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New State Laws

Technical Advisory Committee

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New California Mobility Laws Effective Jan. 1, 2026

AB 382

- Allows a local authority to reduce the speed limit in a school zone when children are present, from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph.

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SB 671

- Requires the installation and maintenance of traffic-actuated signals with touch-free Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) on new state-owned signalized pedestrian crossings and requires Caltrans to consider upgrades to touch free APS when performing maintenance activities.

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AB 39

- Requires each local jurisdiction to prepare and adopt a specified plan that identifies electric vehicle charging infrastructure and
- Includes policies that address the needs of disadvantaged communities for equitable and prioritized investments in zero-emission technologies that directly benefit these groups.

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SB 71

- Indefinitely extends CEQA exemptions for active transportation plans, restriping on streets and highways, bicycle parking, signage, and storage, transit projects, and transit planning.

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SB 79

- Allows more housing to be built near major public transportation stops by establishing state standards for transit-oriented zoning around major transit stops.

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AB 544

- Requires an e-bike that operates on a roadway, sidewalk or bikeway to be equipped with a red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear.

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AB 875

- Allows a peace officer to seize and impound an out-of-class electric bicycle and empowers local governments to impose charges to cover related costs.

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AB 1014

- The bill allows setting a 25- or 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on non-freeway highways.

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AB 289

- Authorizes Caltrans to establish a speed safety system pilot program for automated speed enforcement
- Requires Caltrans to adopt written guidelines

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SB 720

- Authorizes cities and counties to establish alternative automated traffic enforcement systems to detect red light violations.

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AB 761

- MST can submit a measure proposing a tax of not more than 0.25% in accordance
- The measure exempts this tax from the 2% limit for sales taxes