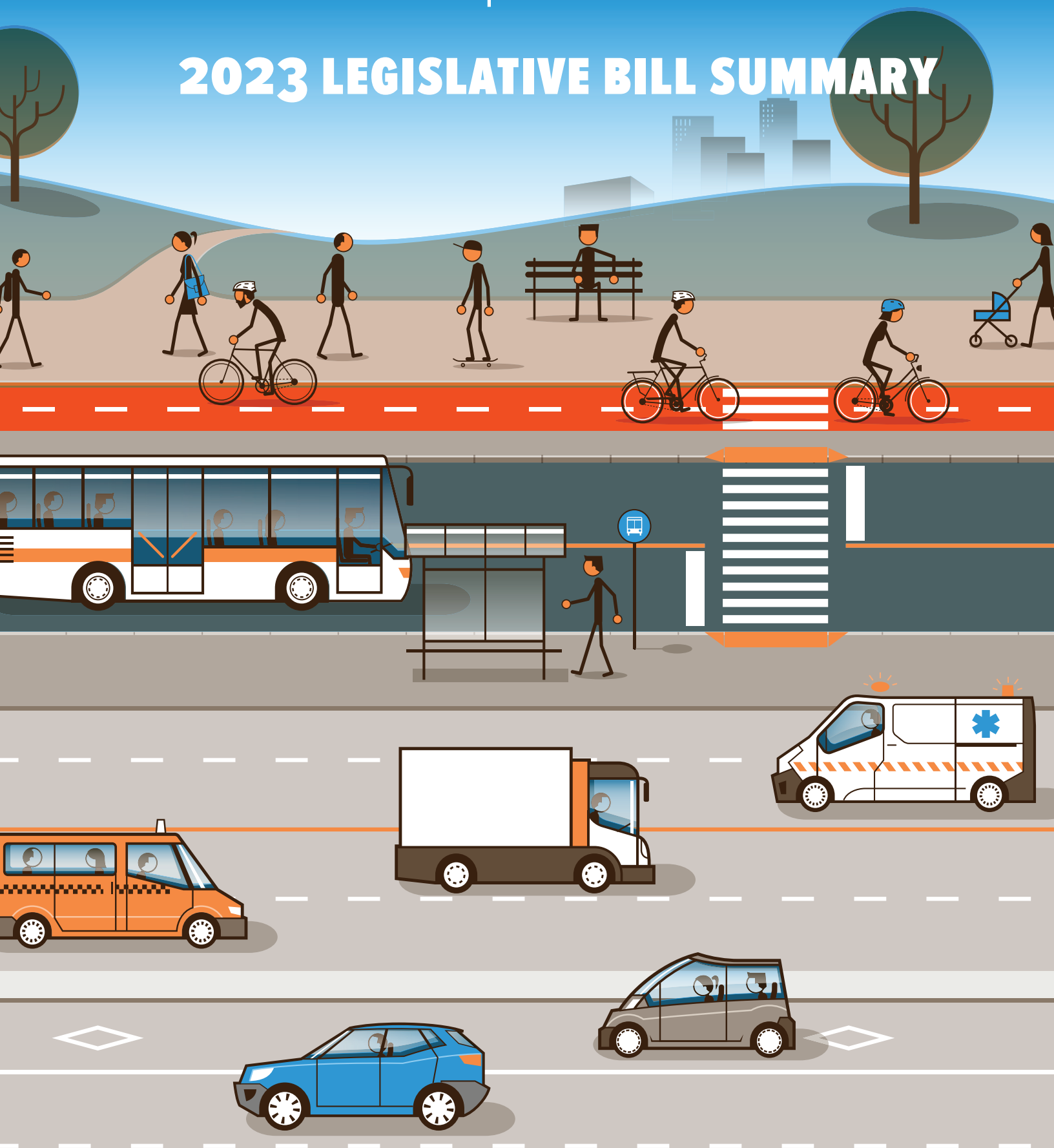


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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a comprehensive collection of summaries of the bills and resolutions that the Senate Transportation Committee considered during 2023. SB 125 is the 2023/24 transportation budget trailer bill and deals with a number of transportation issues including transit funding and the establishment of a Transit Task Force. That bill was the purview of the Budget Committee and not the Transportation Committee so it is not discussed here. Complete information on all measures, including all versions, analyses, and votes, is available at

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ABBREVIATIONS

ARB: State Air Resources Board

ATP: Active Transportation Program

Caltrans: California Department of Transportation

CALSTA: California State Transportation Agency

CHP: California Highway Patrol

CTP: Clean Transportation Program

CTC: California Transportation Commission

DMV: California Department of Motor Vehicles

DWR: Department of Water Resources

HOV: High-occupancy vehicle

SR: State Highway Route

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Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-361 (Ward) - Vehicles: photographs of bicycle lane parking violations.

Authorizes a local agency to install an automated forward facing parking control device on city-owned or district-owned parking enforcement vehicles for the purpose of video imaging or parking violations occurring in bicycle lanes, until January 1, 2030.

Status: Chapter 432, Statutes of 2023

AB-413 (Lee) - Vehicles: stopping, standing, and parking.

Prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leave standing any vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, unless otherwise authorized by a local ordinance.

Status: Chapter 652, Statutes of 2023

AB-466 (Gipson) - Vehicles: violations.

Removes provisions making the failure to attend traffic violator school a misdemeanor and would clarify that the failure to attend traffic violator school is not punishable as a new offense.

Status: Chapter 85, Statutes of 2023

AB-1082 (Kalra) - Authority to remove vehicles.

Limits the authority to tow or immobilize a vehicle for having five or more unpaid parking or traffic tickets to only apply to higher education institutions. This bill also reforms requirements on processing agencies to offer payment plans for parking tickets in order to use the DMV for collection purposes.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

Active Transportation

SB-381 (Min) - Electric bicycles: study.

Requires the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University, on or before January 1, 2026, conduct a study on electric bicycles to inform efforts to improve the safety of users of the transportation system, and to submit a report of the findings from the study to the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 869, Statutes of 2023

SB-538 (Portantino) - Department of Transportation: Chief Advisor on Bicycling and Active Transportation.

Requires the Caltrans Director of Transportation to appoint a Chief Advisor on Bicycling and Active Transportation, to serve as the department's primary advisor on all issues related to bicycle transportation, safety, and infrastructure, as specified.

Status: Chapter 617, Statutes of 2023

AB-361 (Ward) - Vehicles: photographs of bicycle lane parking violations.

Authorizes a local agency to install an automated forward facing parking control device on city-owned or district-owned parking enforcement vehicles for the purpose of video imaging or parking violations occurring in bicycle lanes, until January 1, 2030.

Status: Chapter 432, Statutes of 2023

AB-1447 (Flora) - Vehicles: motorized scooters.

Changes the definition of a motorized scooter to establish maximum heights, weights, and speeds and requires motor vehicles to provide at least three feet of distance when passing a motorized scooter. This bill would also require motorized scooter manufacturers to certify the ability for newly manufactured motorized scooters weighing over 50 pounds to be able to stop within 15 feet when traveling at 15 miles per hour (mph). Prohibits the operation of any motorized scooter capable of traveling faster than 15 mph unless it is equipped with a speedometer maintained in good working order.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process – Rules

Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Fuels

SB-49 (Becker) - Renewable energy: solar canopy tax incentives: Department of Transportation strategic plan.

Requires Caltrans to evaluate the issues and policies impeding the development of land within department-owned rights-of-way for renewable energy generation facilities, energy storage facilities, and electrical transmission and distribution facilities.

Status: Chapter 379, Statutes of 2023

SB-84 (Gonzalez) - Clean Transportation Program: Air Quality Improvement Program: funding.

Expands the purpose of the CTP to include developing and deploying innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help reduce criteria air pollutants and air toxics.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

SB-720 (Stern) - Aviation: airports: report: emissions.

Requires GO-Biz to create a stakeholder group to identify and pursue opportunities to attract and develop sustainable aviation fuel production and infrastructure in the state to help reach the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in California.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

AB-7 (Friedman) - Transportation: planning: project selection processes.

Requires CalSTA, Caltrans, and the CTC, on or after, January 1, 2025, to the extent feasible, applicable, and cost effective, to incorporate the goals related to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) into program funding guidelines and planning processes, as specified. Requires the CTP to include a financial element, and an analysis of how CalSTA, Caltrans, and CTC are achieving principles outlined in the CAPTI, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, and the federal Justice 40 initiative.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-1614 (Gabriel) - Gasoline fueling stations: phaseout: study.

Requires the California Energy Commission to submit to the Legislature by July 1, 2025 a report assessing the suitability of gasoline stations for conversion into electric vehicle charging stations and identifying potential financial incentives and regulatory barriers for gasoline stations to convert to electric vehicle charging stations.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1614 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to conduct a study on the statewide transition of fuel stations from gasoline to alternative fuels.

This bill will result in additional costs to the General Fund and the CEC's primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit. This bill exacerbates the CEC's operating funds structural imbalance. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan by December 31, 2024.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Air Transportation

[SB-258 \(Roth\) - General aviation airports: funding needs assessment.](#)

Requires the CTC to prepare a funding needs assessment for the state's general aviation airports. The bill would require the commission to submit the funding needs assessment to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2026.

Status: Held in Committee – Assembly Appropriations

SB-720 (Stern) - Aviation: airports: report: emissions.

Requires GO-Biz to create a stakeholder group to identify and pursue opportunities to attract and develop sustainable aviation fuel production and infrastructure in the state to help reach the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in California.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Natural Resources

SB-800 (Caballero) - Advance Air Mobility and Aviation Electrification Committee.

Requires Caltrans to establish an advisory panel, to be known as the Advanced Air Mobility, Zero-Emission, and Electrification Aviation Advisory Panel, to assess the feasibility and readiness of existing infrastructure, the development of a 3-year prioritized workplan, and pathways for promoting equity of access to advanced air mobility infrastructure.

Status: Chapter 416, Statutes of 2023

Autonomous Vehicles

AB-316 (Aguiar-Curry) - Vehicles: autonomous vehicles.

Establishes a process for authorizing autonomous trucks on public roads without a driver.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 316 without my signature.

Among its provisions, this bill would ban driverless testing and operations of heavy-duty autonomous vehicles.

Assembly Bill 316 is unnecessary for the regulation and oversight of heavy-duty autonomous vehicle technology in California, as existing law provides sufficient authority to create the appropriate regulatory framework.

In 2012, the California Legislature provided the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with the authority to regulate the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. As part of its oversight and regulatory responsibilities, DMV consults with the California Highway Patrol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and others with relevant expertise to determine the regulations necessary for the safe operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads.

DMV continuously monitors the testing and operations of autonomous vehicles on California roads and has the authority to suspend or revoke permits as necessary to protect the public's safety.

Autonomous vehicle technology is evolving and DMV remains committed to keeping our rules up to date to reflect its continued development in California. DMV held public workshops with interested stakeholders earlier this year to inform the development of future rulemakings for both light-duty and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles. This rulemaking will be a transparent, public process where subject matter experts and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to shape the regulations related to the safe operations of autonomous vehicles in California. The draft regulations are expected to be released for public comment in the coming months.

In addition to safety, my Administration has long been concerned with the impact of technology on the future of work - so much so that in 2019 we convened, with participation from a variety of organized labor leaders including the Teamsters, UFCW, and SEIU, a robust Future of Work Task Force. That effort led to the publication of a report that guides our work on issues of emerging technology and its impacts on California's workforce.

But our efforts don't end there. I am committed to incentivizing career pathways and training for the necessary workforce specifically associated with this technology. As such, I am directing the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to lead a stakeholder process next year to review and develop recommendations to mitigate the potential employment impact of testing and deployment of autonomous heavy-duty vehicles.

Considering the longstanding commitment of my Administration to addressing the present and future challenges for work and workers in California, and the existing regulatory framework that presently and sufficiently governs this particular technology, this bill is not needed at this time. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

My Administration remains open to working with the author, sponsors, and other stakeholders on the right approach to safely test and deploy this evolving technology in California, while also addressing and mitigating any potential impacts to jobs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Contracting and Procurement

SB 146 (Gonzalez) -- Public resources: infrastructure: contracting

Authorizes the use of the progressive design-build project delivery method for Caltrans and the DWR, as specified, for eight public works projects per department with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$25 million. Authorizes the use of the job order contracting procurement method for Caltrans for certain types of projects. Expands and extends the existing authorization for CalSTA to assume the responsibilities under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) of 1969 for transportation projects.

Status: Chapter 58, Statutes of 2023

SB-304 (Laird) - Monterey-Salinas Transit District: public contracting.

Increases to \$150,000 the monetary threshold for contracts above which the Monterey-Salinas Transit district is required to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, or to the responsible bidder that provides the best value, as provided. The bill would also require the district to obtain a minimum of 3 quotations whenever the expected expenditure required for the purchase is instead between \$5,000 and \$150,000.

Status: Chapter 107, Statutes of 2023

SB-617 (Newman) - Public contracts: progressive design-build: local and regional agencies.

Authorizes transit agencies, as specified, and regional transportation planning agencies (RTPA)s, as specified, to utilize progressive design-build procurement method, through January 1, 2029, for up to 10 public works projects in excess of \$5 million for each project.

Status: Chapter 310, Statutes of 2023

SB-682 (Skinner) - Low-carbon cement and concrete.

Sets a policy for the state to purchase or specify, on a statewide basis, at least 10%, by volume, of cement and concrete, including supplementary cementitious materials, that meet a certain benchmark by 2030 and to exclude the purchase of all fossil-fuel based supplementary cementitious materials from that 10% by 2035.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

AB-427 (Alvarez) - Otay Mesa East Toll Facility Act: alternative project delivery method.

Authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) project delivery method on the State Route 11/ Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project if specified conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 163, Statutes of 2023

AB-499 (Luz Rivas) - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: job order contracting: pilot program.

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) to enter into job order contracts (JOCs).

Status: Chapter 87, Statutes of 2023

AB-630 (Ramos) - Department of Transportation: contracts: tribes.

Removes requirements in existing law that limit the authority Caltrans to contract with federally recognized Indian tribes and entities they own.

Status: Chapter 137, Statutes of 2023

AB-744 (Juan Carrillo) - California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement.

Requires the CTC, on or before July 1, 2025, to develop a proposal to procure data, modeling, and analytic software tools and a process to grant access to state and local agencies to the data it procures directly, or provide a process for direct allocation of funding to agencies for data procurement, or both.

Status: Chapter 541, Statutes of 2023

AB-752 (Blanca Rubio) - State highways: worker safety.

Requires Caltrans to prescribe standards for the use of barriers, as defined, in specified conditions, in order to ensure worker safety.

Status: Chapter 813, Statutes of 2023

AB-1250 (Friedman) - Department of Transportation: low-carbon materials.

Requires Caltrans to require bidders to submit environmental product declarations and other information about the concrete used in specified projects.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

Department of Motor Vehicles

SB-357 (Portantino) - Vehicles: physician and surgeon reporting.

Removes the requirement for physicians and surgeons to report to the DMV patients who are diagnosed with a disorder characterized by lapses in consciousness and instead authorize them to report to the DMV if a patient who the physician diagnoses as having any physical or mental condition that could affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Requires the DMV to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the impact of transitioning to a discretionary reporting system.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

AB-490 (Vince Fong) - National Marrow Donor Program.

Requires the DMV to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the National Marrow Donor Program to distribute information and upon agreement between the DMV and the Program requires the DMV provide signs, notices, pamphlets, and brochures that are provided by the Program.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Driver Licensing

SB-289 (Menjivar) - Identification cards.

Prohibits the DMV from charging a fee for an original or replacement identification card to an applicant who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and can provide the department with a specified veteran verification form.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-347 (Newman) - Vehicles: driver education and training: grant program.

Requires the DMV to establish a grant program to provide vouchers for high school students to attend automobile driver education and driver training by a driving school or independent driving instructor.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-473 (Allen) - Driver's licenses: instruction permits and provisional licenses.

Expands the scope of the provisional licensing program by expanding the applicable age range for the program to persons at least 16 years of age, but under 21 years of age.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

SB-846 (Limón) - Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program.

Requires the DMV to transmit specified information to the Secretary of State for a person submitting a driver's license application who provides documentation demonstrating United States citizenship and that the person is of an eligible age to register or preregister to vote.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

AB-464 (Schiavo) - Public documents: driver's licenses and vital records.

Exempts individuals who meet specified eligibility requirements for specified assistance programs from paying a fee for various vital records including a driver's license.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 464 without my signature.

This bill, contingent on appropriation, would provide beneficiaries of specified public assistance programs with the opportunity to receive birth certificates, marriage certificates, and marriage dissolution records at no cost. Additionally, this bill, beginning July 1, 2027, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide driver's licenses free of charge to individuals who are homeless.

I appreciate the author's efforts to provide free driver's licenses to homeless individuals and no-cost vital records for beneficiaries of government assistance programs; however, this bill would result in tens of millions of dollars in ongoing costs not contemplated in the budget. Additionally, provisions of this bill are similar to AB 2510, which I vetoed last year due to budget impacts. As stated in that message, I believe there are more efficient ways of assisting this population, and I look forward to working with the Legislature on this important issue.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

[AB-962 \(Vince Fong\) - Identification cards.](#)

Requires, commencing on January 1, 2027, the fees for a reduced-fee identification card to be lowered by \$2.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 962 without my signature.

This bill, beginning January 1, 2027, would lower by two dollars the California Consumer Price Index-adjusted fee for reduced-fee identification cards.

While I appreciate the author's efforts to provide financial relief for low-income Californians, this bill creates new additional cost pressures on the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA), which is facing insolvency. Any proposals that increase expenditures or reduce revenues will exacerbate fiscal pressures on the fund and must be considered in the annual budget process in the context of all priorities to be paid from the MVA.

In addition, seniors over the age of 62 and persons who are homeless can already obtain an identification card at no cost. Individuals who meet the income requirements for certain public benefits are eligible for a reduced fee of \$10. Because identification cards are valid for six years, the reduction proposed in this bill represents a \$0.33 savings per year per eligible customer. There may be more effective ways of providing relief to low-income Californians without negatively impacting the condition of the Motor Vehicle Account.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1606 (Gipson) - Driver's license renewal alternatives.

Authorizes the Director of Motor Vehicles to establish a program to evaluate the traffic safety and other effects of renewing driver's licenses by virtual or other remote processes. Requires the DMV to provide a report on the program to the Legislature by January 1, 2034.

Status: Chapter 373, Statutes of 2023

AB-1738 (Wendy Carrillo) - Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program.

Requires the DMV to establish a Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program in specified areas to assist persons experiencing homelessness obtain an identification card. This pilot shall be in effect until January 1, 2029.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Excess Property

SB-710 (Durazo) - Sale of excess state highway property: State Highway Route 710 Terminus.

Requires Caltrans to establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Task Force, as provided, to meet quarterly and complete and submit a report to the Legislature on the issues of traffic and potential land use related to the State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas, as defined.

Status: Chapter 501, Statutes of 2023

Local Finance and Infrastructure

SB-312 (Wiener) - State highways: True warm mix asphalt

Defines a new category of asphalt called "true warm mix asphalt" and award a bonus of from \$3 - \$5 per ton for its use by Caltrans.

Status: This bill was amended on September 13, 2023, and no longer falls under this committee's jurisdiction.

SB-689 (Blakespear) - Local coastal program: conformity determination.

Requires any project that is contained within, or consistent with, a bicycle transportation plan to be deemed consistent, and in conformity, with any applicable certified local coastal program.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-1385 (Garcia) - Riverside County Transportation Commission: transaction and use tax.

Authorizes the Riverside County Transportation Commission to impose a maximum transportation and use tax (TUT) of 1.5%, subject to a vote.

Status: Chapter 578, Statutes of 2023

Managed Lanes

AB-382 (Cervantes) - High-occupancy vehicle lanes: County of Riverside.

Requires CalSTA to report to the Legislature on the feasibility and appropriateness of limiting the use of HOV lanes on specified routes, and removing double parallel solid lines from HOV lanes, in Riverside County.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-902 (Rodriguez) - Ambulances: fee and toll exemptions.

Clarifies that both public and private local emergency service providers can request the owner or operator of a toll facility to enter into an agreement to establish mutually agreed upon terms for use of the toll facility, including, but not limited to, being exempt from toll payment.

Status: Chapter 124, Statutes of 2023

Miscellaneous

SB-68 (McGuire) - Vehicles: safety regulations.

Authorizes the Department of the CHP to, by regulation, allow a driver to exceed maximum driving hours safety limits during a declared state of emergency if transporting fuel used for refueling aircraft used in emergency-related activities, including fire suppression.

Status: Chapter 699, Statutes of 2023

AB-295 (Vince Fong) - Department of Transportation: maintenance projects.

Requires Caltrans to begin maintenance within 90 days if the continued failure to complete these projects poses a clear and imminent danger that requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-752 (Blanca Rubio) - State highways: worker safety.

Requires Caltrans to prescribe standards for the use of barriers, as defined, in specified conditions, in order to ensure worker safety.

Status: Chapter 813, Statutes of 2023

AB-776 (Holden) - Route 210.

Requires Caltrans to work with specified organizations including California tribes local to, or historically located along Route 210, to identify an appropriate name for the route and appropriate locations for signs that recognize the tribal lands along the route.

Status: Chapter 543, Statutes of 2023

AB-832 (Cervantes) - California Transportation Commission: membership.

Requires that at least one of the Governor-appointed members to the CTC have expertise in transportation issues and professional experience that includes experience working in, or representing, disadvantaged communities.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Omnibus Bills

SB-891 (Committee on Transportation) - Transportation: omnibus bill.

Makes several non-substantive, non-controversial changes to provisions of law related to transportation.

Status: Chapter 219, Statutes of 2023

Outdoor Advertising

SB-222 (Nguyen) - Outdoor advertising: applications.

Requires Caltrans to consider the approval or denial of a pending outdoor advertising application before construction on an applicable highway project is completed.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-476 (Villapudua) - Digital displays: public health and safety: the County of San Joaquin.

Authorizes the County of San Joaquin to construct, on public property owned by the county, digital displays that promote public health and safety.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2023

AB-1175 (Quirk-Silva) - Outdoor advertising displays: redevelopment agency project areas.

Extends the date at which advertising displays located in former redevelopment areas may continue to operate until January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 361, Statutes of 2023

AB-1415 (Santiago) - Outdoor advertising: City of Los Angeles.

Creates an exemption from the Outdoor Advertising Act for advertising displays erected in specified areas of Los Angeles pursuant to specified conditions, including preapproval by Caltrans.

Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2023

AB-1673 (Pacheco) - Outdoor Advertising Act: definitions.

Clarifies the definition of the terms “relocation,” “relocated display,” and all related variants of the terms. It also explicitly allows the conversion of an advertising display to a message center (e.g. an advertising display which allows changeable ads rather than a static display).

Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2023

Ports and Goods Movement

SB-517 (Gonzalez) - Economic development: movement of freight.

Authorizes GO-Biz to serve as the coordinating entity to steer the growth, competitiveness, and sustainability for freight and the supply chain across the state and to promote and assess the continued economic vitality, economic competitiveness, and sustainability of the freight sector.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Rail and Public Transportation

SB-125 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) - Transportation Budget Trailer Bill

Establishes an accountability framework for required reporting for transit operators and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)s to receive the \$5.1 billion in funding for transit capital projects and transit operations through the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the newly created Zero Emission Transit Capital program (ZETCP). Also creates the Transit Transformation Task Force, as outlined in AB 761 (Friedman). Requires CalSTA must convene the Task Force by January 1, 2024. Details the members of the Task Force and what they will be analyzing and offering recommendations on including reforming TDA law. The report and recommendations are due to the Legislature by October 31, 2025.

Status: Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023

SB-304 (Laird) - Monterey-Salinas Transit District: public contracting.

Increases to \$150,000 the monetary threshold for contracts above which the Monterey-Salinas Transit district is required to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, or to the responsible bidder that provides the best value, as provided. The bill would also require the district to obtain a minimum of 3 quotations whenever the expected expenditure required for the purchase is instead between \$5,000 and \$150,000.

Status: Chapter 107, Statutes of 2023

SB-434 (Min) - Transit operators: street harassment survey.

Requires the top ten public transit operators to collect and publish survey data, as specified, and conduct outreach activities, as specified, to the extent feasible with funding they receive to implement the bill from Caltrans for the purpose of informing their efforts to improve the safety of riders and reduce street harassment on public transit. Requires transit operators, by December 31, 2024, to publish the survey data on their websites and inform the Governor and the Legislature. Requires Caltrans, by July 1, 2024, to enter into a funding agreement with transit operators to collect and publish the survey data.

Status: Chapter 396, Statutes of 2023

SB-506 (Laird) - Public Utilities Commission: railroads: colored pavements marking project.

Requires the Public Utilities commission to develop and implement a pilot project for colored pavement markings at one or more at-grade highway-railroad crossings no later than January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 288, Statutes of 2023

SB-523 (Laird) - Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Authorizes the retirement board of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors to have not more than 7 members.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-677 (Blakespear) - Intercity rail: LOSSAN Rail Corridor.

Requires the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency to include a description of the effects of climate change and identify planned projects to increase climate resiliency in its annual Business Plan, as specified.

Status: Chapter 407, Statutes of 2023

SB-827 (Glazer) - San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: Office of the BART Inspector General.

Revises the authority of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) Inspector General (IG). Clarifies the IG's access to BART facilities, and the authority to examine records and other property, as specified. Creates a misdemeanor offense, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both that imprisonment and fine, for actions, as specified, obstructing the IG in the performance of an audit or investigation.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-354 (Stephanie Nguyen) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: board of directors: membership.

Authorizes the City of Elk Grove to appoint two members, instead of one, to the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Board of Directors.

Status: Chapter 35, Statutes of 2023

AB-364 (Bryan) - Street furniture data: statewide integrated data platform.

Requires Caltrans to develop guidelines for data sharing, documentation, public access, quality control, and promotion of open-source and accessible platforms and decision

support tools related to street furniture data, as specified. The bill would define “street furniture” as objects and pieces of equipment installed along a street or road to provide amenities for pedestrians, including, but not limited to, bus shelters, trash receptacles, benches, or public toilets.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-610 (Holden) - Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program: free youth transit passes.

Creates a Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program to provide grants to transit agencies to create or expand free fare transit programs for college and K-12 students.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-761 (Friedman) -Transit Transformation Task Force

As referred to this committee, this bill creates the Transit Transformation Task Force (Task Force) to make recommendations to the Legislature on ways to improve public transit, by January 1, 2025.

Status: This bill was amended on September 13, 2023 and was referred to Senate Rules Committee. The original content of AB 761 was included in SB 125 (see for more details).

AB-971 (Lee) - Vehicles: transit-only traffic lanes.

Clarifies local authorities may permit other vehicles in transit only traffic lanes.

Status: Chapter 672, Statutes of 2023

AB-1052 (McCarty) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: taxes.

Makes changes to the taxing authority for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) by allowing it to impose qualified special taxes within portions of its jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 674, Statutes of 2023

AB-1735 (Low) - Transit districts: prohibition orders.

Grants the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) the authority currently provided to specified transit districts to issue prohibition orders to any person cited for committing a specified act.

Status: Chapter 69, Statutes of 2023

Resolutions

SCR-13 (Roth) - Joseph Tavaglione Interchange.

Designates the interchange where State Highway Routes 60 and 91 meet Interstate 215 in the County of Riverside as the Joseph Tavaglione Interchange.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SCR-16 (Roth) - Deputy Isaiah A. Cordero Memorial Highway.

Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 60 in the County of Riverside as the Deputy Isaiah A. Cordero Memorial Highway.

Status: Chapter 134, Statutes of 2023

SCR-25 (Seyarto) - Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun Memorial Highway.

Designates a portion of State Highway Route 15 in the City of Lake Elsinore and the County of Riverside as the Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun Memorial Highway.

Status: Chapter 150, Statutes of 2023

SCR-31 (Laird) - Katcho Achadjian Memorial Highway.

Designates the portion of U.S. Route 101 in the County of San Luis Obispo, from postmile 13.173 to postmile 17.767, as the Katcho Achadjian Memorial Highway.

Status: Chapter 137, Statutes of 2023

SCR-59 (Ochoa Bogh) - Senator Bob Dutton Memorial Overcrossing.

Designates the overcrossing on State Route 210 at Archibald Avenue in the City of Rancho Cucamonga as the Senator Bob Dutton Memorial Overcrossing.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Transportation

SCR-74 (Nguyen) - Officer Jon Coutchie Memorial Bridge.

Designates the Aliso Creek Bridge on State Highway Route 1 in the County of Orange as the Officer Jon Coutchie Memorial Bridge.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Transportation

ACR-7 (Ramos) - Scott "Buckshot" Schwingel Memorial Overcrossing.

Designates the Ayala Drive overcrossing at postmile marker 17.437 on State Route 210 in the County of San Bernardino as the Scott "Buckshot" Schwingel Memorial Overcrossing.

Status: Chapter 126, Statutes of 2023

ACR-38 (Alvarez) - Freeway lids.

Recognizes the need to reunite communities split by the creation of the interstate highway system and the importance of freeway lids as a partial solution to that problem.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

ACR-71 (Ta) - Little Saigon Freeway.

Designates the portion of Interstate Highway 405 from Bolsa Chica Road in the County of Orange to Magnolia Street in the County of Orange as the Little Saigon Freeway.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

ACR-85 (Villapudua) - Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.

Designates the portion of Interstate 5 between Roth Road, at postmile R19.584, and French Camp Road, at postmile R22.508, in the City of Stockton as the Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

ACR-87 (Ta) - “Surf City USA” interchange.

Designates the interchange at State Highway Route 405 and State Route 39 in the County of Orange at Beach Boulevard as the “Surf City USA” interchange.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

ACR-92 (Schiavo) - Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Hagop “Jake” Kuredjian Memorial Highway.

Designates the portion of Interstate 5 between the Pico-Lyons Overcrossing and the McBean Parkway Overcrossing in the City of Santa Clarita as the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Hagop “Jake” Kuredjian Memorial Highway.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

ACR-93 (Dixon) - Marian Bergeson Memorial Bridge.

Designates the North Arm Newport Bay Bridge on State Route 1, in the County of Orange, as the Marian Bergeson Memorial Bridge.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

ACR-98 (Lackey) - CHP Officer Andy Ornelas Memorial Highway

Designates the portion of State Route 14 from the Avenue 0-8 bridge at Postmile R62.151 to the Avenue M overcrossing at Postmile R64.678, in the County of Los Angeles, as the CHP Officer Andy Ornelas Memorial Highway.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

Rules of the Road

SB-580 (Bradford) - Schoolbuses: stop signal arm enforcement system.

Authorizes a school district to install and operate an automated camera-based stop signal arm enforcement system, as defined, for the purpose of enforcing laws limiting the passing of school busses.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-847 (Dahle) - Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet exception.

Authorizes the Department of the CHP to adopt a regulation certifying a helmet offered for sale, or sold, that substantially complies with, but does not meet, the requirements imposed by the specified federal standards if the helmet is designed for the purposes of compliance with a driver's or passenger's religious beliefs or practices.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 847 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the California Highway Patrol to adopt a regulation to certify motorcycle helmets that do not meet the safety requirements imposed by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in order to accommodate a driver's or passenger's religious beliefs.

Motorcycle helmets save lives. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that all motorcycle helmets sold in the United States meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. This standard defines minimum levels of performance that helmets must meet to protect the head and brain in the event of a crash. According to NHTSA, helmets that do not meet FMVSS 218 create a higher risk for skull fracture and brain injury when compared to certified ones. Approval of a helmet model that does not comply with rigorous federal safety standards will undoubtedly impact public safety.

While I am sensitive to the protection of religious freedoms, I cannot support legislation that would have the unintended public safety consequences associated with this proposal.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-73 (Boerner) - Vehicles: required stops: bicycles.

Permits a person, 18 years of age or older, to treat stop signs as yield signs when riding a bicycle through an all-way stop intersection of roads with two or fewer lanes.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process – Transportation

AB-436 (Alvarez) - Vehicles.

Removes the authorization for a local authority to regulate cruising and repeals the prohibition on cruising.

Status: Chapter 803, Statutes of 2023

AB-645 (Friedman) - Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program.

Authorizes an automated camera speed enforcement pilot program in the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Francisco, Oakland, Glendale and San Jose.

Status: Chapter 808, Statutes of 2023

AB-705 (Lowenthal) - Autoettes.

Expands the allowable length of a vehicle that could be defined as an autoette to 130 inches.

Status: Chapter 91, Statutes of 2023

AB-825 (Bryan) - Vehicles: bicycles on sidewalks.

Prohibits a local authority from prohibiting the operation of a bicycle on a sidewalk adjacent to a highway corridor that does not include a Class I, II, or IV bikeway.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 825 without my signature.

This bill, with limited exceptions, would prohibit local jurisdictions from banning bicycling on sidewalks located adjacent to streets and roads without bike lanes, until January 1, 2031.

I appreciate the author's commitment to address bicycle safety and enforcement issues; however, the approach in this bill would create serious safety issues - both for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Most sidewalks are not designed for bicyclists to safely use them, and riding on sidewalks would significantly increase the risk of collisions with pedestrians.

Under my Administration, investments to fix and build safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on and across state highways has quadrupled, and Caltrans is planning for even greater levels of investments using historic federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In addition, the state budget recently included investments in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) with an infusion of \$1 billion above and beyond the ongoing funding available for this important program. In its administration of the ATP, the California Transportation Commission has overwhelmingly focused investments to improve biking and walking in disadvantaged communities.

Increasing the vulnerability of pedestrians is not a solution to addressing the safety needs of bicyclists. We need to continue our efforts to deliver the necessary infrastructure in all of our communities for safe bicycle and pedestrian travel.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Streets and Highways

[SB-30 \(Umberg\) - Transportation: zero-emission vehicle signage.](#)

Requires Caltrans to develop and design light-duty zero-emission vehicle charging and fueling station signage to be placed along state highways.

Status: Held in Committee – Assembly Appropriations

SB-49 (Becker) - Renewable energy: solar canopy tax incentives: Department of Transportation strategic plan.

Requires Caltrans to evaluate the issues and policies impeding the development of land within department-owned rights-of-way for renewable energy generation facilities, energy storage facilities, and electrical transmission and distribution facilities.

Status: Chapter 379, Statutes of 2023

SB-506 (Laird) - Public Utilities Commission: railroads: colored pavements marking project.

Requires the Public Utilities commission to develop and implement a pilot project for colored pavement markings at one or more at-grade highway-railroad crossings no later than January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 288, Statutes of 2023

SB-606 (Alvarado-Gil) - State highways: State Route 203: reduction.

Authorizes the CTC to relinquish to the Town of Mammoth Lakes all or a portion of State Route 203 within the town's jurisdiction

Status: Chapter 619, Statutes of 2023

SB-672 (McGuire) - State highways: parklets

As heard by this committee, this bill requires Caltrans, to establish a standard fee structure, as specified, for the application and placement of a parklet on a state highway, including reducing the fee by one-half for certain circumstances, such as a public benefit. Requires Caltrans to consider an encroachment permit application for a parklet for commercial use.

Status: This bill was amended on June 19, 2023, and no longer falls under this committee's jurisdiction.

SB-695 (Gonzalez) - Department of Transportation: state highway system: public data portal.

Requires Caltrans to compile and make available data and information on its website, as specified, about projects on the state highway system for the last five years, by January 1, 2025, and, as of January 1, 2026, to report the data every year thereafter. Requires Caltrans to also include data and information on planned, pending projects on the state highway system. Requires Caltrans to develop a format, in consultation with the CTC, for the data and information, and to present the data and information to the CTC at a regularly scheduled meeting on or before April 1, 2025 and April 1st every year thereafter.

Status: Chapter 629, Statutes of 2023

SB-710 (Durazo) - Sale of excess state highway property: State Highway Route 710 Terminus.

Requires Caltrans to establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Task Force, as provided, to meet quarterly and complete and submit a report to the Legislature on the issues of traffic and potential land use related to the State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas, as defined.

Status: Chapter 501, Statutes of 2023

AB-99 (Connolly) - Department of Transportation: state roads and highways: integrated pest management.

Requires Caltrans to adopt, by January 1, 2025, a statewide policy to use integrated pest management on state roads and highways and report on its website about its use of pesticides.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

AB-250 (Rodriguez) - State highways: State Route 83: reduction.

Authorizes the CTC to relinquish to the City of Chino all or a portion of State Route 83 within the city's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 516, Statutes of 2023

AB-295 (Vince Fong) - Department of Transportation: maintenance projects.

Requires Caltrans to begin maintenance within 90 days if the continued failure to complete these projects poses a clear and imminent danger that requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-824 (Calderon) - Highway greening: statewide strategic plan.

Requires the Caltrans to develop a needs assessment by June 30th, 2027, that considers how to achieve at least a 10% increase of in sustainable vegetation along highways in specified urban areas.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

AB-833 (Rendon) - Freeway caps.

Requires Caltrans to submit to the Legislature by 2030 a plan for adding caps to freeway segments that divide disadvantaged, underrepresented, and urban communities

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-971 (Lee) - Vehicles: transit-only traffic lanes.

Clarifies local authorities may permit other vehicles in transit only traffic lanes.

Status: Chapter 672, Statutes of 2023

AB-1017 (Friedman) - Engineering and traffic surveys: equestrian safety.

When heard by the committee, authorizes any entity conducting an engineering and traffic survey to consider equestrian safety.

Status: This bill was amended on September 13, 2023 and no longer falls under this committee's jurisdiction.

AB-1320 (Hoover) - California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices: supplemental destination signs: museums.

Requires the Caltrans to amend the California manual on uniform traffic control devices to allow supplemental destination signs for publicly owned and private nonprofit museums that have minimum annual attendance of 50,000 people and that are within 5 miles from the highway.

Status: Chapter 127, Statutes of 2023

Transportation Planning and Sustainable Communities Strategies

AB-6 (Friedman) - Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Requires the California ARB to provide the state's metropolitan planning organizations (MPO)s greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2035 and 2045, respectively, and makes various other changes to ARB's oversight of sustainable communities strategies (SCS).

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-350 (Aguiar-Curry) - Regional transportation plans: Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Provides a two year extension for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to adopt and submit its Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), with certain conditions.

Status: Chapter 648, Statutes of 2023

AB-744 (Juan Carrillo) - California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement.

Requires the CTC, on or before July 1, 2025, to develop a proposal to procure data, modeling, and analytic software tools and a process to grant access to state and local agencies to the data it procures directly, or provide a process for direct allocation of funding to agencies for data procurement, or both.

Status: Chapter 541, Statutes of 2023

AB-1335 (Zbur) - Local government: transportation planning and land use: sustainable communities strategy.

Makes changes to the housing projections included in regional transportation plan/sustainable communities strategies (RTP/SCS)s and adds additional reporting requirements for local governments.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

Transportation Finance and Development

AB-7 (Friedman) - Transportation: planning: project selection processes.

Requires CalSTA, Caltrans, and the CTC, on or after, January 1, 2025, to the extent feasible, applicable, and cost effective, to incorporate the goals related to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) into program funding guidelines and planning processes, as specified. Requires the California Transportation Plan (CTP) to include a financial element, and an analysis of how CalSTA, Caltrans, and CTC are achieving principles outlined in the CAPTI, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, and the federal Justice 40 initiative.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-251 (Ward) - California Transportation Commission: vehicle weight safety study.

Requires the CTC to convene a task force to study the relationship between vehicle weight and injuries to vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, and degradation to roads, and to study the costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee to include consideration of vehicle weight. The bill would require the CTC, by no later than January 1, 2026, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Chapter 320, Statutes of 2023

AB-1385 (Garcia) - Riverside County Transportation Commission: transaction and use tax.

Authorizes the Riverside County Transportation Commission to impose a maximum transportation and use tax (TUT) of 1.5%, subject to a vote.

Status: Chapter 578, Statutes of 2023

Vehicle Registration, Vehicle Dealers, and Vehicles

SB-55 (Umberg) - Vehicles: catalytic converters.

Prohibits motor vehicle dealers from selling a vehicle equipped with a catalytic converter unless the converter has been permanently marked with the vehicle's identification number, the vehicle is sold for dismantling or salvage, the vehicle is sold at a wholesale auction or a buyer declines the marking offered by the dealer.

Status: Chapter 858, Statutes of 2023

SB-374 (Ashby) - Vehicles: specialized license plates.

Increases the fee to \$40 for a renewal of registration that includes the continued display of the "California Firefighter" special license plate.

Status: Chapter 602, Statutes of 2023

SB-503 (Alvarado-Gil) - License plates: tourism.

Requires that license plates issued to motor vehicles display the internet website for Visit California.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-608 (Becker) - Child health and safety: “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plate program.

Increases the fees for the initial issuance and renewal of the “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plates by \$40 and revises allocation of funds derived from that program.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

SB-708 (Jones) - Vehicles: off-highway motor vehicles: off-highway motorcycles: sanctioned event permit.

Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a special permit to California residents to operate certain off-road motorcycles at sanctioned events, as defined.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Water, Parks and Wildlife

AB-256 (Dixon) - Vehicles: registration.

Prohibits a violation of displaying current vehicle tabs from being the sole basis for any enforcement action before the 2nd month after the month of expiration of the vehicle’s registration.

Status: Chapter 297, Statutes of 2023

AB-473 (Aguilar-Curry) - Motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers.

Modifies numerous provisions of the laws governing the relationship between new motor vehicle manufacturers and the franchisees that operate car dealerships.

Status: Chapter 332, Statutes of 2023

AB-641 (Vince Fong) - Automobile dismantlers: catalytic converters.

Revises the definition of automobile dismantler thereby making it a misdemeanor for a person to possess nine or more used catalytic converters that have been cut from a vehicle unless they are a licensed automobile dismantler.

Status: Chapter 537, Statutes of 2023

AB-1519 (Bains) - Vehicles: catalytic converters.

Makes it a misdemeanor to remove, alter, or obfuscate any vehicle identification number (VIN) or other unique marking on a catalytic converter or from possessing three or more catalytic converters that have been so altered.

Status: Chapter 847, Statutes of 2023

Zero-Emission Vehicles and Technology

SB-30 (Umberg) - Transportation: zero-emission vehicle signage.

Requires Caltrans to develop and design light-duty zero-emission vehicle charging and fueling station signage to be placed along state highways.

Status: Held in Committee – Assembly Appropriations

SB-233 (Skinner) - Electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: bidirectional capability.

Requires the Energy Commission to convene a stakeholder workgroup to examine challenges with using a battery electric vehicle and bidirectional electric vehicle service equipment as a mobile battery, and require the Energy Commission, on or before January 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

SB-301 (Portantino) - Vehicular air pollution: Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project.

Requires the California ARB to establish the Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project, using funding from the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to provide an applicant with a rebate for converting a vehicle into a zero-emission vehicle.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

SB-397 (Wahab) - Safety roadside rests: electric vehicle service equipment.

Requires the Energy Commission to establish a program to install and maintain electric vehicle service equipment at safety roadside rests.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

SB-425 (Newman) - Clean Vehicle Rebate Project: fuel cell electric pickup trucks.

Requires the ARB to provide rebates for zero-emission electric pickup trucks that are \$2,500 more than the rebates that are provided for other fuel cell electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles, respectively.

Status: Held in Committee – Assembly Appropriations

SB-507 (Gonzalez) - Electric vehicle charging station infrastructure: assessments.

Expands the scope of the California Energy Commission (CEC) assessment of the state's need for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

SB-529 (Gonzalez) - Electric vehicle sharing services: affordable housing facilities.

Requires the Energy Commission to create a program to award grants to facilitate electric vehicle sharing services operated at affordable housing facilities.

Status: Held in Committee – Senate Appropriations

SB-615 (Allen) - Vehicle traction batteries.

Requires vehicle traction batteries to be recovered and reused, repurposed, or remanufactured and recycled at the end of their useful life. This bill requires vehicle manufacturers, dealers, dismantlers, repair dealers, or other secondary users to be responsible for ensuring responsible end-of-life management of vehicle traction batteries

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

SB-775 (Padilla) - Vehicles: electric schoolbuses: signage.

Authorizes a school district, county office of education, or charter school using a zero-emission schoolbus to transport pupils at or below the 12th-grade level to place signage on the rear of the zero-emission schoolbus that identifies the schoolbus as a clean air zero-emission bus.

Status: Chapter 413, Statutes of 2023

AB-591 (Gabriel) - Electric vehicle service equipment: connectors and public accessibility.

Requires specified electric vehicle charging stations to remain open until January 1, 2029 and requires all new Tesla charging stations to be open to non-Tesla vehicles.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Transportation

AB-1349 (Irwin) - Electric vehicle charging station networks: data fields.

Requires that owners or operators of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for which the owner or operator was awarded a state grant on or after January 1, 2024, to make

freely available to third-party software developers specified data on the owners' or operators' entire California network of EV charging stations.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Energy, Utilities and Communications

AB-1594 (Garcia) - Medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles: public agency utilities.

Requires any state regulation that seeks to require the procurement of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles to ensure those vehicles can support a public agency utility's duties and to authorize the utility to make certain determinations and vehicle replacements.

Status: Chapter 585, Statutes of 2023

AB-1614 (Gabriel) - Gasoline fueling stations: phaseout: study.

Requires the California Energy Commission to submit to the Legislature by July 1, 2025 a report assessing the suitability of gasoline stations for conversion into electric vehicle charging stations and identifying potential financial incentives and regulatory barriers for gasoline stations to convert to electric vehicle charging stations.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1614 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to conduct a study on the statewide transition of fuel stations from gasoline to alternative fuels.

This bill will result in additional costs to the General Fund and the CEC's primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit. This bill exacerbates the CEC's operating funds structural imbalance. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan by December 31, 2024.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion

of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom