to resume design, contracting, and construction of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro L Line. The initial 13.7-mile, Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro L Line was completed and opened in 2003. Phase 2A of the Foothill Extension project was completed in March 2016 and extended the L Line from Pasadena to Azusa. Once construction of Phase 2B is complete, the Construction Authority will transfer the project to LACMTA to operate. In August 2019, the Construction Authority awarded the design build contract to the Kiewitt Parsons Joint Venture. Due to funding issues, the current terminus of the new alignment was changed to Pomona Station with a contract option to continue to Montclair if the Construction Authority can secure additional funding. Metro Rail from Glendora to Pomona is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2025. Extension of the rail service further east from Pomona to Montclair (Phase 2B2) would be completed by 2028. All four stations will be center platform stations, with a track on each side for westbound and eastbound trains. The 9.1-mile, four-station Glendora to Pomona project remains on budget and on schedule for substantial completion in early 2025. Trackwork installation was completed during Summer 2023 and crews are continuing with construction of the four new light rail stations in the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona. Phase 2B2 of the project is currently partially funded. In June 2024 the Construction Authority submitted a draft SCP addendum to include phase 2B2. System integration testing started for Phase 2B Summer 2024. Staff observed Local Field Acceptance Testing for guideway lighting.

In November 2024 Staff observed System Integration testing of the grade crossing warning systems, LRV dynamic clearance, and Blue Light Station / Emergency Trip Stations.

### ***Crenshaw/LAX Corridor Project:***

LACMTA is constructing a new Light Rail Transit (LRT) line through the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor. The Line will travel 8.5 miles from the existing Metro Exposition Line at Crenshaw and Exposition

Boulevards to the Metro C Line (formerly Green) and will serve the cities of Los Angeles, Inglewood, El Segundo, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The project consists of Segments A, B1, B2, and C. Now the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) Station is under construction in Segment A; it will connect to the East Intermodal Transportation Facility (EITF) of the future LAX APM. Once in operation, the AMC Station will be known as the LAX/Metro Transit Center Station. To avoid the AMC construction zone but allow revenue service, the Crenshaw/LAX project, now known as the K Line, partially opened to the public on October 7, 2022, from the Expo/Crenshaw Station to Westchester/Veterans Station, with a turnback operation north of the AMC. The rest of the alignment leading south to the future LAX APM, and the existing Metro C Line will open within the next 2 years. Notably, once in final operation, the K Line will operate between Expo/Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach in a north-south alignment, and the C Line will operate between AMC Station and Norwalk in a west-east alignment.

As planned, on November 3, 2024, the next phase of the K Line opened, which included implementation of the K Line and C Line operational changes. This phased opening did not require a Safety Certification Verification Report (SCVR) because the guideway section that would open November 3 was already safety-certified under the K Line SCVR for the first phase opening on October 7, 2022. Though no SCVR was required, LACMTA decided to revalidate the functionality of the guideway section through activities such as testing, which is documented in the internal K Line Revalidation Memo that CPUC staff also received. No formal CPUC approval was required for the second phase opening, but Staff received sufficient information from documentation, meetings, and field visits with LACMTA and project staff such that no safety-critical issues were identified.

### ***East San Fernando Valley Project:***

The East San Fernando Valley Project (ESFV) alignment will start at the Van Nuys G Line (formerly Orange) station and head north for 6.7 miles through the San Fernando Valley, adding 11 new Light Rail Train stations, with 34 LRVs serving this alignment. It will be a street running system but will be approximately 3 miles on a shared corridor with Metrolink/Amtrak. LACMTA has contracted Gannett Fleming Inc. to develop a 30/60 percent design package. CPUC staff worked with the project team and LACMTA on development and drafting of the Safety Certification Plan which was approved by the commission on December 16, 2021. The project is forecasted to begin Revenue Service in September 2031. LACMTA has completed most of the advanced designs for this project and released the Progressive Design Build (PDB) procurement documents in Summer 2022. The PDB delivery method intends to bring the contractor and their designer into the project early, to take the design from 30/60 to approximately 85% while collaborating with Metro and third parties on pricing the construction costs. On December 2, 2022, LACMTA celebrated the groundbreaking for advanced utility work for this project worth approximately 9 million dollars. The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) has announced that Metro will receive a full request of \$600 million in state grant funding for the ESFV. Real estate activities have begun and are expected to run

through 2027. In February 2023, Metro awarded the PDB contract to the San Fernando Transit Constructors Joint Venture (SFTCV) made up of SKANSKA, Stacy & Witbeck, and AECOM. No update.

### ***Southeast Gateway Line Project:***

LACMTA is evaluating a new LRT line that will connect southeast LA County to downtown Los Angeles, serving the cities and communities of Artesia, Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Vernon, unincorporated Florence-Graham community, and downtown Los Angeles. The Southeast Gateway Line project is a 19-mile corridor project. LACMTA staff submitted a proposed funding plan/report and is exploring Public-Private Partnerships to bridge the funding gap. The Metro Board of Directors met on January 27, 2022, to discuss the selection and approval of the project terminus and a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). The Metro Board approved Los Angeles Union Station as the northern terminus of the Southeast Gateway Line project. The 14.8-mile Slauson/A Line to Pioneer route was also approved as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the project's initial segment between Artesia and Downtown Los Angeles. The LPA will be advanced as part of the analysis in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), expected for Metro Board certification in 2023. During this period, Metro will also be developing the First/Last Mile plans for the Southeast Gateway Line LPA which will include opportunities for public involvement. The project's groundbreaking is anticipated in 2023-25, with operation of the new line expected in 2033-35. Project executed all master Cooperative Agreements with 10 Corridor Cities in October 2023. The West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project has changed names to "Southeast Gateway Line project." No update.

## **Los Angeles World Airports – LAWA**

### ***LAWA Automatic People Mover Project:***

LAWA is the governing body of Los Angeles International (LAX) and Van Nuys airports, is developing a multi-billion-dollar upgrade to the ground transportation system at LAX. The 2.25-mile Automated People Mover (APM) will have six new stations, three of which will connect new Rental Car, Airport Parking, and Metro facilities to the airline terminals. Those in the Central Terminal Area (CTA) will provide fast and easy connections to nine airline terminals with a pedestrian walkway system. 44 cars will be built for the APM system, with the cars starting to arrive at the LAX site in the second quarter of 2022. The APM project was expected to finish in 2024, but due to a strained relationship with their contractor LAX Integrated Express Solutions (LINXS), the new construction completion date is planned for December 8, 2025, according to an agreement with LINXS and the project is expected to open in January 2026.

The new stage of testing will bring APM vehicles into the Central Terminal Area (CTA) for the first time to confirm vehicle clearance. The initial clearance tests will run at minimum speed which will be increased in further testing in 2025.

## Orange County Transportation Authority – OCTA

### ***OC Streetcar Project:***

The OC Streetcar (OCSC) project consists of 4.15 miles of track between the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center in the City of Santa Ana and the Harbor Boulevard / Westminster Avenue intersection in the City of Garden Grove. The project includes 10 stations along the alignment and the procurement of 8 Siemens S700 LRVs. The project is currently under construction. The current targeted Revenue Service Date is August 2025. On July 11, 2022, OCTA submitted a draft of their GO 95 variance request to RTSB. The request is regarding 42 overhead contact system (OCS) poles that are not able to meet the GO 95 minimum clearance requirement or be relocated. In addition, the request includes a reduced minimum clearance requirement for 8 feeder cables that are affected by these OCS poles. OCTA's proposed mitigations include relocation of Southern California Edison (SCE) secondary electric wires near two of the OCS poles and installation of an industry-used protective sleeve of the communication wires adjacent to the remaining 40 OCS poles. OCTA has met with affected utility owners and received concurrences on the proposed mitigation method. RTSB reviewed the variance request and requested additional detailed information from OCTA. RTSB has included the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) regarding OCTA's variance request. ESRB voiced concerns with the feeder cable clearance reduction part of the variance request. RTSB has notified OCSC of the inability to grant the GO95 variance request as requested and to reevaluate whether additional means can be used to achieve GO95 compliance. On August 12, 2024, RTSB met with ESRB to discuss OCTA's revised feeder cable designs for the 8 locations that were previously designed to be out of compliance with GO 95 and OCTA's variance request (draft Resolution ST-254) for 41 OCS pole locations. ESRB identified no defects with OCTA's revised feeder cable designs. ESRB provided some language suggestions for RTSB's Resolution, but did not have any issue with RTSB moving forward with variance Resolution.

Currently, construction progress remains at 90% completion. The installation of OCS wire along the Pacific Electric (PE) right-of-way is on-going. MSF car wash construction, HVAC, electrical, finishes, and flooring work is on-going. OCS wire installation at MSF is on-going. On December 5, 2024, Resolution ST-254 was approved by the Commission.

## Sacramento Regional Transit District – SRTD

### ***SRTD P20 Vehicle Procurement Project:***

SRTD will be acquiring 32 new Siemens low floor light rail vehicles with an additional 9 vehicles ordered in January of 2024. SRTD acquired over \$172M to purchase the LRVs and to make changes to its stations to accommodate the new low-floor P20 Siemens S700 LRVs. The Safety Certification Plan is in development and plans and specifications have been submitted. Low Floor Vehicle Platform Conversion Phase 3 has begun. The first 9 vehicles were approved for

service on September 1, 2024. The second submission of 7 vehicles was approved for service on September 10, 2024. The third submission of 2 vehicles were approved for service on November 21, 2024.

The fourth submission of 1 vehicle was approved for service on December 12, 2024.

### ***Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project:***

The project continues to be delayed because of environmental remediation and DTSC review. The planned project bid for the end of December 2023 has been delayed until the remaining funding sources are identified by SHRA and the City of Sacramento.

No update.

### ***Gold Line Double Track Project:***

SRTD is in the process of completing the final design and awarded contracts for construction of two passing tracks between Folsom and Sacramento, to accommodate 15-minute service. SRTD has acquired \$35M for the project. Estimated in-service date of the track is projected for January 2025. The Safety Certification Plan is in development and plans and specifications have been submitted. The project began construction in January 2024, with a shutdown which was originally scheduled to last seven months.

Construction was completed by SRTD's contractor in December 2024. However, the configuration at Glenn Drive Crossing was determined to not conform to approved plans, SRTD is currently reviewing options to resolve these issues. Operator training is ongoing with a mandatory stop-and-proceed in place at Glenn Drive Crossing.

### ***Sacramento Railyards 7th Street Improvements Project:***

The specific improvements included in the Project were selected to satisfy the following goals:

- Implement planned transportation improvements including multi-modal mitigation measures as identified in the Railyards Specific Plan Update, KP Medical Center, MLS Stadium, & Stormwater Outfall Draft Subsequential Environmental Impact Report2 (subsequently referred to as the RSPU Draft EIR),
- Leverage available grant funding to expedite improvement, and
- Continue build-out of the Railyards Specific Plan Area infrastructure to support development.

SRTD has sent the RCEB a proposed design for a crossing. The designed is currently be evaluated by Crossings staff. The construction project is being managed and funded by the City of Sacramento on behalf of SRTD. No update.



### ***Sacramento Streetcar Project:***

To maintain project viability, the project has been reduced in scope and the plan is that a revised project is being transferred to SRTD from the Cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento, the original grant applicants. SRTD will now become the lead agency, and the project will be an expansion of RTD's existing light rail system that will still link the two cities over the Sacramento River. Design remains in the conceptual stage. No update.

### **San Diego Metropolitan Transit System – SDMTS**

#### ***SD-10 Vehicle Procurement Project:***

San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI) is procuring 47 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) known as SD10 (Car Nos. 5046 to 5091) to replace the current SD-100 models cars which will be retired from revenue service. The procurement process began in September 2020 with an expected schedule completion and acceptance of all 47 LRVs by Summer 2025. As Siemens cars are delivered on-site to the SDTI Yard, they will undergo commissioning and dynamics tests. Staff will participate in the acceptance testing throughout the procurement process. To date, 38 of 47 LRVs have been accepted.

#### ***Orange Line Improvement Project – Phase 1:***

SDMTS submitted the Safety Certification Plan in December 2024 for Commission Review and Approval as required by General Order 164-D. The scope of the Orange Line Improvements – Phase 1 project consists of the following upgrades to: trackwork (crossovers, power operated turnouts, power switch machines), overhead catenary system (new single crossovers, conversion of existing manual crossovers to power), signal and communications (replacement of existing relay logic locations to vital microprocessor, train detection system and crossing warning system replacement, installation of twenty-two (22) train control/crossing instrument enclosures along right-of-way).

The project location is on the existing MTS Trolley Orange Line between the 32nd & Commercial Station in the City of San Diego and Massachusetts Station in the City of Lemon Grove. The new systems and equipment will be installed on the existing operating trolley line with limited passenger service interruption throughout construction, installation, and testing. To meet this requirement, the project has been divided into four distinct segments along the 6-mile alignment. SDMTS expects to begin construction by Summer 2025.

## Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority – SCVTA

### ***BART Silicon Valley Phase II:***

This BART Silicon Valley Phase II (BSVII) is an approximately 6-mile extension of the BART system from the Berryessa/North San Jose Station through downtown San Jose in an approximately 5-mile long single-bore tunnel terminating in Santa Clara near the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. The Phase II project includes three stations in the City of San Jose (Alum Rock/28th, Downtown San Jose and Diridon Stations), one station in the City of Santa Clara (Santa Clara Station), and the Newhall Maintenance Facility. The project Safety and Security Certification Plan (SSCP) was originally Commission approved under resolution ST-83 on February 15, 2007, for the entire 16 miles extension but SCVTA Board divided the project into two phases. The BART's Silicon Valley Berryessa extension (phase I) was placed in revenue service on June 13, 2020. CPUC approved the project SSCP for phase II in August 2021, approving the SCP. Staff continue to attend the FTA Project Management Oversight Contractor (PMOC) meetings, Safety and Security Review Committee (SSRC) meetings, Fire Life Safety and Security Committee (FLSSC) meetings. Revenue Service Date is scheduled to begin February of 2039. CPUC Staff received a copy of the SSCP version 1 dated February 29, 2024. Staff reviewed the SSCP using CPUC checklist as a guideline and responded back to the project team member regarding deficiencies noted in the SSCP.

VTA Contractor (KST) CP2 (Tunnel & Trackwork) – Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) has been procured as required by the project. TBM tunneling, lining detail design and fabrication under progress (80-85% complete). Early work packages dealing with TBM launch are in progress. The TBM manufacture shipping, assembly, and mobilization scheduling in progress.

VTA Contractor (CP1, CP3, & CP4) General Engineering Contractor GEC (Systems, Newhall Yard, Stations) – Progressing with design.

- Systems: Design-Bid-Build. PE complete, progressing towards 60% design underway.
- Facilities: Design-Bid-Build. PE complete, progressing towards 60% design underway.
- CP Progress: CP1 design 62%; CP3 design 57%; CP4 design 63%.

Major cost saving ideas under discussion and review By VTA (Station Layout Reconfiguration, Parking Structure reduction, Review design criteria/specifications/requirements, Tunnel interior reconfiguration).

Procurement of an additional 48 new cars for BSVII is in progress. Alstom will be delivering these vehicles in CY 2025. No update.

### ***Eastridge to BART Regional Connector:***

The Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) will add 2.4 miles of double track light rail along Capitol Expressway in San Jose. This segment extends the SCVTA light rail system from

the Alum Rock station to Eastridge Transit Center, entirely within the City of San Jose. The alignment traverses through a mixture of residential, commercial, industrial, and undeveloped areas. The proposed light rail alignment consists of an elevated guideway to the side and in the median of Capitol Expressway on retained earth and structure. There are no new at-grade automobile crossings, but there will be two pedestrian at-grade crossings at Eastridge Station. Resolution ST-88 dated May 24, 2007, grants SCVTA's request for approval of its Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Certification Plan (SSCP) dated March 2, 2007. Utility Relocation is underway and Station Art Enhancement Community meeting is ongoing. Construction to begin 2024. Full Funding has been secured for this project. Construction completion to occur in CY 2028-2029. A project milestone was reached on March 7, 2024, when VTA's Board of Directors unanimously awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$437,161,464 to MCM Railworks, Joint Venture, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. A groundbreaking event occurred on June 8, 2024. Under construction. No update.

### ***Light Rail Signal Priority Detection Upgrades Project:***

The work involved is a replacement of the Train-to-Wayside hard-wired system with a new GPS-based LRV detection system to act as primary detection system for requesting Transit Service Priority (TSP) at non-gated signalized intersections. The necessary equipment for the work would be installed on 98 of VTA's light rail vehicles and would be installed at 89 signalized intersections. SCVTA submitted the project SCP on May 5, 2021. At its August 19, 2021, meeting the Commission approved the SCP by Resolution ST-245. All 98 Light Rail Vehicles have been equipped with EMTRAC installation. GO 88-B applications for San Jose, Milpitas, and Santa Clara cities approved by CPUC RCEB except 3 locations related to Caltrans encroachment permits will be submitted later for review. Installation of equipment at every intersection by VTA Contractors is completed. City and Contractors reviewing and signing certificates. Sunnyvale pilot testing was conducted in the month of November 2024. Final Test Plan has been shared with RTSB Staff. No update.

## **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency – SFMTA**

### ***LRV4 Vehicle Procurement Project:***

SFMTA LRV4 procurement project is to expand and replace its rail fleet with 264 state-of-the-art Siemens LRVs. CPUC granted SFMTA approval for revenue service in 2017. After delivery of 68 cars by 2020, SFMTA found issues with the doors. SFMTA have since stopped accepting new cars and asked Siemens to resolve the issue. Siemens redesigned sensitive edges and rubber elements for the doors for improved sensitivity for patron use and updated the rear viewing technology.

On December 19, 2024, RTSB staff sent a letter to authorize SFMTA to place two more LRV4 cars (2150, and 2159) into revenue service upon receipt of the letter. Currently, SFMTA has 157 LRV4's accepted and revenue service ready.

## **SFMTA L Taraval Improvement Project:**

In response to numerous collisions and reported safety concerns, SFMTA has implemented the L Taraval Rapid project to improve safety by improving transit stops and making other modifications. It also includes a nearly complete rehabilitation on Taraval Street that will replace infrastructure like the worn rails, overhead wires, water, and sewer lines, as well as repave the entire street. Construction will last approximately three years. Transit service on the L Taraval will remain throughout with a combination of buses and trains. Once completed, the corridor will boast new transit priority traffic signals, bulb-outs to make pedestrian crossing safer, new trees, high visibility crosswalks, safety boarding islands, and increased accessibility. SFMTA is happy to share that the L Taraval Improvement Project has been substantially completed! While the biggest work is behind SFMTA, please note there are still a few smaller “punch list” items remaining, such as adjusting utility lines, refreshing transit lane paint, boarding island grout work, removing construction materials, and installing transit shelters. SFMTA is excited for riders to begin enjoying their new Taraval St—from West Portal to Parkside to the beach—with a safer, more reliable ride. No update.

## Appendices

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### **Corrective Actions Plans**

General Order 164-E defines Corrective Action Plan as a plan developed by a Rail Transit Agency that describes the actions the RTA will take to minimize, mitigate, control, correct, or eliminate risks and hazards, and the schedule for implementing those actions.

### **Accident Investigations**

Per General Order 164-E, the Commission must be notified within 2 hours by rail transit agencies of accidents if they include one of the following: a fatality (occurring at the scene, or within 30 calendar days following the incident); one or more persons suffering “serious injury” (as defined in GO 164-E); a collision involving a rail transit vehicle and another rail transit vehicle, or individual; a derailment of any rail transit vehicle at any location, at any time, whatever the cause; an evacuation for life safety reasons; or a runaway train. “Courtesy notices” are not included in these statistics.