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*** ACTION ALERT ***

Bills to be Heard in Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB 1072 \(Eng\)](#) Proposition 1B Allocations for Transit

This bill, which is sponsored by the California Transit Association, codifies a formula initially established in SB 88 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) [Chapter 181, Statutes of 2007] for allocating Proposition 1B funds appropriated from the Public Transit Modernization, Improvement, Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). The formula is based on all operators' and regions' shares of PTMISEA based on the average of the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program allocations from the 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07 years. This formula has been used to appropriate \$600 million in 2007-08 and \$350 million in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

This bill provides certainty to operators and allows for long-range planning and contracting by locking in the formula on all remaining funds in the PTMISEA program. In addition, the bill also contains an expenditure program mechanism, whereby agencies would be required, in the first year, to submit an expenditure plan for their share of the remaining funds available, in order to support advocacy for sufficient annual appropriations from the PTMISEA. Based on that data, we will then continue to support the necessary annual appropriations from the PTMISEA.

Furthermore, AB 1072 will allow recipients to "bank" their allocations over multiple years so that they can accumulate funds for large high-priority projects and also allow for borrowing between agencies to ensure that each allocated dollar is being utilized.

This bill will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Wednesday May 20th. We urge you to send a letter of support to the [Appropriations Committee members](#). Please [click here](#) to see a sample letter.

[ACA 15 \(Arambula\)](#) Voter Requirement for Transportation-Related Special Taxes

This bill amends the California Constitution to change the two-thirds voter-approval requirement for transportation related special taxes to 55%. ACA 15 will provide local governments and residents with the ability to make vital investments in local transportation projects, including transit, while providing economic stimulus to their region.

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Please contact Legislative and Regulatory Assistant Sabrina Means at sabrina@caltransit.org if you have any questions.