



# 2024 Mid-Year Legislative Update

SFMTA Board of Directors

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# State Legislation



# 2024 State Legislative Priorities

- **Transportation Funding:** Support and engage in efforts to pass authorizing legislation to place a 2026 regional transportation funding measure on the ballot; convene the Statewide Transformation Task Force established under SB 125; ensure that the commitments made under the Budget Act of 2023-24 are upheld; and support competitive grant applications.
- **Vision Zero:** Support efforts to improve the overall safety for all road users and especially those who are most vulnerable. Protect the City against bills that would have negative safety impacts. Protect new flexibility on speed limit setting and new authority (if granted to use speed safety cameras).
- **Parking:** Create and support legislative efforts that modernize paid parking systems to reduce costs and provide more payment options.
- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Support, lead or engage in efforts to align AV operations with City goals. Ensure cities are included in the decision-making process.



# State Priority: Transportation Funding

## State Budget

**Transit Funding** – Prior year budget agreement included \$5.1B to address operational shortfalls that threaten transit service (i.e. “fiscal cliff”), bring riders back, advance capital projects that further the state’s environmental goals, and maximize the drawdown of federal funding

- SFMTA’s FY25 & FY26 operating budget relies on \$200M of State funds; plus \$109M of regional funds
- First statewide release of \$2.4B frozen by the State
- Remaining funding to be appropriated over several fiscal years
- Final agreement must preserve \$5.1B and release first \$2.4B

**Active Transportation Program (capital funding)** – Governor’s proposal cuts an additional \$400M beyond the January Budget \$200M cut for a total \$600M reduction.

# State Priority: Transportation Funding (continued)

**SB 1031 (Wiener/Wahab)**, the Connect Bay Area Act, authorizes a Bay Area ballot measure to fund the operation, expansion, and transformation of the Bay Area's transportation system. Paused by the authors; plan to bring back next session.



*Credit: Joey Kotfica*



**AB 2043 (Boerner)**, requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to ensure that the cost of nonemergency medical transportation or nonmedical transportation is not placed on public paratransit service operators.

# State Priority: Vision Zero

**SB 960 (Wiener)** strengthens requirements that state-owned surface streets accommodate all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and those using public transit. Mayor Breed took a support position on the bill.

**SB 689 (Blakespeare)** makes it easier to convert vehicular traffic lanes to bicycle lanes/nonvehicular uses. It achieves this by:

- Not requiring a traffic study for purposes of a coastal development permit or a change to a Local Coastal Program, when converting a vehicle travel lane to a dedicated bicycle lane
- Provides that changes to a Local Coastal Program to create a dedicated bicycle lane in the right of way would be eligible for a simplified approval process, only requiring the approval of the California Coastal Commission Executive Director
- The City and County of San Francisco took a support position on this bill

# State Priority: Vision Zero (cont.)

**AB 2483 (Berman)** requires cities/counties to identify and establish school walk zones for all schools located within the scope of the general plan, defining a “school walk zone” as all roadways and sidewalks within 1/2 mile in all directions of the boundary line of a school grounds.

- Establishes a prima facie speed limit in a school zone from 25 mph to 20 mph
- Changes the signage requirement for the school zone speed limit from “When Children are Present” to certain hours and days a school is in operation.



# State Priority: Parking

**SB 1487 (Glazer)** would prohibit a late payment penalty for a parking violation from exceeding 30% of the original penalty and would extend the time to pay a parking violation before additional penalties accrue.





# State Priority: Autonomous Vehicles

**AB 1777 (Ting)** would make a number of changes to the California Vehicle Code to require autonomous vehicle (AV) companies to improve interactions and communications with emergency responders.

- Would extend existing reporting requirements during AV testing to AV deployment.
- Would ensure that AVs can be cited for moving violations.
- The City and County of San Francisco took a support and seek amendments position on this bill.



# Local Legislation



# 2024 Local Legislative Priorities Requiring BOS/SFCTA Approvals

- New Bus Procurement for Greener Fleet
- Train Control System Upgrade
- Speed Safety Camera Implementation
- Potrero Yard Modernization Project
- San Francisco Cable Car Museum
- Safe Driver Safety Video Analytics and Surveillance Technology
- BOS/Mayoral legislation significant for SFMTA
  - Special Event Fee Waivers and Entertainment Zone Creation
  - Vision Zero Implementation and Contract Streamlining
  - Street Signs Installation and Renaming
  - GO Bond Tracking and Coordination (Pedestrian and Street Safety)
  - Capital Projects e.g. Stonestown Redevelopment
  - Curbside Electric Vehicle Study and Implementation
  - Music Concourse Garage



# Local Priority: Bus Procurement for Greener Fleet

## 40' Hybrid Procurement

- Replace the vehicles that have reached the end of the useful life.
- Purchase the latest hybrid tech for 94 vehicles.
- September 2024 - Bringing legislative approvals to the MTAB and the Board of Supervisors



## Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Procurements

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- Currently in negotiation. Tentative legislative approvals in August or September of 2024.



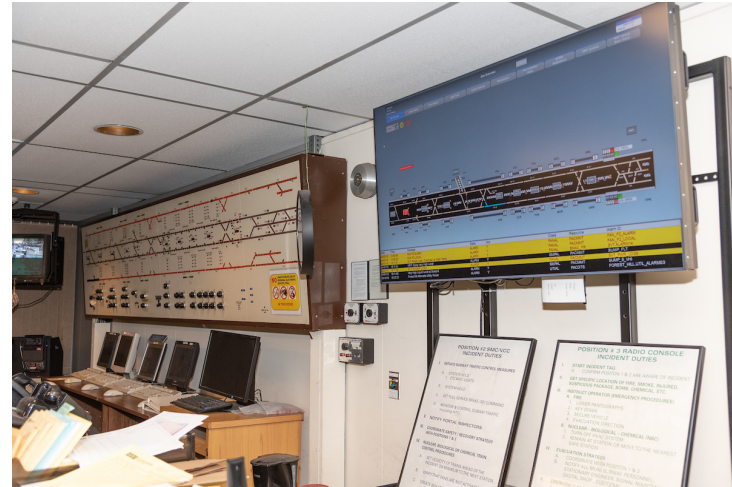
New Flyer: 13 BEBs (7-40ft and 6-60ft)

- February 2025 - Bringing legislative approvals to the MTAB and the Board of Supervisors to align with the delivery of the charging infrastructure projects at Woods and Islais Creek.

# Local Priority: Train Control Upgrade Project

The Train Control Upgrade Project will be going to the MTA Board and Board of Supervisors for approval on two critical contracts.

- Train Control Consultant: Legislative approvals in August and September of 2024. The contract is for five years, with five options to extend for one year.
- Train Control Supplier: Legislative approvals in October and November of 2024. The contract includes system procurement and 20 years of post-delivery support.



# Local Priority: Automated Speed Enforcement Implementation

## Legislative Approvals:

- Ordinance to allow for design-build-operate-maintain delivery method for ASE to hire a single vendor for the whole five-year pilot.
- Required approved legislation on how program data will be collected and shared.



# Local Priority: Building Progress Program

## Potrero Yard Modernization

Legislative Approvals for entitlements and a continuation payment for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project were obtained in April of 2024. The foundation of the project is a modern and expanded bus yard to accommodate 213+ trolley buses (54% increase) and 800+ employees (78% increase to current staff). The Project is also proposed to include Residential affordable and workforce housing and Commercial space.





**Thank you!**