

e-Newsletter

CalVans, California Vanpool Authority Newsletter



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Who We Are

The California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) is a public transit agency providing public vanpools to those electing to commute to work in a non-profit manner; this includes agricultural workers and non-agricultural workers. The service provided by CalVans is recognized by local, state and federal agencies as a safe and cost effective method of getting to work in a shared ride vehicle.

How Can CalVans Help YOU?

If you would like to bring the benefits of CalVans to your operation, contact the California Vanpool Authority Toll-Free at **1-866-655-5444**.

CalVans operates Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on major holidays.

The CalVans main office is located at:

**1340 North Drive
Hanford, Ca 93230**

CalVans also has satellite offices in Imperial, Kern, Monterey, Ventura, and San Joaquin County.

Counties Served by CalVans

San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial.



Out of Vans Until the Fall

Even though it is winter it has been a busy time. We continue to receive calls from growers and contractors seeking the use our service. At this point we are telling those **that do not have vans now, or have not advised us of their needs, that we are out of vans until this fall**. At that time we will begin to receive 185 new vans funded through the Cap and Trade program. In anticipation of this demand, we asked you in our last newsletter to let us know how many vans you will be needing and when. A number of you reached out, allowing us to determine how many vans we will have available this summer. **At this time the number is zero for this Spring and Summer.**

If you are using our program now, I have accounted for the vans you have in your possession, this totals 191 vans. I added to that, the 186 that have been requested or spoken for, bring the total to 377. That leaves us about 45 vans for spares and swaps until we begin receiving our new vans in late summer. To make better use of what is out there, I am requiring a break down of what you need when. I have attached to this newsletter a form for that purpose (see page 3). If we do not receive the form and see that your vans have not moved for some time we will be picking them up, as we will assume you will not be needing them. The goal is to move and share vans between companies as the season and crops change.

Letters of Support

We were successful in receiving funds last year in part to the support letters you sent in the fall of 2016. This funding provides \$6 million for the acquiring farmworker vanpools, identified as the Agricultural Workers Vanpools Pilot Project. I am asking for that same support as we attempt to pass legislation that codify the pilot project into statute as a statewide grant project that captures all low-income and disadvantaged communities. Cap-and-Trade revenues are identified as the funds that would be put towards this program.

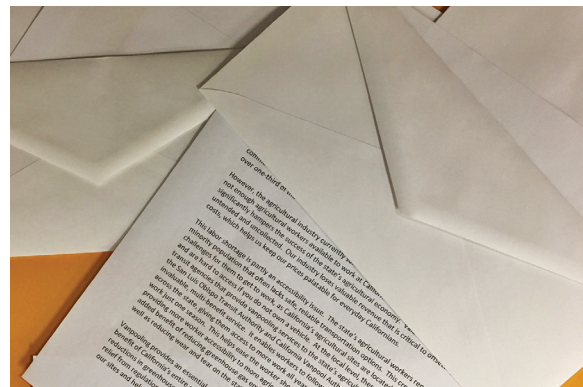
The Bill, AB 2006 (see page 4) was introduced by Assembly member Eggman, District 13 from Stockton, coauthored by Assembly member Caballero, District 30 from Salinas and Assembly member Aguiar-Curry, District 4. CalVans Staff is working on building support for the legislation with hopes of establishing a funding source for other public agencies that may want to undertake a farmworker vanpool program. CalVans Staff will be circulating a support letter among the growers and contractors. If you wish, you may send one separately. A sample support letter will be sent included with this newsletter, which you can use or change as needed. All support letters can be sent to the CalVans office, faxed or emailed:

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1340 North Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Fax: 559-587-0714

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Please call our Hanford office at 559-852-2696 if you have any questions on the Bill or the letter of support. Thanks you in advance for your support.



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Silent Passenger

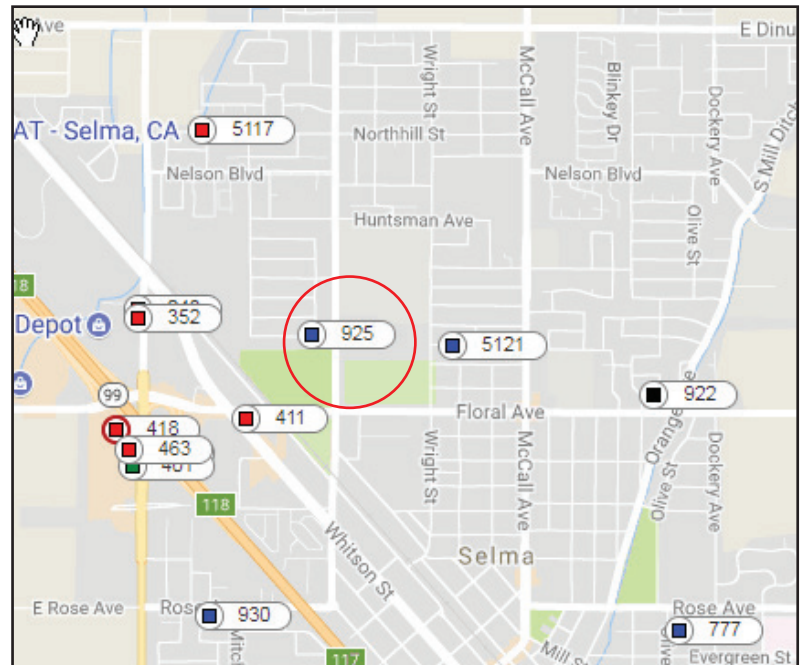
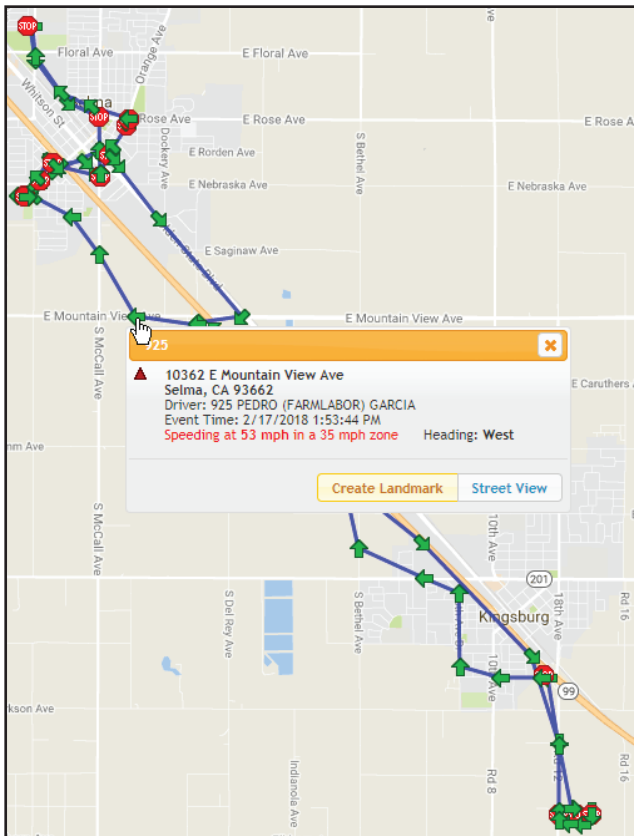
The system for tracking our vans was Webtech. We have just about completed the transition to our new provider, Silent Passenger. CalVans has set many of you up with access to the system to see the vans assigned to you, create breadcrumb trails and run various reports. The following illustrates 4 types of reports you can get from the system.

The example to the right shows the miles driven each day by vanpool 925 for the week of February 12th through February 18th.

Vehicle	Date	Mileage
925	2/12/2018	28
925	2/13/2018	34
925	2/14/2018	35
925	2/15/2018	37
925	2/16/2018	25
925	2/17/2018	25
925	2/18/2018	0
		184

Vehicle	Driver	Reading Time	Street	City	Stat	Event	Nar	Mileage	Hours
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 5:57:00 AM	2540 Oak St	Selma	CA	Ignition On			
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 6:34:48 AM	Road 12	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition Off	11.61		00:37:48
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 8:52:25 AM	Road 12	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition On			
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 9:07:38 AM	38582 Road 12	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition Off	0.27		00:15:13
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 1:25:41 PM	38582 Road 12	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition On			
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 1:35:15 PM	1599 Mehlert Ave	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition Off	1.9		00:09:34
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 1:39:54 PM	1599 Mehlert Ave	Kingsburg	CA	Ignition On			
925	925 PEDRO GARCIA	2/17/2018 2:20:04 PM	2533 Oak St	Selma	CA	Ignition Off	10.73		00:40:10
Total								24.51	

This example shows activity for the 17th, including the van number, driver's name, time location, and miles driven between van being turned on and off. The hours reflect the amount of the time the van was running and in most cases this is the amount of time the driver spent driving the van.



The image above is showing the van parked at the driver's home.

The image to the left is the path the driver drove on the 17th. It includes the ability to look at various points along the route to see location and speed.



Having Access to Vehicles Requires Advance Notice

Please fill out the graph below letting us know the number of vans you currently have (write down van number) and the months you will be using the vans. An example is shown below.

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Van #	March	April	May	June	July	August

EXAMPLE:

Van #	March	April	May	June	July	August
991	X	X				
001			X	X	X	X
312				X	X	X



AB 2006 - Agricultural worker clean transportation investment act

SUMMARY

Currently, the Air Resources Board (ARB) administers a pilot project that provides funding to vanpool programs for agricultural workers. This program provides needed transportation to workers that have to commute to remote areas of the state, while also reducing vehicle emissions and congestion on roadways. This bill will expand the reach of the program operated by the ARB and provide additional guidance from the legislature.

BACKGROUND

Many of California's agricultural workers live in extreme poverty and disadvantaged communities, where they are forced to bear a disproportionate share of California's economic, health, and environmental burdens. Due to this economic hardship, they often lack safe, reliable, and clean transportation options. This creates challenges for them to get to work, as California's agricultural sites are in remote areas that are hard to access without a vehicle.

Pursuant to SB 1275 (de León, Statutes of 2014), the ARB created several clean vehicle access pilot projects for disadvantaged communities, including a vanpool pilot project for agricultural workers living in the San Joaquin Valley.

Many low-income and disadvantaged communities exist throughout the rest of the state that are not eligible for this funding. These areas also have struggling workers that could benefit greatly from expanded vanpool services from this program.

THIS BILL

AB 2006 would codify this pilot project into statute as a statewide grant program that captures all low-income and disadvantaged communities. This will ensure that the program services all agricultural communities that need clean, reliable, transportation services.

Furthermore, given the continued investment of millions of dollars of cap-and-trade auction revenues into this project, putting it into statute will provide stronger legislative oversight of the program and ensure its longevity.

SUPPORT

California Vanpool Authority (Sponsor)

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**Sample Letter of Support
will be attached in a
Word Document**