

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council

May 24, 2024

Handout - Agenda Item 6b

Senate Bill (SB)1031 (Wiener/Wahab): Connect Bay Area Transportation Revenue Measure Enabling Legislation

Subject:

Update on SB 1031, Connect Bay Area Act.

Background:

Legislative Update

SB 1031 passed several important milestones since your last Council meeting. The Senate Transportation Committee and Senate Revenue and Tax Committee approved the bill in late April – with commitments for future amendments agreed to in the Senate Transportation Committee – and on May 16 the bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee with additional amendments. Next up is a vote on the Senate Floor; the deadline for passage off the floor is May 24, the date of your meeting.

Significant Amendments

The amendments include the following significant changes:

- 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.

A detailed list of the amendments with specific references to the relevant sections in the bill is provided in Attachment A.

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

Staff will provide a verbal update at your meeting on the latest developments related to the bill.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Summary of amendments in May
- Attachment B: Bill positions as of May 20, 2024