



ACTION ALERT!!!

Priority Bills to be Heard on Senate Floor - Call Your Senate Representatives ASAP

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.

Position: Sponsored Bill

Status: This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor this week.

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.

Position: Sponsored Bill

Status: This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor this week.

AB 672 (Bass) Letter of No Prejudice Process for Bond-Funded Projects

This bill authorizes letters of no prejudice (LNOP) for certain bond-funded transportation projects, allowing these projects to move forward if bond funding is not yet available. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters in November 2006, provides \$19.925 billion in general obligation bonds for numerous transportation-related categories and programs. Many of the projects have been programmed in the full amount provided under the bond act. The LNOP process will create a cash-management strategy for Proposition 1B projects enabling timely delivery of the

voter-approved transportation program. This process will provide more certainty for local transportation agencies by making them eligible to advance local funds for bond-funded projects and receive reimbursement by the state when the bonds become available.

Position: Support

Status: This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor this week.

AB 338 (Ma) Transit village developments: infrastructure financing

This bill authorizes local officials to divert property tax increment revenues to pay for public facilities and amenities within transit village development districts. AB 338 would also increase the area included in a transit village plan to include up to 1/2 mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which is located a transit station. This encourages private investment and provides for more incentive for overall public transit use.

Position: Support

Status: This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor this week.

AB 1158 (Hayashi) Transit Village Plans

This bill adds "educational facilities" that provide a direct link for people traveling to and from K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities, to the current list of characteristics that a city or county are authorized to use in developing a transit village plan. 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: This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor this week.

Please contact your Senate representatives as soon as possible to express your support for these bills, and encourage their votes for these measures on the Senate floor.

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