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Governor Signs More Association Priority Bills as the First Year of Legislative Session Comes to an End

This morning at midnight was Governor Brown's deadline to sign or veto any bills sent to him this year. We are pleased to report that as of today, several more Association priority bills have been signed. The following list provides a summary of the actions taken on our priority bills this year:

Governor Brown **signed** the following bills:

[AB 147 \(Dickinson\)](#) Authorizes a local agency to utilize existing fees collected under the Subdivision Map Act to be considered for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.

[AB 426 \(Lowenthal\)](#) Authorizes the Southern California Regional Rail Authority and the North County Transit District to adopt and enforce administrative adjudication ordinances.

[AB 427 \(Pérez\)](#) Streamlines the process for allocation and use of Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account funds as part of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.

[AB 607 \(Brownley\)](#) Authorizes a pilot program for the City of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus (BBB) to mount illuminated digital advertising signs on its buses.

[AB 716 \(Dickinson\)](#) Eliminates the January 1, 2012 sunset date established by SB 1561 (Steinberg), enacted in 2008, authorizing the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Fresno Area Express to issue a prohibition order to any person cited for committing one or more of certain prohibited acts in specified transit facilities and incorporate procedures for arrest and the issuance of citations. AB 716 would also authorize the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to issue these prohibition orders until January 1, 2015.

[AB 1041 \(Ma\)](#) Extends the sunset date authorizing the City and County of San Francisco to use forward facing cameras to enforce parking violations in designated transit-only lanes to January 1, 2016.

[AB 1097 \(Skinner\)](#) Requires the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to authorize a state or local agency receiving federal funds for transit purposes to provide a bidding preference to a bidder if the bidder exceeds Buy America requirements applicable to federally funded transit projects. The state and each local agency shall have the discretion to apply those preferences.

[SB 310 \(Hancock\)](#) Encourages transit-oriented development by establishing the Transit Priority Project Program.

[SB 565 \(DeSaulnier\)](#) includes a provision which extends the temporary exemption for State Transit Assistance (STA) Program efficiency criteria. The exemption was originally included as part of the Gas Tax Swap which passed in 2010, and expires on June 30, 2012. SB 565 will extend the exemption through June 30, 2015.

Governor Brown **vetoed** the following bills:

[AB 650 \(Blumenfield\)](#) Establishes the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Transportation for the 21st Century to make recommendations on California's transit system needs. Click [here](#) to read the governor's veto message.

[SB 582 \(Yee\)](#) Authorizes a metropolitan planning organization and an air district to jointly adopt an ordinance requiring certain employers within their common jurisdiction to offer employees specified commute benefits, with the goal of reducing single-occupant vehicle trips. Click [here](#) to read the governor's veto message.

Thank you for your help this year in contacting your legislative delegations as well as participating in Senate and Assembly committee hearings to help achieve success for many of our priority bills.

The Association's Legislative Committee and staff continue work in finalizing our 2012 State Legislative Program. The Program is expected to be adopted by our Executive Committee at our Association's Annual Fall Conference in San Jose, CA, November 2-4.

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