



AGENDA ITEM 9
STATE LEGISLATION - MARCH 2025

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Staff is recommending approval of new support positions on Assembly Bill (AB) 891 (Zbur) and Senate Bill (SB) 71 (Wiener) and a support in concept position on SB 63 (Wiener) as shown in **Table 1**. AB 939 (Schultz) will also be added to the Transportation Authority’s watch list as shown in **Table 2**.

Table 1. Recommended New Positions

Recommen ded Positions	Bill # Author	Title and Summary
Support	AB 891 Zbur D	<p>Transportation: Quick-Build Project Pilot Program.</p> <p>Existing law requires Caltrans to improve and maintain the state highways. This bill would establish the Quick-Build Project Pilot Program within Caltrans’s maintenance program to expedite development and implementation of low-cost projects on the state highway system, including but not limited to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. By December 31, 2027, Caltrans would be required to develop and publish guidance for the deployment of district quick-build projects and, by December 31, 2028, to identify and commit to funding a minimum of six quick-build projects statewide.</p> <p>We are recommending a support position on this bill to encourage Caltrans to initiate consideration of quick-build projects within its annual facility maintenance program. This supports SB 960 (Wiener, 2024) which strengthened requirements that state of good repair projects on the state highway system accommodate all road users.</p>



Support in Concept	SB 63 Wiener D, Arreguin D	<p>San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation funding.</p> <p>Transportation Authority staff, along with elected officials, staff from transit operators and county and local governments, and various advocacy and community organizations throughout the Bay Area have been engaged over the past year in developing a potential future regional transportation revenue measure, targeting the November 2026 ballot. This bill is intended as the vehicle for this legislation, stating the intent of the Legislature to authorize a revenue measure to invest in transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area. As the organization that will be authorized to implement the measure, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has been working closely with the two authors and interested parties to develop a spending plan that, at a minimum, sustains and improves public transportation in the Bay Area.</p> <p>We will continue to engage with the Senators, the rest of the Bay Area legislative delegation, MTC Commissioners and staff, and other interested parties including San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), BART, and Caltrain to develop the details of the substantive language and report back to the Transportation Authority Board as the effort evolves.</p>
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Support	SB 71 Wiener D	California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects. As a result of Senate Bill 922 (Wiener), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempts from its requirements, until January 1, 2030, certain transportation-related plans and projects, such as pedestrian and bicycles facilities, transit prioritization projects, bus rapid transit, bus, and light rail service. This bill would remove the current sunset date and extend these exemptions indefinitely, as well as extend them to transit route readjustments or modifications, shuttles and ferries, and for the maintenance, construction, or rehabilitation of transit stops serving low or no emission transit vehicles. SB 922 has been instrumental in the success of more than 40 SFMTA bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects since its passage in 2022, including Vision Zero traffic sign upgrades and new turn signals, quick-build projects, and transit prioritization features. The MTC and San Francisco's State Legislation Committee have adopted support positions on SB 71.
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Table 2. Bills Added to Watch List

Bill # Author	Title and Summary
AB 939 Schultz D	The Safe, Sustainable, Traffic-Reducing Transportation Bond Act of 2026. This bill would enact the Safe, Sustainable, Traffic-Reducing Transportation Bond Act of 2026 which, if approved by the voters at the November 3, 2026 election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$20 billion to finance transit and passenger rail improvements, local streets and roads and active transportation projects, zero-emission vehicle investments, transportation freight infrastructure improvements, and grade separations and other critical safety improvements.