



## Legislative Bulletin | May 9, 2011

### **\*Action Alert\***

Association staff asks that you take action on the following bills this week. Please call your legislative delegation **today** in **support** of the following bills:

[AB 485 \(Ma\)](#) Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for the adoption of an infrastructure financing plan, the creation of an infrastructure financing district, and the issuance of bonds with respect to a transit village development district. Allows transit village development districts to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to use future gains in taxes (such as property tax revenues in the future) to pay for developing current transit-oriented development (TOD) projects.

**Status:** May be heard on the Assembly floor today.

[Talking points](#)

[AB 1041 \(Ma\)](#) Removes the sunset originally enacted in AB 101 (Ma)-2007, sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco, authorizing the use of forward facing cameras to enforce parking violations in designated transit-only lanes.

**Status:** May be heard on the Assembly floor today.

[Talking points](#)

[SB 582 \(Emmerson\)](#) 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.

**Status:** Will be heard in the [Senate Environmental Quality Committee](#) today at 1:30pm.

[Talking points](#)

Please send in a letter of **support** as soon as possible on the following Association priority bills:

[AB 650 \(Blumenfield\)](#) establishes the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Transportation for the 21st Century. The bill would require a 12-member task force to prepare a written report that contains specified findings and recommendations relating to, among other things, the current state of California's transit system, the estimated cost of creating the needed system over various terms, and potential sources of funding to sustain the transit system's needs.

**Status:** In the [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#) on the Suspense file.

[Sample support letter](#)

[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 meets or exceeds Buy America requirements applicable to federally funded transit projects.

**Status:** Will be heard in the [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#) on May 11th.

[Sample support letter](#)

[SB 907 \(Evans\)](#) Creates the Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission. The Commission would develop and recommend a Master Plan to be presented to the Legislature and Governor providing for financing, building, and maintaining the infrastructure needed to serve California from now until the year 2050.

**Status:** Will be heard in the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) on May 16th.

[Sample support letter](#)

Status updates on additional bills the Association **supports**:

[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.

**Status:** Passed off of the Assembly floor last week and will now move to the Senate.

[AB 345 \(Atkins\)](#) Requires the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to ensure that any committee or formal group of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) includes representation from all users of the road, including public transit, thereby improving the implementation of complete streets policies.

**Status:** Passed out of the Assembly Appropriations committee last week and will be heard on the Assembly floor.

[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.

**Status:** Passed off of the Assembly floor last week and will now move to the Senate.

[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.

**Status:** Passed out of the Assembly Appropriations committee last week and will be heard on the Assembly floor.

Thank you for taking action!

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