

CAR – LESS California

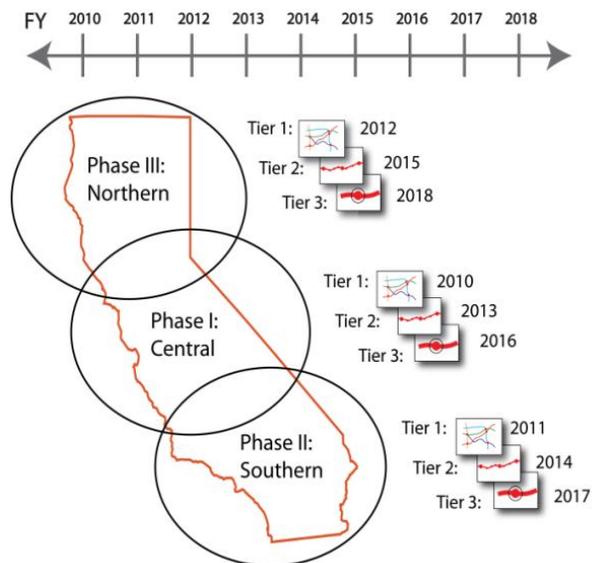
California Alternative transportation for Recreation – Leisure for Everyone that is Seamless and Sustainable

What: The Forest Service has launched a planning project for alternative transportation in California. The vision of this multi-agency project is to create seamless transit services that connect visitors to outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands. The focus is on improving access to underserved visitors who may be unable to enjoy their parks and public lands for a variety of reasons.

Where: The Project Team has begun by focusing its efforts across federal lands. As the project develops, we hope to see this expand to include state, regional, and county lands as well to reach more people.

The project is multi-phased and multi-tiered. The first phase of the project has started with planning in central California. Subsequent phases will cover Northern and Southern California. Future tiers of the project will move the planning to implementation of alternative transit.

Who: The Forest Service is leading the effort, partnering with the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and three CSU campuses (Chico, SFSU, Channel Islands). Other partners and stakeholders include state and regional agencies, local non-profits, community groups, and the general public.



Guiding Principles

1. Advancing a Seamless-Service Approach to Outdoor Recreation Services
2. Extending Transit in Parks Opportunities to Underserved Communities
3. Adopting a Planning and Implementation Horizon that Supports Sustainability
4. Engaging Strategic Partners, Stakeholders, Technical Support, and Expertise
5. Orchestrating the Convergence of Program Offerings
6. Pursuing Meaningful Outdoor Experiences
7. Nurturing the Promise of the Next Generation of Recreation Professionals
8. Promoting Social Sustainability through Increased Individual and Community Health
9. Promoting Economic Sustainability of Transportation System, Affected Communities and Recreation Areas
10. Promoting Environmental Sustainability by Protecting and Enhancing the Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources for the Benefit and Enjoyment of Future Generations

For more information about the guiding principles and other project details please visit our website on the Pacific Southwest Region Forest Service Working Together page:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R5/CAR-LESS>