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SUBJECT: Sacramento Report –May APC Meeting

The legislature is approaching May 12 when policy committees will have completed the analyses of the bills introduced thus far in the 2023-24 Session. Legislative activity is turning toward the Budget as the Governor is expected to introduce the state's projected major revenue and workload adjustments to the 2023-24 State Budget Act by May 10, at which time the Budget Subcommittees will undertake their reviews of new proposals and proposals held over from earlier. The objective of these budget reviews is to develop a complete and final Joint state budget for enactment by June 15,

Below is a matrix of bills that may be of interest to the Authority. Newly added measures are indicated by **NEW**.

ASSEMBLY	Description	Comments	Status	Board Action
AB 6, Friedman	Requires the State Air Resources Board (CARB) to provide each region of the state with greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2035 and 2045,	The measure is intended to ensure better attainment for the MPO programs to meet GHG targets. The author is conducting broad stakeholder sessions to this end.	Asm Natural Resources, 4/24	
AB 7, Friedman	Requires starting January 1, 2025 the transportation project selection process for key fund sources available to regional or local entities, incorporate principles from the 2021	This bill follows last year's measure, AB 2237, Friedman, that was dropped by the author.	Asm Approps, 4/26	

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	federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).			
AB 96, Kalra	Requires a public transit district to provide written notice to an exclusive representative of the workforce affected by autonomous transit vehicle technology	Similar to the author's bill last year, that was eventually vetoed.	Asm Floor	
ASSEMBLY	Description	Comments		Action
AB 241, Reyes	Develops eligibility requirements for California Clean Transportation Program, a \$100 million annual program to promote clean vehicles.	Seeks to change the purpose of the AQIP program to fund air quality improvement projects relating to zero-emission fuel and vehicle technologies and that the primary purpose of the program is to fund projects to reduce criteria air pollutants in the logistics, trucking, and port sectors.	Asm Natural Resources, 4/24	
AB 251, Ward	Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to convene a task force to study the potential costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee.	This is intended to validate a possible correlation of vehicle weight and seriousness of injuries with peds. The end goal will be to consider a fee, possibly like the SB 1 TIF, of a dollar amount per weight class to develop strategies.	Asm Approps., 4/26	
AB 316, Aguiar-Curry	Restricts an autonomous vehicle (AV) with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 10,000 pounds or more from being operated on public roads for testing	Author states - Testing and deployment of light-duty AVs in California has been fraught with malfunctions including	Asm Conveyance and Communications, 4/19	Opposed 3/15/23

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	purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present	AVs blocking traffic by suddenly stopping in the middle of the road, driving through emergency response scenes, etc.		
AB 321, Wilson	Provides a partial exemption under the Sales and Use Tax (SUT) Law for a "zero-emission public transportation ferry," until June 1, 2028.	The new partial exemption applies to state sales taxes, and not to local Bradley-Burns or other local sales taxes	Asm Rev & Tax, 5/1	
ASSEMBLY	Description	Comments		Action
AB 540, Wicks	Would recharacterize consolidated transportation service agencies in the Social Services Transportation AB Improvement Act; also imposes \$10 per vehicle fee.	The County-sponsored bill seeks to make consolidated transportation for Seniors and Disabled People more effective. The bill includes a \$10 vehicle registration fee to assist consolidated agencies in meeting new work objectives.	Asm Trans., 2-year bill. Seek new revenue source.	
AB 557, Hart NEW	Essentially, extends indefinitely the provisions of AB 361 (2022)	Generally, makes minor improvements to the AB 361 provisions	Asm. Local Gov., 4/26	
AB 744, Carrillo	Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to acquire solutions for data, modeling, and analytic software tools to support the state's sustainable transportation,	This bill attempts to address the fact that California lacks a public data portal in the transportation sector that is easy to search, download, combine with data sets from other sources, and simple to use to track	Asm Approps., 4/26	

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	congestion management, affordable housing and climate goals.	how the projects funded align with helping to the state achieve its climate goals.		
AB 761, Friedman	Creates the Transit Transformation Task Force (Task Force) to make recommendations to the Legislature on ways to improve public transportation.	Intended to address the slow return of transit users and to prepare transit systems for future needs when climate objectives encourage more transit usage.	Asm. Trans., 4/26	
AB 817, Pacheco NEW	Extends to appointed bodies key elements of the process and procedure in AB 361.	Intended to provide teleconference opportunity for public bodies that are comprised of members appointed by boards of elected officials	Asm. Local Gov., 4/26	
Senate	Description	Comments		Action
SB 411, Portantino	This bill would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency and define “legislative body” for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency.	The premise of the bill is based on the factor that the COVID health emergency teleconference provisions produced productive sessions with increased public participation. The extension to public bodies with appointed membership is expected to continue those benefits.	Senate Judiciary, no date	
SB 544, Laird	The bill amends existing law that will remain operative after July 1, 2023, to remove indefinitely the	This bill is seeking the same objectives as SB 411 – audio and video teleconference meetings	Senate Judiciary, 4/25	

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	teleconference requirements that a state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and that each teleconference location be accessible to the public.	enhances public participation and strengthens access to meetings by improving access for all.		
SB 670, Allen	The bill requires ARB to develop a methodology for assessing and spatially representing vehicle miles traveled and to develop maps accordingly to display average vehicle miles traveled per capita in the state at the local, regional, and statewide level, as provided.	The author's intent for the bill is to better inform state and local planning decisions as to where to establish better targets for housing and related infrastructure.	Senate Env. Quality, 4/26	
SB 695, Gonzalez	This bill requires Caltrans to compile and publish data and information, about projects on the state highway system for the last ten years, by June 1, 2024, and annually moving forward.	The bill will provide more realistic information and understanding of the types projects and their scope, implemented on the state highway system.	Senate Approps., Suspense File	
SB 706, Caballero	Expands local agency progressive design-build authority to any type of project, not just water projects. Progressive design-build (PDB) is a more recent variant on	The bill seeks to extend the local agency use of "progressive" design build.	Senate Floor, 3 rd Reading	

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	traditional design-build contracting by generally including two phases.			
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