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Two Association Priority Bills Signed

Association staff has some good news to report regarding our priority legislation. Over the last week, two of our priority bills, **AB 987 (Ma)** and **SB 1371 (Correa)** were signed by the governor.

AB 987 (Ma), regarding **Transit village development districts**, recasts the area in a transit village development district to include all land within 1/2 mile of a transit station entrance. By expanding transit village development areas to 1/2 mile (whereas previously the law limited the area to a 1/4 mile radius), this bill reflects the trend that people are willing to travel longer distances to take transit than previously believed. As a result, this legislation will create the opportunity for wider access to public transit, increase ridership, and further incentivize investments in public transportation.

SB 1371 (Correa), regarding a **Letter of No Prejudice Process for Proposition 1A High-Speed Rail Bond Act Projects**, authorizes an eligible recipient of the Proposition 1A High-speed Rail Bond Act connectivity pot (\$950 million) to utilize the letter of no prejudice (LONP) process. By providing the LONP process for Prop 1A funds, transit systems will be able to move forward with projects in a flexible and timely manner. This bill allows transit systems to advance their capital improvement projects more quickly by using their own funds to start a project with the promise of reimbursement once Proposition 1A is available. These systems would be able to provide safer transport to their passengers earlier than they would be able to without the LONP option.

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