

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 16-17, 2025

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

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Subject: State and Federal Legislative Matters

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) accept the report on pending state legislation included as Attachment A.

Issue:

The Legislature adjourned for the Interim Recess of the 2025-26 legislative session on September 13. The Governor has until October 12 to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature. In most cases, signed bills will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Attachment A, which will be included as an update after the October 12 signing deadline, includes a list of bills monitored by staff, pursuant to the Commission's bill monitoring policy.

At the August Commission meeting, the Commission delegated the authority to take positions on pending legislation to the Executive Director, upon consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, until the next regular Commission meeting. The Executive Director did not take any positions on bills during this time.

Background:

The Commission previously adopted a support position on Senate Bill 470 (Laird): Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing. The bill is pending action by the Governor.

The Legislature also approved a package of bills reauthorizing the California Air Resources Board's market-based compliance mechanism for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, known as the Cap-and-Invest Program, through 2045. Senate Bill 840 (Limón): Greenhouse gases: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Studies, establishes continuous appropriations of Cap-and-Invest proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year. The annual appropriations include:

- \$1 billion for components of the High-Speed Rail Authority’s initial operating segment;
- \$800 million for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program administered by the Strategic Growth Council;
- \$400 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program administered by the California State Transportation Agency; and,
- \$200 million for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program administered by the California Department of Transportation.

The Legislature will return from the Interim Recess on January 5, 2026, for the second year of the 2025-26 legislative session. Bills that were introduced but not approved by the Legislature this year will be eligible to be taken up at that time.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Legislation Monitored by Commission Staff