

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

State Legislation - June 2022

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Staff has added Assembly Bill (AB) 1938 (Friedman) to the watch list as show in **Table 1**. This does not require Board action.

Table 2 shows the status of active bills on which the Board has already taken a position, or that staff has been monitoring on the watch list.

Table 1. Recommended New Positions and Additions to Watch List

Recommended Positions	Bill # Author	Title and Summary
Watch	AB 1938 Friedman D	<p>Transit and Intercity Rail Recovery Task Force.</p> <p>This bill would require the formation of a new Transit and Intercity Rail Recovery Task Force that includes state and local representatives as well as academic institutions and nongovernmental organizations. The task force would be charged with the development of policies to grow transit and intercity rail ridership and improve how transit works for users throughout the state. The Secretary of Transportation, informed by the task force’s work, would be directed to submit findings to the Legislature on or before Jan 1, 2025. That report would include recommendations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to reduce operational costs for transit and intercity rail (including consolidating agencies or having a network manager), • Fare coordination • How to increase transit reliability • Changes to land use that could improve transit use • Whether the state should create a new revenue source or shift existing revenue sources to pay for transit operations and projects, including restricting revenues from local transportation funds. <p>We support the state’s interest in improving transit and make it more attractive to riders. Given the financial challenges faced by transit, which were exacerbated by the pandemic, we are particularly interested in potential recommendations that would call for new, reliable funding for transit operations and projects. However, we are very concerned about the Task Force exploring ways to restrict or redirect local transportation funds. Finally, we recommend adding this bill to the watch list because there would be significant overlap with another bill on our watch list - SB 917 (Becker). That bill, the Seamless Transit Transformation Act, would require fare integration, free transfers, uniform wayfinding, and other measures in the Bay Area. We would seek to understand how the two bills would work in tandem if both are approved.</p>

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Table 2. Bill Status for Positions Taken in the 2021-22 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. Bills that were chaptered, vetoed, or otherwise died during the first year of the 2021-22 session have been removed from the table. 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 05/31/2022)
Support	AB 117 Boerner Horvath D	Air Quality Improvement Program: electric bicycles. Makes electric bicycles eligible to receive funding from the Air Quality Improvement Program.	Senate Appropriations
Support	AB 455 Wicks D Coauthor: Wiener D	Bay Bridge Fast Forward Program. Authorizes the Bay Area Toll Authority to designate transit-only traffic lanes on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.	Senate Transportation
Support	AB 2147 Ting D	Pedestrians. Generally prohibits the enforcement of jaywalking laws.	<i>Senate Rules</i>
Support	AB 2197 Mullin	Caltrain electrification project: funding. Appropriates \$260 million from the General Fund to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the purpose of completing the Caltrain Electrification Project.	<i>Dead</i>
Support	AB 2336 Ting D Friedman D	Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program. Authorizes, until January 1, 2028, San Francisco, and four other jurisdictions to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program.	<i>Dead</i>
Support	SB 942 Newman D	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) free or reduced fare transit program. Permits transit agencies to use LCTOP formula funds for free or reduced transit ridership programs on an ongoing basis.	<i>Assembly Transportation</i>
Watch	AB 2237 Friedman D	Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: climate goals. Imposes new requirements on local, regional, and state agencies that aim to better align transportation planning and investment with state climate goals.	<i>Senate Rules</i>

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Watch	AB 2594 Ting D	Vehicle registration and toll charges. Implements a package of new provisions to reform roadway and bridge tolling practices in California.	<i>Senate Rules</i>
Watch	ACA 1 Aguiar-Curry D Lorena Gonzalez D	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. Amends the California Constitution to authorize local ad valorem property taxes to be approved by 55% of the voters if used for transit, streets and roads, and sea level rise protections.	Assembly Local Government
Watch	SB 66 Allen D	California Council on the Future of Transportation: advisory committee: autonomous vehicle technology. Establishes an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding the deployment of autonomous vehicles.	Assembly Appropriations
Watch	SB 917 Becker D	Seamless Transit Transformation Act. Advances recommendations from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transit Transformative Action Plan, including the development of a Connected Network Plan and the implementation of an integrated transit fare structure.	<i>Assembly Transportation</i>
Watch	SB 922 Wiener D	California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transportation-related projects. Extends until January 1, 2030 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutory exemptions for specified sustainable transportation projects that were authorized in SB 288 (Wiener, 2020), and expands upon them.	<i>Assembly Natural Resources</i>
Watch	SB 1049 Dodd D	Transportation Resilience Program. Establishes a new competitive grant program for transportation resilience projects, administered by the California Transportation Commission, utilizing new formula funds the state will receive from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.	<i>Assembly Desk</i>
Watch	SB 1050 Dodd D	State Route (SR) 37 Toll Bridge Act. Establishes a new SR-37 Toll Authority to operate and maintain a tolling program on SR-37 that funds projects to help make the facility more resilient to sea level rise.	<i>Assembly Desk</i>

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.