

Sponsored Bills to be Heard in Senate

[AB 729 \(Evans\)](#) **Transit Design-build Contracts**

This bill extends the sunset date for transit operators to enter into design-build contracts to January 1, 2015. The current authority is set to expire as of January 1, 2011. This proposal allows Association members to maintain a tool that may help expedite capital projects made available through allocations from Proposition 1B or the federal economic stimulus package.

Status: This bill will be heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. We urge you to send a letter of support. Please [click here](#) for a sample letter.

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

Sponsored by the California Transit Association, 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. The bill also contains an expenditure program mechanism, whereby agencies would be required 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. 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.

Status: This bill will be heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. We urge you to send a letter of support if you have not already done so. Please [click here](#) for a sample letter.

Update on Other Priority Bills

[AB 1158 \(Hayashi\)](#) **Transit Village Plans**

This bill adds educational facilities as an additional characteristic to the list of specified land use characteristics that a transit village plan may address. This bill would not only aid community colleges in securing future funding for educational centers that can be a part of transit villages, but it will also incentivize the use of transit for students of all ages.

Position: Support

Status: Will be heard in the Senate Local Government Committee on Wednesday, June 17th. We urge you to send a letter of support. Please [click here](#) to see a sample letter.

[ACA 9 \(Huffman\)](#) Reducing Local Ballot Measure Vote Thresholds

This bill lowers the vote threshold from 66% to 55% for local sales tax and bond measures. The bill will better enable local entities to place these measures on the ballot to raise needed funds for community priorities, including transit.

Position: Support

Status: Will be heard in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on Monday, June 15th. We urge you to send a letter of support. Please [click here](#) to see a sample letter.

**Position Update on SB 716 (Wolk)
Local Transportation Funds**

After extensive discussion, the Association's Legislative Committee has changed the Association's position from oppose to neutral on [SB 716 \(Wolk\)](#) which amends the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to allow for farm worker vanpools to become an eligible expenditure of the TDA funds. The bill has been amended to make vanpools only eligible for TDA funds through the unmet needs process. Therefore, all transit needs must be met in the counties affected before vanpools are considered for funding.

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