

State Legislation – Proposed New Positions and Updates on Activity This Session

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The Board is adopting a new support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 17 (Holden) and a new oppose unless amended position on AB 1625 (Rubio) as shown in **Table 1**, which also includes two new bills two watch. The Board does not need to take an action to add bills to watch. **Table 2** provides updates on several bills we have been tracking this session and **Table 3** indicates the status of bills on which the Board has already taken a position this session.

Table 1. Recommendation for New Positions and Select New Bills to Watch

Recommended Positions	Bill # Author	Bill Title and Description
Support	AB 17 Holden D	Transit Pass Pilot Program: free or reduced-fare transit passes. The bill would create a new Transit Pass Program to be administered by Caltrans that would establish a free or reduced transit pass program to qualified middle school, high school, community college, and University of California and California State University schools. This bill would appropriate \$20 million from the Public Transportation Account to fund the program, which sunsets January 1, 2022. A performance evaluation report is due to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020.
Oppose Unless Amended	AB 1625 Rubio D	Inoperable parking meters. This bill would change existing law by prohibiting a local authority from enacting an ordinance or resolution prohibiting or restricting the parking of a vehicle in a space that is regulated by an inoperable meter or payment center. This would impede the ability to enforce time limit restrictions at inoperable meters and may provide incentives to disable meters in order to secure unlimited parking. SFMTA has recommended opposing this bill unless it is amended to limit free parking at broken meters to two hours to eliminate these incentives.
Watch	AB 390 Santiago D Ting D	Pedestrian crossing signals. Under existing law, a pedestrian facing a “WALK” or approved “Walking Person” symbol may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal, but the law is unclear regarding pedestrian use of countdown signals. This bill would authorize a pedestrian facing a countdown signal to proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal if there is sufficient time left on the countdown to reasonably complete the crossing safely.
Watch	AB 544 Bloom D	Vehicles: high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. This bill would provide an additional extension of the state’s sticker program that allows certain clean air vehicles access to HOV lanes even with a solo driver. Despite supporting incentives for the purchase of low-emission vehicles, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has continued to adopt oppose unless amended positions to bills extending the sticker program over concern about the impact on the functionality of the region’s HOV lane network. Recent MTC data collection has shown that violation rates are a more significant source of congestion in HOV lanes and are therefore proposing amendments to the bill to increase resources for enforcement and monitoring activities.

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Table 2. Select Updates on Tracked Bills

Note that unless bills made it out of their house of origin by June 2, most will now be held over as two-year bills. Only some of the bills we have been monitoring will remain active through the end of the year.

Current Position	Bill # Author	Bill Title and Description	Update
Support	SB 595 Beall D	<p>Metropolitan Transportation Commission: toll bridge revenues. If approved, this bill would require the nine Bay Area counties to conduct a special election on a proposed increase in the toll rate on the seven state-owned toll bridges in an amount TBD to finance TBD projects and programs to improve mobility and enhance travel options on the bridges and bridge corridors.</p>	<p>This bill passed out of the Senate and is waiting for referral to committee in the Assembly. We, along with other agencies, advocates, legislators, and members of the public are actively involved in the process to define the measure (Regional Measure 3) and its expenditure plan, guided by the advocacy principles approved by the Transportation Authority Board and SFMTA last month.</p>
Oppose	SB 182 Bradford D	<p>Transportation network company: participating drivers: single business license. This bill would allow Transportation Network Company (TNC) drivers to obtain only a single business license to operate in all local jurisdictions statewide, irrespective of where they operate their business. SFMTA and the City have registered their opposition to this bill on the basis that it would hinder our ability to collect information from the approximately 45,000 TNC drivers that cause an estimated \$2-4 million per year in wear and tear on our local streets and an increased burden on traffic enforcement resources.</p>	<p>This bill passed out of the Senate by the statutory deadline and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protections.</p>
	SB 493 Hill D	<p>Vehicles: right-turn violations. This bill would reduce the violation fine for failing to stop before making a right hand turn from \$100 to \$35. Reducing penalties for drivers committing safety violations is not consistent with the City’s Vision Zero goals.</p>	<p>This bill was unanimously approved in the Senate and is now being considered by the Assembly.</p>

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Watch	AB 378 Garcia, Cristina D	<p>California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: regulations. The bill would authorize the State Air Resources Board to extend the Cap and Trade program from 2020 to 2030. Prior language in the bill would have provided additional revenue for transportation and would have helped stabilize auction outcomes. However, recent amendments have altered it substantially. As revised it would completely change the way the state manages greenhouse gas emissions and shift important oversight responsibilities from local air districts to the state Air Resources Board. It is also likely to see further amendments.</p>	<p>This bill failed to make it out of the Assembly. It is a two-year bill as it was granted reconsideration.</p>
	AB 1121 Chiu D	<p>San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). This bill would increase WETA Board membership from five to nine members, with five members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.</p>	<p>This bill has passed out of the Assembly and is now in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.</p>
	SB 35 Wiener D	<p>Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process. This bill would provide for streamlined approvals of multifamily developments that meet a series of conditions in cities that are falling short of local housing needs. This would represent a significant strengthening of the state's role in monitoring local land use decisions.</p>	<p>This bill earned bipartisan support in the Senate and is now before the Assembly.</p>

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Table 3. Bill Status for Active Positions Taken This Session

Adopted Positions	Bill # Author	Bill Title	Bill Status (as of 6/5/17)
Support	AB 1 Frazier D	Transportation Funding.	Assembly Two-Year
	AB 28 Frazier D	Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal pilot program.	Chaptered
	AB 87 Ting D	Autonomous vehicles.	Assembly Two-Year
	AB 342 Chiu D	Vehicles: automated speed enforcement: five-year pilot program.	Assembly Two-Year
	SB 1 Beall D	Transportation Funding.	Chaptered
	SB 422 Wilk R	Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements: Public Private Partnerships.	Senate Two-Year
	SB 595 Beall D	Metropolitan Transportation Commission: toll bridge revenues.	Assembly First Reading
	SB 768 Allen , Wiener D	Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements: Public Private Partnerships.	Senate Two-Year
Oppose	AB 65 Patterson R	Transportation bond debt service.	Assembly Two-Year
	SB 182 Bradford D	Transportation network company: participating drivers: single business license.	Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protections
	SB 423 Cannella R	Indemnity: design professionals.	Senate Two-Year
	SB 493 Hill D	Vehicles: right-turn violations.	Assembly First Reading