



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-I

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SUBJECT:

Letters of Support for SB 768 (Caballero) and SB 1159 (Dodd) and Letters of Opposition for AB 2290 (Friedman) and SB 1216 (Blakespear)

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

SB 768 will require the Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to study how vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Information regarding AB 768 may be found [here](#).

SB 1159 will require the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), by January 1, 2026, to evaluate, and the secretary of the Natural Resources Agency (NRA) to consider, creating a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for roadside projects no more than five road miles from a municipality or census-designated place if the project is solely for wildfire risk reduction.

Information regarding SB 1159 may be found [here](#).

AB 2290 will require Caltrans to establish the Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program, as specified, and to implement one bikeway quick-build project in each district by December 31, 2027. The bill would also require, where feasible, inclusion of bicycle facilities identified in local or state bicycle plans or active transportation plans in any project funded by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (RMRP), as specified. Lastly, the bill would prohibit the California Transportation Commission (CTC) from including a project that creates a Class III bikeway in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) program of projects unless the facility is on a highway with a design speed of 25 miles per hour (mph) or less, as specified.

Information regarding AB 2290 may be found [here](#).

SB 1216 will prohibit an agency from installing a sharrow on a highway where bicycle travel is permitted that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour (mph) and prohibits the CTC Active Transportation Program from funding projects that create a Class III bikeway on a highway with a design speed greater than 25 mph.

Information regarding SB 1216 may be found [here](#).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.