

INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Legislative Update

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State Agency Roles



SAFETY

Nearly 10% of all the year 2021 traffic deaths in the U.S. occurred on California roadways. Fatalities for Active Transportation users are also at a 16-year high. By embedding the Safe System approach into our investments, planning, design and innovation, we will be able to achieve better outcomes on this urgent responsibility.



EQUITY

Historically, transportation decisions prioritized movement of vehicles over the movement of people. We also built a transportation system that in some cases had detrimental impacts in underserved communities. We aim to create an equitable and accessible transportation network and to provide equitable opportunities for all people.



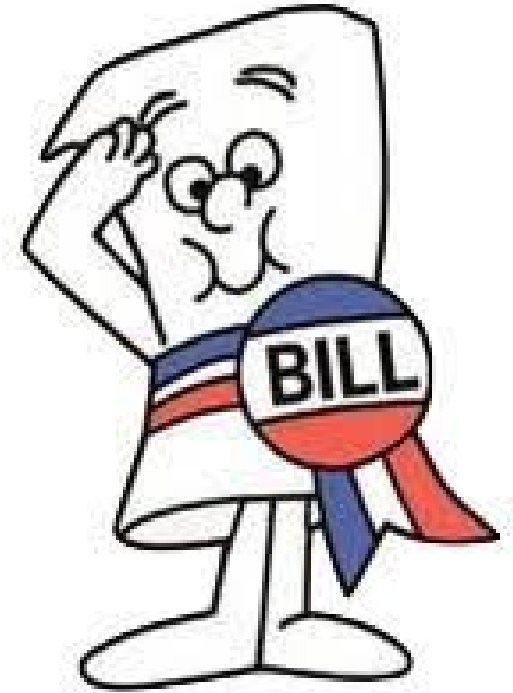
CLIMATE ACTION

Nearly half of all climate-changing pollution in California comes from the transportation sector, and this demands our action for a cleaner future for all Californians. We must continue making our carbon footprint smaller by investing in a more multimodal system, embracing smarter land use development and utilizing innovation around zero emission vehicles.



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Transportation policy done right creates well-paying jobs, provides affordable options, supports housing opportunities and powers our economy. This must be our focus as we strive for all people to be on equal footing, resulting in more thriving, robust communities.



2026 Legislative Calendar Key Dates

- January 5 – Legislature Reconvenes.
- January 10 – Budget must be submitted by Governor.
- January 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2025.
- February 20– Last day for bills to be introduced.
- May 15– Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house.
- May 29 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight.

2026 Legislative Calendar Key Dates

- July 2 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer recess begins upon adjournment.
- August 3 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- August 14 – Last day for fiscal committees to report bills.
- August 21– Last day to amend on the floor.
- August 31– Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment.
- September 30– Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.

Bills of Interest to the EAC

Planning and Zoning: Truck Routes

AB 98 (Carrillo)

- Establishes and expands new regulations on warehouses, truck routes, and their “logistical use” to address:
 - Energy efficiency
 - Land use in non-zoned industrial area
 - Truck routes
 - Roadways
 - Sustainability
 - And more



Bills of Interest to the EAC

Housing and CEQA Changes: Effects on Transportation

AB 130 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

- Budget Trailer Bill
- Allows exemptions from CEQA to expedite the creation of new housing units
- Establishes a statewide vehicles miles traveled (VMT) mitigation bank that:
 - Allows funding to be allocated towards the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Fund for the purpose of supporting VMT- efficient affordable housing



Bills of Interest to the EAC

CEQA and Public Resources

SB 131 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

- Introduced in tandem with AB 130
- Allows exemptions from CEQA for some community-centered and/or sustainable infrastructure projects



Bills of Interest to the EAC

Transit Oriented Development

SB 79 (Wiener)

- Locate areas and construct new housing units near existing transit infrastructure in compliance with applicable local demolition and anti-displacement standards established through local ordinance
 - Defines “adjacent” as within 200 feet



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