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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 6 (Friedman) Transportation Planning: local sales tax measures	12/5/2022 Introduced	This bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require regional transportation agencies to prioritize and fund transportation projects, including those funded by a local sales tax measure, that significantly contributes towards the goals outlined in a region’s sustainable communities strategy and the state’s climate goals. This bill is like AB 2237 (Friedman) of 2022, which attempted to influence the delivery of projects in locally approved sales tax measure expenditure plans. That bill failed in the Senate Transportation Committee.	Watch
AB 7 (Friedman) Transportation: funding: capacity projects	12/5/22 Introduced	This bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would eliminate single occupancy vehicle freeway capacity projects and allow capacity projects only for bus rapid transit, rail, active transportation purposes, projects that significantly add safety, and projects that significantly reduce congestion, without interfering with existing maintenance and rehabilitation needs. This bill resembles AB 2438 (Friedman) from last year, which attempted to make all state funding programs subject to the Governor’s Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) as adopted in July of 2021. Governor Newsom vetoed the bill citing the need to work more closely with transportation planning agencies to craft solutions unique to each region to help accelerate the state’s climate goals.	Watch
AB 9 (Murasutchi) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit	1/26/23 Assembly Natural Resources	This bill would require the California Air Resources Board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 55%, rather than 40%, below the 1990 level by no later than December 31, 2030.	Watch

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AB 53 (Fong) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax	12/5/222 Introduced	This bill would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. The bill would require that all savings realized based on the suspension of the motor vehicle fuels tax by a person other than an end consumer, as defined, be passed on to the end consumer, and would make the violation of this requirement an unfair business practice, in violation of unfair competition laws, as provided. The bill would require a seller of motor vehicle fuels to provide a receipt to a purchaser that indicates the amount of tax that would have otherwise been applied to the transaction.	Oppose
AB 69 (Waldron) Transportation: traffic signal synchronization: roadway improvement projects	2/23/2023 Assembly Transportation	This bill would authorize moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for an investment in a traffic signal synchronization component that is part of a roadway improvement project requiring multiple signals, including, but not limited to, multimodal redevelopment projects, rail trail projects, urban renewal projects, or a project near transit facilities, if the component is designed and implemented to achieve cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and includes specific emissions reduction targets and metrics to evaluate the project’s effect.	Support
AB 295 (Fong) Caltrans: maintenance projects	2/9/23 Assembly Transportation	This bill would authorize Caltrans to enter into agreements with local governmental entities (includes councils of governments, transportation authorities, regional transportation planning agencies), fire departments, fire protection districts, fire safe councils, and tribal entities to perform specified projects authorized by Caltrans on roadways managed by Caltrans including activities related to roadside maintenance and the removal and clearing of material, as provided.	Watch
AB 557 (Hart) Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	2/17/23 Assembly Local Government	This bill would remove the January 1, 2024, sunset on the Brown Act exemptions for boards to meet virtually during a declared state of emergency declaration provided under AB 361 (Rivas), Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021.	Support

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<p>AB 744 (Carillo) California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement</p>	<p>2/13/23 Introduced</p>	<p>Upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature, this bill would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to acquire public domain or procure commercially available or open-source licensed solutions for data, modeling, and analytic software tools to support the state’s sustainable transportation, congestion management, affordable housing, efficient land use, air quality, and climate change strategies and goals. The bill would require the CTC to provide access to the data, modeling, and analytic software tools to state and local agencies.</p> <p>This bill would authorize the CTC to provide a direct allocation of funding to local agencies engaged in state-of-the-art technology operations for the above purposes and would require state and local agencies that receive the funds or access to data, modeling, and analytic software tools to submit reports to the commission no later than February 1, 2026, regarding their use of the data, modeling, and analytic software tools. The bill would require the CTC based on those reports, to submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2026, regarding the use of the data, modeling, and analytic software tools by state and local agencies.</p> <p>This bill would authorize the CTC to establish best practices for use of data in transportation planning and to identify data elements that should be made available to state and local agencies for transportation planning.</p>	<p align="center">Watch</p>

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AB 761 (Friedman) Transit Transformation Task Force	2/12/23 Introduced	This bill would require the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, on or before July 1, 2024, to establish and convene the Transit Transformation Task Force to include representatives from Caltrans, the Controller’s office, various local agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders. The task force would be required to develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties to develop policies to grow transit ridership and improve the transit experience for all users of those services. The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the task force, to prepare and submit a report of findings based on the task force’s efforts to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025.	Support
AB 817 Pacheco (D) Local government: open meetings	2/14/23 Assembly Rules	This is a spot bill to amend the Brown Act to allow technical and citizen’s advisory committees to continue meeting remotely without restriction.	Watch
AB 1385 (Garcia) Local transportation funds: transit operators	2/17/23 Introduced	This is a spot bill for potential legislation to amend transit farebox recovery ratio qualification requirements.	Watch

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<p>ABx1 2 (Fong) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax</p>	<p>2/24/23 Assembly Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. The bill would require that all savings realized based on the suspension of the motor vehicle fuels tax by a person other than an end consumer, as defined, be passed on to the end consumer, and would make the violation of this requirement an unfair business practice, in violation of unfair competition laws, as provided. The bill would require a seller of motor vehicle fuels to provide a receipt to a purchaser that indicates the amount of tax that would have otherwise been applied to the transaction. This bill is identical to AB 53.</p>	<p align="center">Oppose</p>
<p>SB 32 (Jones) Motor vehicle fuel tax: greenhouse gas reduction programs: suspension</p>	<p>12/5/22 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would suspend the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations, which were adopted by the California Air Resources Board to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, for one year. The bill would also exempt suppliers of transportation fuels from regulations for the use of market-based compliance mechanisms for one year.</p> <p>This bill, like AB 53 and ABx1 2, and identical to SBx1 1, which would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. The bill would require a seller of motor vehicle fuels to provide a receipt to a purchaser that indicates the amount of tax that would have otherwise applied to the transaction.</p> <p>This bill would require that all savings realized based on the suspension of the motor vehicle fuels tax, the suspension of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations, and the exemption of suppliers of transportation fuels from regulations for use of market-based compliance mechanisms by a person other than an end consumer, as defined, be passed on to the end consumer, and would make the violation of this requirement an unfair business practice, in violation of unfair competition laws, as provided.</p>	<p align="center">Oppose</p>

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SB 411 (Portantino) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.	2/22/23 Senate Governance and Finance	This bill would allow local boards with appointed members subject to the Brown Act with a population of over 3 million to meet remotely.	Watch
SB 537 (Becker) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	2/14/23 Introduced	This is a spot bill for potential legislation on modifying the Ralph M. Brown Act.	Watch
SB 614 (Blakespear) Transportation Development Act	2/15/23 Introduced	This is a spot bill for potential legislation on modifying the Transportation Development Act.	Watch
SB 617 (Newman) Public contracts: regional transportation agencies: design-build procurement	2/22/23 Senate Transportation	This bill provides an authorization to use design-build procurement, which also includes progressive design-build procurement. Progressive design-build procurement is defined as a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity that is selected through a qualifications-based selection at the earliest feasible stage of the project.	Support
SB 670 (Allen) Vehicles miles traveled	3/1/23 Senate Transportation	This bill would require state and local transportation agencies to create a single model for vehicle miles traveled mapping to be used for transportation planning and funding.	Oppose

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SB 825 (Limón) Local government: public broadband services	3/1/23 Senate Governance and Finance	This bill would add metropolitan planning organizations and regional transportation planning authorities to the list of local government agencies included in the definition of “local agency” that are eligible to directly apply for local technical assistance grants administered by the California Public Utilities Commission for implementation of broadband.	Support
SBx1 1 (Jones) Motor vehicle fuel tax: greenhouse gas reduction programs: suspension	12/5/22 Introduced	This bill is identical to SB 32. It would suspend the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations, which were adopted by the California Air Resources Board to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, for one year. The bill would also exempt suppliers of transportation fuels from regulations for the use of market-based compliance mechanisms for one year. It would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. The bill would require a seller of motor vehicle fuels to provide a receipt to a purchaser that indicates the amount of tax that would have otherwise applied to the transaction.	Oppose