

State Legislation - March 2024

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Staff is not recommending any new positions but are adding Assembly Bill (AB) 2813 (Aquiar-Curry) and AB 3061 (Haney) to the Watch list, as shown in **Table 1**. There is a separate agenda item seeking approval of a support position on Senate Bill (SB) 915 (Cortese).

Table 2 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.

Table 1. Recommended New Positions

Recommended	Bill #	Title and Summary
Positions	Author	
Watch	AB 2813 Aguiar-Curry D	Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 1 was approved by the legislature in 2023 and is scheduled to be on the November 5, 2024 statewide ballot. If approved by a simple majority of the voters, it would reduce the voter threshold from two-thirds to 55% for a city, county, or special district to approve a bond measure or special tax that funds the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing. AB 2813 provides additional detail on how ACA 1 should be implemented by local jurisdictions. AB 2813 details the types of eligible affordable housing programs that could be funded through a measure approved under ACA 1, requires the California State Auditor to establish best practices for audits, and establish requirements regarding the appointment and function of a citizens' oversight committee. AB 2813 is meant to serve as clean-up legislation that provides more specificity as to how ACA 1 would be implemented in advance of the November election. We are adding it to the watch list to ensure there is nothing added that would limit San Francisco's ability to use ACA 1 to approve a wide range of infrastructure programs with a 55% majority.



Recommended Positions	Bill # Author	Title and Summary
Watch	AB 3061 Haney D	Vehicles: Autonomous vehicle (AV) incident reporting. AB 3061 would require AV manufacturers to report to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) any vehicle collision, traffic violation, or disengagement, or the assault or harassment of any passenger or safety driver in California. The bill would require these reports to be submitted on a timeline adopted by the DMV and would require DMV to publish them in an electronic, open, and machine-readable format. It would require the creation and publishing of an AV incident form and a form to allow for the aggregate analysis of AV safety by no later than July 1, 2025. The DMV could impose fines for violations of the reporting provisions and could suspend or revoke the testing and deployment permit of any manufacturer while an investigation of any violations is pending. The bill would also authorize members of the public or public entities to submit an AV incident report to the DMV. The bill's sponsors are the Teamsters and the Consumer Attorneys of California. We have been working closely with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) on recommendations for legislative requirements that would ensure greater transparency of AV testing and deployment. We have initially met with Assemblymember Haney's staff and intend to work with him and the bill's sponsors to ensure AV companies are reporting on key safety metrics as well as other metrics such as vehicle miles traveled that would help DMV and local jurisdictions better understand AVs' impacts on public roadways.



Table 2. 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 03/05/2024)
Support	SB 532 Wiener D	San Francisco Bay area toll bridges: tolls: transit operating expenses. 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.	Assembly Appropriations
Watch	AB 6 Friedman D	Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. 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.	Senate Transportation
	AB 7 Friedman D	Transportation: planning: project selection processes. Requires state transportation agencies to incorporate a wide range of principles into their project identification processes (including vision zero, resiliency, Zero-Emission Vehicle infrastructure, not increasing passenger Vehicle Miles Traveled) and requires the next update to the California Transportation Plan include a financial element.	Senate Inactive
	AB 1777 Ting D	Autonomous vehicles. States an intent to require AVs to comply with all California Vehicle Code traffic laws and require the California Department of Motor Vehicles and California Public Utilities Commission to publish AV-related data. As reported last month, we are working closely with the SFMTA, and the City Attorney's Office, and have proposed substantive language to the Assemblymember's office to address concerns around AV enforcement, permitting, and data transparency.	Pending Referral
	AB 1837 Papan D	San Francisco Bay area: public transportation. States an intent to encourage coordination and collaboration among Bay Area transit agencies.	Pending Referral



SB 915 Cortese D	Local government: autonomous vehicles. Prohibits an AV company from commencing commercial services within a jurisdiction until authorized by a local ordinance in addition to securing any approvals required by the state.	Senate Local Government Committee
SB 925 Wiener D	San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation improvements. States an intent to authorize MTC to place a transportation revenue measure on the ballot as early as 2026 to fund the operation, expansion, and transformation of the Bay Area transportation network.	Senate Rules Committee
SB 926 Wahab D	San Francisco Bay area: public transportation. Requires the California State Transportation Agency to develop a plan to consolidate the Bay Area's 26 transit agencies.	Senate Transportation

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.