

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2020

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 1350 (Gonzalez) Free youth transit passes: eligibility for state funding.	1/28/20 Senate Rules	This bill would require transit agencies to offer free youth transit passes to persons 18 years of age and under in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, or the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would also require a free youth transit pass to count as a full price fare for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and the California Transit Association (CTA) will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to school districts to purchase passes for youth.	OPPOSE unless amended Priority 13S
AB 1839 (Bonta) California New Green Deal	1/6/20 Introduced	This bill is a spot bill that intends to create the California Green New Deal Council with a membership appointed by the Governor. The bill would require the California Green New Deal Council to submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022.	WATCH Priority 12S
AB 1908 (Chen) Homeless encampment and litter	1/8/20 Introduced	This bill would require Caltrans to clean up homeless encampments and litter within its right-of-way and expedited and coordinated access to housing and supportive services.	WATCH Priority NA
AB 2012 (Chu) Free senior transit passes: eligibility for transit funding	2/14/20 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require transit agencies to offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would require those free senior transit passes to count as full price fares for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and CTA will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to senior centers to purchase passes for seniors.	OPPOSE unless amended Priority 13S

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AB 2121 (Friedman) Traffic safety	2/20/20 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. The bill would also require the California Traffic Safety Program to include a traffic safety monitoring program that identifies and addresses locations with pedestrian- and bicyclist-related crashes. It would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes. The bill implements Vision Zero to allow for reducing speed limits and eliminating bicycle and pedestrian fatalities.	SUPPORT Priority 7S
AB 2145 (Ting) Electric vehicle charging stations	2/10/20 Introduced	Spot bill related to the electric vehicle charging infrastructure approval process employed by the Public Utilities Commission, to help ensure that by 2030 California will install enough electric vehicle charging ports to meet the demand for charging infrastructure.	WATCH Priority 11S
AB 2176 (Holden) Free student transit passes: eligibility for state funding	2/27/20 Assembly Transportation and Higher Education	This bill would require transit agencies to offer free student transit passes to persons attending the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, or the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would also require a free student transit pass to count as a full price fare for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and the California Transit Association (CTA) will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to schools to purchase passes for students.	OPPOSE unless amended Priority 13S
AB 2262 (Berman) Zero-emission vehicle readiness plan	2/14/20 Assembly Transportation and Natural Resources	This bill would require each sustainable communities strategy to also include a zero-emission vehicle readiness plan. By imposing new requirements on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	WATCH Priority 11S

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SB 757 (Allen) State highways: relinquishments	1/23/20 Assembly Rules	This bill would allow for the California Transportation Commission, rather than the legislature, to oversee the process for requests to relinquish portions of the state highway system to local jurisdictions.	SUPPORT Priority 13S
SB 795 (Beall) Affordable housing and community development investment	1/15/20 Senate Governance and Finance; Housing; and Education	This bill would establish the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, to authorize a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority, transit village development district, or a combination of those entities, to apply for funding for eligible projects include, among other things, construction of workforce and affordable housing, certain transit-oriented development, and “projects promoting strong neighborhoods.” The source of funding for this program is from a county’s transfer of the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). SB 795 is being sponsored by the California State Building & Construction Trades Council. TAMC supported its predecessor, SB 5, and sent a support letter as the language was identical.	SUPPORT Priority 12S Letter sent 1/24/20
SB 1231 (Monning) Endangered species: take: Santa Cruz long-toed salamander	3/5/20 Senate Natural Resources and Water Hearing 3/24	This bill would allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</i>) resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 (SR 156) corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. The purpose of this bill is to allow TAMC to implement safety improvements to eliminate collisions and fatalities along the SR 156 corridor while allowing for enhanced mitigation for an endangered species.	SPONSOR Priority 4S Sponsor letter sent 3/3/20