

San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Agenda Item 8

State Legislation - October 2023

(Updated October 15, 2023)

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Table 1 shows the status of active bills on which the Board has already taken a position or that staff has been monitoring as part of the watch list. The last day to approve bills before the first year of the legislative session ended was September 14, 2023. The Governor had until October 14, 2023 to sign or veto bills, or take no action and the bill then becomes law. We will report out on final outcomes at the October 17, Board meeting.

Table 1. Bill Status for Positions Taken in the 2023-24 Session

Below are updates for the two-year bills for which the Transportation Authority have taken a position or identified as a bill to watch. Updates to bills since the Board's last state legislative update are italicized.

Adopted Positions / Monitoring Status	Bill # Author	Bill Title	Update to Bill Status ¹ (as of 10/15/2023)
Support	ACA 1 Aguiar-Curry D Haney D Principal Coauthor: Wiener D	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. Reduces the voter threshold from two-thirds to 55% for a city, county, or special district to approve a bond measure that funds the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing.	<i>Chaptered</i>
	AB 251 Ward D	California Transportation Commission: vehicle weight safety study. Requires the formation of a task force to study the relationship between vehicle weight and injuries to vulnerable road users and the costs and benefits of a passenger vehicle weight fee.	<i>Chaptered (signed by Governor)</i>
	AB 361 Ward D	Vehicles: video imaging of bicycle lane parking violations. Authorizes the use of automated forward-facing cameras on parking enforcement vehicles for the purpose of citing parking violations in bicycle lanes.	<i>Chaptered (signed by Governor)</i>
	AB 645 Friedman D	Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program. Establish a pilot safety program, including limited authorization of speed safety cameras.	<i>Chaptered (signed by Governor)</i>

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	SB 532 Wiener D	<p>San Francisco Bay area toll bridges: toll increase: transit operating expenses.</p> <p>Raise tolls on Bay Area bridges by \$1.50 for four years and direct funding to maintain transit services and help operators address the pending transit fiscal cliff.</p>	<p>Assembly Appropriations</p> <p>Bill held by author to allow additional discussion with Bay Area legislators and other stakeholders. Can be taken up next year.</p>
Watch	AB 6 Friedman D	<p>Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Increases state involvement in regional Sustainable Communities Strategy development and requires projects nominated to receive SCCP funds to demonstrate how it would contribute to achieving the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.</p>	<p>Senate Transportation</p> <p>Bill held by author. Can be taken up next year.</p>
	AB 7 Friedman D	<p>Transportation: planning: project selection processes.</p> <p>Requires state transportation agencies to incorporate a wide range of principles into their project identification processes (including vision zero, resiliency, ZEV infrastructure, not increasing passenger VMT) and requires the next update to the California Transportation Plan include a financial element.</p>	<p>Senate Inactive</p> <p>Can be taken up next year.</p>
	AB 761 Friedman D	<p>Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts (was formerly Transit Transformation Task Force).</p> <p>Would have established a task force to develop policies to grow transit ridership and improve the transit experience, requiring a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2025. These provisions were approved earlier this year as part of SB 125, the budget trailer bill.</p> <p>The author recently repurposed the bill to now apply to a Los Angeles-specific financing effort and we are therefore removing it from our watch list.</p>	<p>Senate Rules</p> <p>Gutted and amended. Bill to be removed from watch list.</p>

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Oppose Unless Amended	AB 825 Bryan (D)	Vehicles: bicycles on sidewalks. Authorizes the use of bicycles on sidewalks statewide unless the adjacent street has a striped or separated bicycle facility. Bill has recently been amended to provide some flexibility to local governments to put in place restrictions on the use of bicycles on sidewalks (such as in commercial districts or on streets with a speed limit of 20 mph or less). However, we still feel the amendments are insufficient to withdraw the current position.	<i>Vetoed by Governor</i>
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¹Under this column, "Chaptered" means the bill is now law, "Dead" means the bill is no longer viable this session, and "Enrolled" means it has passed both Houses of the Legislature. Bill status at a House's "Desk" means it is pending referral to a Committee.