

# SB 125 Transit Transformation Task Force: Proposed MTC Priorities for Report to the Legislature



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# SB 125 Background



Provided short-term funding for pandemic recovery



Established state task force to develop policy recommendations to "grow transit ridership, improve the transit experience, and address long-term operational needs" (Government Code Sec. 13979.3(c))



CalSTA and Task Force to provide report to Legislature by October 2025



### **Draft Report Content**

#### Better service, Better Outcomes

Transit and Land Use are Interconnected

Safety is Fundamental

Transit should be Operationally Sustainable

Transit prioritization \*

Coordinated scheduling, mapping, and wayfinding\*

First- and last-mile access \*

Service and fare coordination

Changes to land use, housing, and pricing policies to improve public transit use\*

Potential of transitoriented development and value capture\* Providing a safe and clean ride for passengers and operators\*

Accessibility of transit for all users (Additional topic)

Fleet and asset management\*

Workforce recruitment, retention, and development\*

Reforming the Transportation Development Act\*

New options for revenue sources\*

Oversight and reporting\*

\*Recommendation topics as set out in Government Code Section 13979.3 Chapter 1 Sections (e)-(f)



# **Proposed MTC Advocacy Priorities**

- Expanded, stable funding for transit is the highest priority.
- State should lead on workforce development.
- Regions should lead transit coordination.
- State should strengthen partnerships to maximize impact.
- Report should clearly identify priorities, roles, and responsibilities for state, regions, and transit operators.



# Input Requested and Next Steps

- Staff is providing information on the SB 125 Task Force and seeking feedback on the content of a draft comment letter.
- Staff will also seek feedback from the Partnership Board on May 12, 2025.
- After incorporating feedback, staff plans to submit a joint letter to CalSTA, in partnership with Bay Area transit agencies and county transportation agencies, consistent with the feedback provided.

