

**SB 1031 (Wiener/Wahab) Connect Bay Area Act Update:
Summary of May Amendments & Next Steps**

Overview:

Since the April Commission Workshop, two sets of substantive amendments have been made to the bill, the first on May 13th mostly reflecting the Senate Transportation Committee terms that were agreed to and the second on May 15th. Attachment A provides a detailed summary.

Significant Amendments

The amendments make some significant changes, including:

- Revisions to the proposed transit agency consolidation study portion of the bill so that it reads, “consolidation or enhanced coordination.”
- Adjusts the “county benefit” threshold (commonly referred to as “return to source”) to “at least 90 percent” in each five-year increment of the tax, beginning in Year 6.
- Excludes Marin and Sonoma from a regional transportation measure until 2028 to avoid potential conflict/competition with the renewal of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) quarter sales tax which expires in 2029.
- Adds a requirement that a majority of county transportation agencies (representing at least a majority of the population where the measure appears on the ballot) must vote to support the regional measure’s expenditure plan before it’s placed on the ballot.
- Require the Commission add SMART to Cloverdale to the regional transportation plan (Plan Bay Area 2050) by April 1, 2025.

Next Steps

The bill must pass the Senate by the end of this week. Assuming it does, the next set of deadlines are as follows:

- May 28-July 3: Assembly policy committees to meet and consider bills, with July 3 deadline for bills to pass out of policy committees.
- August 16: Appropriations Committee deadline
- August 23: Last day to amend a bill on the floor
- August 31: Last day for bill to pass each house