

TAMC 2007 Legislative Matrix

Bills of Key Interest

Bill	Author	Topic	Description	Position	Status
Goal 1S: Infrastructure Bond Implementation					
SB 88	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006: implementation	<u>Urgency statute</u> : designates administrative agencies for each of the programs funded by the bond act. Imposes various requirements on these agencies relative to adopting program guidelines, making of allocations of bond funds, and reporting on projects funded by the bond funds. Appropriates \$350 million from the Local Street and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account created by the bond act, for allocation by the Controller to cities and counties as an augmentation to funds appropriated from that account by the Budget Act of 2007.	Watch	8-24 Chaptered
SB 286	Dutton	Transportation bonds: implementation	Requires the Prop 1B funds for local street and road purposes to be allocated by the Controller in 2 cycles that cover 4 years, with the 1 st cycle of payments to be made to eligible local agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and the 2 nd cycle of payments to be made not later than January 1, 2010. <i>This bill, written by the League of California Cities, is intended to accelerate distribution of local streets and roads funds from Prop 1B.</i>	SUPPORT	Two year bill
AB 1053	Núñez	Proposition 1C Implementation	Sets forth the intent of the Legislature that Prop 1C funds be expended in a specified manner. Amended 9-07-07: Provides that a city, county, public housing authority or redevelopment agency with jurisdiction over a infill area may apply jointly with a BID, that includes a qualifying infill area, for funds under the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account. Requires, prior to receiving funds, but after a grant award, joint applicants to submit to the HCD documentation that the actual number of permitted housing units is equal or greater than number of units in the grant application.	Watch	10-14 Chaptered
AB 1672	Núñez	Transportation infrastructure	Prop 1B requires \$2 billion to be transferred from the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund; requires \$1 billion from this account to be made available to the State Air Resources Board for emission reductions related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors; requires \$4 billion from the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 to be deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account for intercity rail projects and for transit projects and improvements; requires \$1 billion be deposited in the State-Local Partnership Program Account; and requires \$1 billion from the fund to be deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account.	Watch	10-14 Chaptered
Goal 2S: Encourage the state to preserve transit funding, and seek state funding for passenger rail and bus transit facilities and service					
SB 684	Cox	Feeder Buses	Allows passengers to ride Amtrak Thruway buses without a rail ticket between the City of Sacramento and the City of South Lake Tahoe and intermediate points, if no other bus service is provided by a private intercity bus company.	SUPPORT	9-10 Chaptered

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AB 1306	Huff	Sales taxes on gasoline	Reduces the portion of gasoline sales tax revenues that are deposited in the PTA by eliminating what is commonly known as the "spillover" formula. Increases the revenues from the sales tax on gasoline that are deposited in the General Fund, and by operation of Article XIX B of the Constitution, requires those revenues to be subsequently transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund. <i>This bill would take funding away from transit purposes in a time when gas prices are high and transit is under more demand than ever.</i>	OPPOSE	Two year bill
Goal 3S: Lower Voter Threshold from Two-Thirds to a Majority Vote					
<i>No bills at this time.</i>					
Goal 4S: Streamline Project Delivery: Design Build / Design Sequencing					
SB 56	Runner	Highway construction contracts Design-Build Demonstration Program	Declares the intent of the Legislature to authorize a demonstration program that allows a careful examination of the benefits and challenges of using a design-build method of procurement for transportation projects. Authorizes certain state and local transportation entities to use a design-build process for contracting on transportation projects. Requires these entities to report to the Legislature and the CTC regarding implementation of the design-build process.	SUPPORT	Two year bill
AB 1499	Garrick	Department of Transportation: design-build contracting	Authorizes Caltrans to use the design-build procurement process for its state highway construction contracts.	SUPPORT	Two year bill
Goal 5S: Improve Roadway Safety – Double Fine Zones / Service Patrol					
SB 16	Florez	Rail Grade Crossings: Automatic Gates	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to order that a public-rail grade crossing be equipped with automatic gates, if it determines in the course of investigating a public-rail grade crossing collision, that it is more likely than not that the collision would not have occurred if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates, or if the commission determines that the injury to person or property resulting from the collision would have been substantially reduced if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates.	Watch	7-02 Chaptered
AB 60	Nava	Minimum Clearance Requirement for Overtaking a Bicycle	Requires the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction to pass to the left at a safe distance, at a minimum clearance of 3 feet, without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle. Makes a violation of this provision an infraction punishable by a \$250 fine. Makes it a misdemeanor or felony if a person operates a motor vehicle in violation of the above requirement and that conduct proximately causes great bodily injury or death to the bicycle operator.	SUPPORT	Two year bill
AB 112	Wolk	Highways: Safety Enhancement - Double Fine Zones	Designates the segment of Highway 12 between Highway 80 junction in Solano County and the Highway 5 junction in San Joaquin County as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone until January 1, 2012. Establishes criteria for future double-fine zone designations, including a requirement that the rate of head-on collisions per mile per year on the segment under consideration has been at least 1.5 times the statewide average for similar roadway types during the most recent three-year period for which data are available.	SUPPORT	10-1 Chaptered

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AB 478	Wolk	Bicycle Safety: Lighting	Expands the places where the operator of a bicycle is required to use an illuminated lamp and certain specified reflecting devices to shared use pathways. Expands the requirement that the operator of the bicycle have reflectors on each pedal to include the option of having reflectors on his or her shoes or ankles.	SUPPORT	9-26 Chaptered
AB 1258	Caballero	Highways: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones	Designates as Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones the segment of State Highway Route 101, between the junction with Boronda Road and the San Benito-Monterey County Line and the segment of County Road 16, also known as Carmel Valley Road, between the junction with State Highway Route 1 and the junction with Camp Stefani Road until January 1, 2012.	SUPPORT TAMC Sponsor Bill	Two year bill
AB 1483	Carter	California Traffic Safety Program	The California Traffic Safety Program includes the component of providing for surveillance of traffic for detection and correction of high or potentially high accident locations. The bill instead requires that component to provide for identification, rather than detection, and correction of high or potentially high accident locations.	Watch	10-14 Vetoed
Goal 6S: Mitigate Impacts of Hwy. 101/ Prunedale on No. Monterey Co. Fire Protection District					
<i>No bills at this time.</i>					
Goal 7S. Seek state funding through the park bond for bicycle and pedestrian trails					
AB 57	Soto	Safe Routes to School	Deletes sunset provision in Safe Routes to School funding program, thereby extending the provisions indefinitely.	SUPPORT	10-14 Chaptered
Goal 8S: Monitor Eminent Domain Legislation					
SB 698	Torlakson	Eminent domain	Provides that, if the defendant in an eminent domain case opposes the motion to take possession of the property prior to judgment, and if the written opposition asserts a hardship, it shall be supported by a declaration signed under penalty of perjury stating facts supporting the hardship. Requires a public entity exercising the power of eminent domain to provide a defendant property owner, at the time it makes the offer to acquire the property, an informational pamphlet outlining the process of eminent domain and the property owner's rights under Eminent Domain Law.	Watch	10-10 Chaptered
SCA 1	McClintock	Eminent domain: condemnation proceedings	Provides that private property may be taken or damaged only for a stated public use, and not without the consent of the owner for purposes of economic development, increasing tax revenue, or any other private use, nor for maintaining the present use by a different owner. Requires that property acquired in eminent domain be owned and occupied by the condemnor and be used only for the public use stated at the time of the taking. Provides that if the property ceases to be used for the stated public use, the former owner would have the right to reacquire the property for its fair market value. Requires a county assessor, upon property being so reacquired, to appraise that property for purposes of property taxation at its adjusted base year value as had been last determined at the time the property was acquired by the condemnor. <i>California Special Districts Association calls this bill "extreme" eminent domain reform and has adopted an "oppose" position.</i>	OPPOSE	Two year bill

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Goal 9S – Monitor Climate Change Legislation; Impacts to Transportation Planning					
AB 118	Núñez	Alternative fuels: funding	Creates the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, to be administered by the Energy Commission, to provide grants or loans to develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. Requires \$10,000,000 to be transferred annually to the Alternative Fund from the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Fund. Increases vehicle registration fees, vessel registration fees, specified service fees for identification plates and smog abatement fees.	Watch	10-14 Chaptered
Goal 10S: Support Development Guidelines that Encourage Alternative Forms of Transportation					
<i>No bills at this time.</i>					
Goal 11S: Support Legislation that Promotes Transit-Oriented Development					
SB 375	Steinberg	Transportation planning: travel demand models	Requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines for travel demand models used in the development of regional transportation plans by certain transportation planning entities. <i>Would directly impact the way the Transportation Agency develops its Regional Transportation Plan.</i>	Watch	Two year bill
AB 29	Hancock	Proposition 1C: Infill Housing Incentive Funds	Requires that the \$850 million from Proposition 1C for the Regional Planning, Housing and Infill Incentive Account be made available for distribution to designated councils of governments to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet specific criteria. <i>Amended to remove references to “regional growth plan”, replaced with “general plan”.</i>	<i>OPPOSE unless amended</i>	Two year bill
Goal 12S: Support Member Agency Requests for Regional Transportation Projects					
<i>No bills at this time.</i>					
Other					
SB 161	Margett	Public works contracts	Authorizes public entities to receive supporting materials submitted pursuant to a public works contract over the Internet. Requires public entities that receive bids and supporting materials over the Internet to provide an electronic receipt to the contractor.	Watch	10-10 Chaptered
SB 184	Alquist	Transportation projects	Limits the provisions for reimbursement of local funds expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the state to projects advanced for expenditure by an eligible regional or local entity that are programmed in the current fiscal year of the state transportation improvement program. Requires the regional or local entity to request an allocation from the commission no later than the time of the first expenditure for the project.	Watch	10-11 Chaptered
SB 717	Perata	Transportation Investment Fund	Continues the Transportation Investment Fund in existence and specifies the use of revenues deposited in that fund from gasoline sales tax revenues beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year.	Watch	10-14 Chaptered
SB 803	Lowenthal	Transportation enhancement funds	Requires Transportation Planning Agencies to adopt criteria that gives priority to the selection of Transportation Enhancement funded projects to sponsors who partner with the California Conservation Corps, or a Community Conservation Corps to construct the project.	OPPOSE	10-11 Vetoed

Bill	Author	Topic	Description	Position	Status
AB 470	DeSaulnier	Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices	Imposes additional safety requirements on the operation of an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device, and prohibits the operation of a device that is greater than 20 inches deep and 25 inches wide on a public sidewalk. Requires a person operating a device on specified surfaces to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on foot.	Watch	7-20 Chaptered
AB 867	Davis	Transportation analysis zones	Requires each MPO and each transportation planning agency serving an area with a population in excess of 300,000, in developing the RTP, to factor the mobility of low-income and minority residents into its computer analysis of regional transportation analysis zones used to estimate travel behavior and traffic generation as part of the transportation demand model, and to make a direct comparison between low-income and non-low-income zones and between minority and non-minority zones. <i>This requirement would be technically difficult, costly and cumbersome.</i> Amend 7-10-07: A direct comparison of the accessibility by automobile and mass transportation to regional employment centers, regional retail centers, regional health care facilities, and major centers of education shall be made between low-income and non-low-income TAZs and between minority and non-minority TAZs.	OPPOSE	Two year bill
AB 900	Nuñez	CTC	Expands the commission to 13 members, with one additional voting member each appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules, who would not be subject to Senate confirmation.	Watch	5-03 Chaptered
AB 945	Carter	Transportation needs assessment	Requires the CTC, every 5 years, to develop an assessment of the unfunded costs of programmed state projects and federally earmarked projects in the state, as well as an assessment of available funding for transportation purposes and unmet transportation needs on a statewide basis.	Watch	10-11 Vetoed
AB 1055	Blakeslee	Transportation - programs	States the intent of the Legislature to enact laws to improve the coordination and compatibility of transportation programs authorized by the State of California with environmental mitigation of important farm lands, natural lands, and waterways in California.	Watch	10-11 Chaptered
AB 1322	Duvall	Transportation Eminent Domain	Requires that Caltrans, for any property that the department is acquiring by eminent domain, to provide a copy of all appraisals performed or obtained by the department to the owner of the property. Requires the owner of the property to provide a copy of those appraisals to the department if they are first --provided to the property owner instead of the department.	Watch	10-10 Chaptered
AB 1337	Nava	State Highway System Projects: Caltrans Staffing Requirement	Requires that Caltrans employees shall perform the construction management and engineering for all projects on the state highway system, including inspection, quality control inspection, surveying, materials testing, and resident engineer functions. <i>Would mean that Transportation Agency staff could not be project manager for the Highway 68/ CHOMP project, e.g.</i>	OPPOSE	Two year bill

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AB 1492	Laird	Yield to Bus: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Requires, in the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the Santa Clara County Transit District, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a transit bus to yield the right-of-way to the bus if certain conditions are present. Requires a transit agency participating in the program to undertake a public education program to inform motorists of the yield right-of-way requirements. Provides for a base fine for violating those requirements.	Watch	10-10 Chaptered
SB 964	Romero	Amendments to the Brown Act	Prohibits a majority of members of a legislative body of a local agency from using a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. States the Legislature's declaration that it disapproves the holding of the court in the case named above to the extent it construes the prohibition on serial meetings and states its intention that the changes made by this bill supersede that holding.	Watch	10-5 Vetoed

Acronyms:

AB: Assembly Bill
 ACA: Assembly Constitutional Amendment
 Caltrans: California Department of Transportation
 CTC: California Transportation Commission
 MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

Prop 1B: The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 – \$19.925 billion bond for transportation projects
 Prop 1C: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006

PTA: Public Transportation Account
 RTP: Regional Transportation Plan
 SB: Senate Bill
 SCA: Senate Constitutional Amendment