

Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

June 12, 2026

Agenda Item 4b – 26-0708

**Senate Bill 1087 (Cabaldon): Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities
Strategies**

Subject:

Update on MTC-ABAG’s co-sponsored bill to modernize Senate Bill 375, the 2008 law that added sustainable communities strategies to regional transportation plans.

Background:

On February 13, 2026 Senator Christopher Cabaldon introduced Senate Bill (SB) 1087, the vehicle for the SB 375 modernization effort this year. Consistent with your 2026 advocacy program, MTC-ABAG are co-sponsoring SB 1087 with our “Big 4” metropolitan planning organization (MPO) partners: the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the San Diego Association of Governments, and the Southern California Association of Governments.

The Legislation Committee provided input on the bill provisions at your March and April meetings. Staff committed to returning to the committee in June with an update.

Status Update

SB 1087 passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on April 8 with a 5-0 vote. At the request of Chair Blakespear, the author accepted amendments to:

- Shift back to the California Air Resources Board responsibility for determining whether a region’s SCS, if implemented, would achieve the state-established greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target. The previous version of the bill transferred this responsibility to the California Transportation Commission.
- Add a 2045 GHG reduction target to each region’s sustainable communities strategy.
- Eliminate the bill’s requirement for an MPO to conduct enhanced public outreach to qualify for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Make related technical changes.

The Senate Transportation Committee passed the bill on April 21 with bipartisan support and no amendments. Senate Appropriations Committee voted the bill off the Suspense File on May 14, 2026, with a 5-0 vote. The full Senate passed the measure with a bipartisan vote of 31-3 on May 27, 2026.

The sponsors and author's office are continuing discussions with numerous stakeholders and are considering further amendments to reflect their feedback. The next set of amendments is anticipated in early June, once the bill reaches the Assembly, with further amendments likely later in the month to address any remaining concerns from stakeholders or Assembly policy committees

Bill Positions:

See Attachment A

Attachments:

- Attachment A – SB 1087 Known Positions

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Andrew B. Fremier