



**San Francisco  
County Transportation  
Authority**

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-37

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority routinely monitors pending legislation that may affect the Transportation Authority and San Francisco's transportation program; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Transportation Authority adopts a set of legislative principles to guide its transportation policy and funding advocacy in the sessions of the State and Federal Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, The attached 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Program reflects key principles gathered from common positions with other County Transportation Agencies and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; the Transportation Authority's understanding of the most pressing issues facing the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, regional transit providers serving the City and County of San Francisco (City), and other City agencies charged with delivering transportation projects; and are consistent with the advocacy approaches of the Mayor's Office; and

WHEREAS, At its January 28, 2026, meeting, the Community Advisory Committee was briefed on the proposed 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Program and unanimously adopted a motion of support for its approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority does hereby adopt the attached 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is authorized to communicate this program to the appropriate parties.

Attachment:

1. 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Program



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The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 24th day of February 2026, by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (7)

**Absent:** Commissioners Chan, Chen, Mandelman, and Sauter (4)

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Chair

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Tilly Chang Date  
Executive Director

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STATE		
Area	Goal	Strategy
1. Funding	a. Secure new revenue and financing measures for transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and Caltrain in securing state loans to address near-term financial shortfalls and without redirecting funding from other San Francisco transit capital priorities.</li> <li>• Monitor and potentially support efforts to establish other new transportation revenue mechanisms or to otherwise raise additional funds dedicated to transportation (e.g. Road Usage Charge).</li> </ul>
	b. Secure cap-and-invest revenues for transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain or increase cap-and-invest funding for current transportation programs (e.g., Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)).</li> <li>• Seek discretionary grants from the legislatively-appropriated portion of the cap and invest program for The Portal (see 2a below). Seek appropriation from the new \$125 million transit pass program to expand the region’s Clipper BayPass pilot program.</li> </ul>
	c. Protect transportation funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oppose the elimination or redirection of transportation funds (e.g. cap-and-invest, TIRCP, Active Transportation Program (ATP)).</li> <li>• Maintain the remaining \$700 million in regional transit formula funding included in Senate Bill (Senate Bill) 125 (2023) for the BART Core Capacity and BART to Silicon Valley Phase 2 projects.</li> </ul>
	d. Modify evaluation criteria and distribution formulas for state transportation funds and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate to modify the state definition of disadvantaged communities (e.g., CalEnviroScreen) to better align with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC’s) Equity Priority Communities.</li> <li>• Advocate to use factors in formula distribution calculations that better tie transportation funding to the true demands placed on the system, such as daytime population or transit usage rather than centerline roadway miles.</li> </ul>

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	<p>e. Streamline and improve state grant program administration (e.g., cap and invest, ATP, Transportation Fund for Clean Air)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for efficient, clear, relevant, streamlined, and flexible grant administration processes (e.g., consolidating state grant program calls for projects).</li> <li>• Oppose unfunded mandates and seek cost recovery for state requirements (e.g., autonomous vehicle (AV) permitting, transit zero emission requirements).</li> <li>• Advocate for a stronger role for regional and local governments in prioritizing projects for funding (e.g., support policies and programs that link land use/housing to transportation, incentivizing and rewarding jurisdictions that pursue transit-oriented developments).</li> </ul>
<p>2. The Portal</p>	<p>a. Secure state funding commitment to The Portal project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure total anticipated state funding commitment of \$1.05 billion to the project from sources such as cap and invest, TIRCP, and HSR.</li> <li>• Secure approximately \$110 million in near-term funding to continue advancing early project work.</li> </ul>
	<p>b. Authorize extension of local financing for The Portal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) in securing an extension of tax increment financing authorization beyond 2050 to enable new bonding capacity.</li> </ul>
	<p>c. Strengthen state commitment to a blended high-speed rail (HSR) and electrified Caltrain system extending to the Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partner agencies to advance the HSR project, oppose redirection of existing funds, and advocate that the HSR early investment projects are implemented in a manner consistent with the Northern California Memorandum of Understanding to develop a blended system.</li> <li>• Advocate for the state to commit HSR funding for The Portal and support other efforts that advance the Bay Area’s HSR segment (e.g. in support of “bookend” projects in northern and southern California).</li> </ul>

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3. Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) and Emerging Mobility	a. Ensure AVs are regulated and deployed in a way that provides transparency and advances safety and resiliency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support AV legislation and regulatory proposals that provide for data transparency, an ability to enforce compliance with driver statutes, consumer protections, adequate emergency response, and incremental permitting procedures.</li> <li>• Seek inclusion of local jurisdictions in the decision-making process for AV testing and deployment.</li> </ul>
	b. Ensure the implementation of emerging mobility innovations (e.g., Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), scooters) is consistent with new mobility principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue efforts to ensure emerging mobility is regulated and deployed in a way that balances benefits and impacts and ensures safety, equity, resiliency, and accessibility.</li> <li>• Continue to support efforts to develop and implement requirements for TNCs' greenhouse gas emissions and accessibility (e.g., California Air Resources Board's (CARB's) Clean Mile Standard). Improve the transparency and integrity of California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC's) TNC data.</li> </ul>
	c. Support technology innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with the state to fund and implement innovative mobility research and pilot projects.</li> </ul>
4. Policy Initiatives	a. Support the delivery of transportation improvements on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island (YBI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for funding for the YBI Multi-use Path (e.g. from Solutions for Congested Corridors Program).</li> <li>• Seek funding and any regulatory changes needed to advance the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency's (TIMMA's) implementation of the Treasure Island Transportation Improvement Program.</li> </ul>

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	<p>b. Improve the safety, reliability, equity, and efficiency of San Francisco’s transportation network and other transportation demand management (TDM) strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance San Francisco's Street Safety Act (formerly known as Vision Zero) to improve safety for all road users, including bills that advance best practices in safe roadway design and funding for San Francisco projects (e.g. from the ATP).</li> <li>• Seek extension of funding for CARB’s Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP) that previously provided a grant to SFMTA’s Bayview Community Shuttle and could potentially support other shuttle pilot projects.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor and, as appropriate, provide input into state transportation demand management and roadway pricing strategies (e.g. Roadway Pricing Working Group, Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee).</li> </ul>
	<p>c. Advance the adoption of e-mobility and implementation of climate resilience initiatives in a manner consistent with San Francisco’s Climate Action Plan and other relevant plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for electric vehicle (EV) legislation that is equitable, consistent with San Francisco’s other mobility policies (e.g., transit-first) and that supports San Francisco’s deployment of EV infrastructure (e.g., curbside charging, installing EV chargers in multi-family dwellings). Support funding opportunities for EV infrastructure planning, promotion, and deployment.</li> <li>• Support incentives and subsidies for e-bike adoption, focusing on access for low-income residents and communities.</li> <li>• Engage in legislative efforts to guide state expenditures on climate, resiliency, and adaptation projects. Support funding programs and policies that facilitate implementation of San Francisco’s Waterfront Resilience Program, Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan, Climate Action Plan, and other related plans.</li> </ul>

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	<p>d. Advance legislative and administrative actions in support of other policy goals (e.g., equity, efficiency)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support MTC’s effort to modernize state statutes and requirements for the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategy (i.e., Plan Bay Area) to improve state partnership, increase flexibility and efficiency of plan development, and increase action on implementing programs that deliver real-world results.</li><li>• Support efforts to advance transit-oriented development and enable value-capture mechanism to support transportation and affordable housing.</li><li>• With other County Transportation Agencies (CTAs), participate in any efforts to modernize Congestion Management Program regulations to support key policies and reinforce CTAs’ role in state, regional, and local transportation planning, congestion management, and funding.</li></ul>
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<b>FEDERAL</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Strategy</b>
1. Transportation Funding	a. Sustain or increase federal transportation funding through the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process and future surface transportation reauthorization legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oppose efforts to reduce or redirect transportation funding from San Francisco, California, and the nation as a whole.</li> <li>• Advocate for federal transportation spending at levels authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including funding for the Federal Transit Administration’s Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program. Continue to advocate for federal funding consistent with MTC’s Major Project Advancement Policy.</li> <li>• Secure directed funding (e.g. earmarks) and other appropriations for San Francisco transportation projects.</li> <li>• Advocate for maintaining or increasing flexibility for federal formula funding programs (e.g. allow use for transit operations, active transportation).</li> <li>• Support inclusion of innovative approaches to mobility and equity challenges such as congestion management, public transit affordability programs, technology demonstrations, and alternative project delivery methods.</li> </ul>
	b. Advocate for federal support for San Francisco’s project priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to advocate for future approval of a Full Funding Grant Agreement for The Portal’s CIG funding application.</li> <li>• Support SFMTA funding priorities such as zero-emission bus and bus facility investments.</li> <li>• Support funding programs that advance San Francisco’s climate adaptation and resiliency priorities, such as the Waterfront Resilience Program that is seeking Army Corps of Engineering funding.</li> </ul>

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<p>2. Transportation Policy Initiatives</p>	<p>a. Advance AV regulations and policies that preserve state and local roles, improve safety, and facilitate local evaluation of their performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to engage in development of a national policy framework (e.g. the SELF Drive Act) to ensure the safe, efficient, and effective deployment of AVs. Advocate to reject efforts to preempt state and local roles in their regulation and oversight.</li> <li>• Advocate to maintain and improve current federal AV data and reporting requirements and ensure local government access to collected information (e.g. Representative Mullin’s AV Safety Data Act).</li> <li>• Partner with state and local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to advocate for research that supports evidence-based regulations to inform AV policy and regulation.</li> </ul>
	<p>b. Address the impacts of emerging mobility and technology services (e.g., mobility on demand, artificial intelligence) and ensure their safety, equity, and accessibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the development of regulatory and pilot programs that balance their benefits and impacts on climate, safety, equity, accessibility, and data security, provide for state and local regulation, and secure access to critical data.</li> <li>• Support new federal funding for pilot programs that include a robust analysis of outcomes to inform future investment and regulation.</li> <li>• Monitor other potential regulation activities (e.g., mobile applications, privacy protection) that would impact San Francisco’s range of transportation services.</li> </ul>

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<b>STATE AND FEDERAL (Project Delivery and Administration)</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Strategy</b>
1. Project Delivery	a. Expand use of innovative strategies for efficient delivery of transportation infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for opportunities to use alternative delivery methods to manage risk and improve implementation of transportation infrastructure projects.</li> <li>• Advocate for the retention and expansion of innovative financing programs such as Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), as well as additional flexibility.</li> <li>• Support efforts to increase the efficiency of Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration in reviewing and approving project documents and permits.</li> </ul>
2. General Administration	a. Ensure efficient and effective Transportation Authority and TIMMA operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to partner with the City and County of San Francisco on lawsuits to restore rescinded federal funding (e.g. TIMMA’s \$20 million Environmental Protection Agency grant for Treasure Island Connects mobility programs) and reverse unlawful federal grant terms and conditions.</li> <li>• Advocate for the streamlining of administrative requirements.</li> <li>• Oppose legislation and regulations that constrain the Transportation Authority’s and TIMMA’s ability to contract for goods and services and conduct business efficiently and effectively. Support legislation and regulations that increase our effectiveness and limit or transfer our risk of liability.</li> </ul>