

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

State Legislation - September 2020

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The State Legislature concluded the current session on August 31, after advancing a small number of priority bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Newsom has until September 30, 2020 to sign or veto legislation. Any bill still on his desk at that point automatically becomes law.

Table 1 shows the status of bills on which the Board has already taken a position. **Table 2** shows the status of bills the Board directed staff to watch. We have provided a short description of bills that are awaiting consideration by the Governor or were already chaptered.

Table 1. Bill Status for Positions Taken in the 2019-2020 Session

Updates to bills since the Board last reviewed this table are italicized.

Adopted Positions	Bill # Author	Bill Title	Update to Bill Status ¹ (as of 9/3/2020)
Support	AB 40 Ting D	Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project. Declares it is the policy of the state to place at least 5,000,000 zero-emission vehicles on state roads by 2030 and 10,000,000 by 2035. Also limits eligibility for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to only those manufactured by companies that have agreed to meet California’s cleaner fleet standards than the national standards.	Dead
	AB 659 Mullin D	Transportation: emerging transportation technologies: California Smart City Challenge Grant Program. Establishes the California Smart City Challenge Grant Program to enable municipalities to compete for grant funding for emerging transportation technologies to serve their transportation system needs.	Dead
	AB 1286 Muratsuchi D	Shared mobility devices: agreements. Requires that a shared mobility device company, such as scooter-share or bike-share companies, enters into an agreement with a jurisdiction before distributing shared-mobility devices within the jurisdiction.	<i>Enrolled</i>
	AB 2828 Friedman D	Traffic Safety. Beginning June 1, 2022, and every six months thereafter, the department shall convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual.	Dead
	SB 1291 Senate Committee on Transportation	Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: submissions Eliminates requirement for regional transportation agencies to submit a Federal Transportation Improvement Program to	<i>Chaptered</i>

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		the US Department of Transportation for 2020.	
Conditional Support with Amendments	AB 2824 Bonta D	Bay Bridge Fast Forward Program. Requires the identification, planning, and delivery of a comprehensive set of operational, transit, and infrastructure investments for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge corridor. If specified travel speed reliability performance target for the corridor isn't met, requires a year-long pilot program of a bus- and HOV-only lane on the Bay Bridge.	Dead
Oppose Unless Amended	AB 326 Muratsuchi D	Electric mobility manufacturers. When position was adopted, bill would have allowed automated motorized carrying devices to operate on sidewalks. As amended, now authorizes an electric mobility manufacturer to authorize a month to month subscription service for its vehicles.	<i>Dead</i>
	AB 1112 Friedman D	Shared mobility devices: local regulation. Prohibits removal of an unattended micro mobility device other than to relocate it to a properly parked location a short distance away.	<i>Dead</i>
	AB 1964 Frazier D	Autonomous vehicles. Effectively authorizes the testing of remote-controlled vehicles on public roads, similar to what autonomous vehicles have today.	Dead
	SB 50 Wiener D	Planning and zoning: housing development: streamlined approval: incentives. Among other things, establishes by-right housing height and density standards near high-quality transit.	Dead
Oppose	AB 553 Melendez R	High-speed rail bonds: housing. Prevents further sale of high-speed rail bonds except as specifically provided with respect to early implementation projects in the High-Speed Rail Phase 1 blended system. Makes unspent proceeds available to the Department of Housing and Community Development's Multifamily Housing Program.	Dead
	AB 1167 Mathis R	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: high-speed rail: forestry and fire protection. Redirects 25% of cap and trade funds from the High-Speed Rail program to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.	Dead
	AB 1848 Lackey R	High-speed rail: Metrolink commuter rail system. Appropriates \$4 billion of High-Speed Rail bonds to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for improvements	Dead

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		to the Metrolink commuter rail system.	
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¹Under this column, “Chaptered” means the bill is now law, “Dead” means the bill is no longer viable this session, “Enrolled” means it has passed both Houses of the Legislature and has been forwarded to the Governor’s desk, and “Failed” means it failed to receive the necessary votes for approval.

Table 2. Bill Status for Watch Positions Taken in the 2019-2020 Session

Adopted Positions	Bill # Author	Bill Title	Bill Status (as of 9/3/2020)
Watch	AB 11 Chiu D	Community Redevelopment Law of 2019. Allows cities and counties to create new redevelopment agencies to fund affordable housing and infrastructure projects.	Dead
	AB 380 Frazier D	Office of the Transportation Inspector General. Creates the Independent Office of the Transportation Inspector General to ensure that specified state agencies and all external entities that receive state and federal transportation funds are operating efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with federal and state laws.	Dead
	AB 1277 Obernalte R	Transportation projects: oversight committees. Requires public agencies administering a transportation project that costs more than \$1 billion to establish a comprehensive risk management plan, establish a project oversight committee, and provide reports to the California Transportation Commission.	Dead
	AB 1350 Gonzalez R	Free youth transit passes: eligibility for state funding [prior to amendment]. Requires transit agencies to offer free transit passes to persons under 18 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.	Amended to non-transportation bill
	AB 1568 McCarty D	Housing law compliance: prohibition on applying for state grants. Prohibits a local jurisdiction from applying for state grants after January 1, 2025, other than certain fuel taxes and fees protected by the California Constitution, if it is determined to be out of compliance with the state’s Housing Element Law.	Dead
	AB 2012 Chu D	Free senior transit passes: eligibility for state funding. Requires transit agencies to offer free transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act,	Dead

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		the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.	
	AB 2057 Chiu D	San Francisco Bay area: public transportation. Establishes the Bay Area Seamless Transit Task Force to recommend to the Legislature the structure, governance, and funding of the transportation network manager and the organizational structure, governance, and funding for San Francisco Bay Area transportation agencies to maximize the effectiveness of the region's transit system and submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2023. Includes several other requirements such as that MTC develop a standardized regional mapping system, standardized fare discount categories, and open data standards for routes, schedules, and fares.	Dead
	AB 2121 Friedman D	Traffic safety. Requires that Caltrans convene regular meetings of external design experts to provide input to the state Highway Design Manual, requires that the state track bicycle and pedestrian related crashes, and provides a pathway for a 5-year extension of the establishment of speed limits, if a registered engineer finds an increase in crashes along a section of highway.	Dead
	AB 2176 Holden D	Free student transit passes: eligibility for state funding. Requires transit agencies offer free student transit passes to persons attending the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, or the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.	Dead
	AB 2305 Ting D	Vehicles: local regulation of traffic: private roads. The was a spot bill which we were working with the author and Supervisor Stefani's office to amend to authorize a pilot no-fee reservation system for the Lombard Crooked Street.	Dead
	AB 3213 Friedman D	High-Speed Rail Authority: high-speed rail service: priorities. Requires the High-Speed Rail Authority to prioritize projects for the development and implementation of high-speed rail based on three criteria: overall benefit to the state; increased passenger rail ridership; and automobile trip replacement.	Dead
	AB 3278 Patterson R	High-Speed Rail Authority: passenger train service. Adds to an existing requirement in the Streets and Highways Code, that the operation of high-speed train service be provided with no operating subsidy whether the service is provided by the High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) directly, or is provided by a third party.	Dead

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	ACA 1 Aguiar-Curry D	<p>Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.</p> <p>Lowers the voter-approval threshold on local taxes to 55% if the revenues would be used to fund the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing.</p>	Failed
	SB 278 Beall D	<p>Metropolitan Transportation Commission.</p> <p>This was a placeholder bill for a potential regional transportation revenue measure for the Bay Area.</p>	Dead
	SB 288 Wiener D	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transportation-related projects.</p> <p>Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), until 2023, various transit-related projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities projects, transit prioritization projects, and projects for the institution or increase of new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail service on existing public rights-of-way or existing highway rights-of-way.</p>	Enrolled