



# Federal and State Legislation for Consideration BART Board of Directors – April 9, 2026



# Agenda

## **Bills for Board Consideration – SUPPORT Recommendation**

### Federal Bills

- H.R. 3449 (H. Johnson)
- H.R. 7298 (Simon/Jacobs)
- S. 3455 (Van Hollen/Fetterman)

### State Bills

- AB 1941 (M. González)
- SB 1218 (Arreguín)

## **State Bills of Interest**

## **2026 State Legislative Calendar At-A-Glance**

# H.R. 3449 (H. Johnson) – *Support Recommendation*

- The Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act
- 144 co-sponsors, including Representatives Garamendi, Khanna, Mullin, Pelosi, Simon, and Swalwell.
- Creates a new federal formula grant program for public transit agencies to expand and improve operations.
- Authorizes \$20 billion per year for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2028.
- Funds could support BART projects that enhance safety, cleanliness, fare coordination, wayfinding.
- Board supported Rep. Johnson’s previous introduction of this bill, H.R. 7039, in 2024.

# H.R. 7298 (Simon/Jacobs) – *Support Recommendation*

- Connecting Communities Through Transit Planning Act
- Would make the Pilot Program for TOD Planning permanent and recast it as the Grant Program for TOD Planning.
- Authorizes \$75 million per year for Fiscal Year 2027 – 2031.
- Clarifies TOD planning projects within existing fixed guideways systems, including bus rapid transit, qualify for funding.
- Expands eligible activities to include pre-development work to prepare a site for TOD such as utility coordination, site evaluation, design, and outreach.
- BART could seek funding for early-stage planning, feasibility studies, community outreach, and design work related to District TOD projects.

## S. 3455 (Van Hollen/Fetterman) – *Support Recommendation*

- Moving Transit Forward Act of 2025
- 12 co-sponsors, including Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA).
- Creates a new federal formula grant program to improve transit service and fund safety and security enhancements.
- Grants to states and local transit agencies could support increasing service, preventing service cuts, improving safety or security, and other investments to improve the rider experience.
- Funds could support BART safety and cleanliness initiatives, hiring of safety personnel, improving service, fare coordination, station hardening, etc.
- Board supported Senators' previous introduction of bill, S. 4316, in 2024.

# AB 1941 (M. González) – *Support Recommendation*

- 22 co-authors including Assemblymembers Ahrens and Haney.
- Creates the new crime of "organized metal theft," punishable as a felony or misdemeanor.
- Directs local law enforcement, public agencies, and private entities to provide information about theft cases to the CA Department of Justice to establish a clearinghouse of shared data.
- In 2025, the Board previously supported AB 476 by Asm. González, which required junk dealers to keep more detailed records of transactions and increased fines for possessing stolen metal items from utilities and railroads.

# SB 1218 (Arreguín) – *Support Recommendation*

- Sponsored by Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee.
- Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse vehicle registration renewal if the registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping violation.
- Seeks to establish an accountability mechanism that will reduce the dumping of waste in public spaces as well as collect more delinquent fine revenue.
- BART Police has the authority to enforce California Penal Code Section 374.3, which prohibits illegal dumping on public or private property, an infraction punishable by escalating fines for repeat offenses.

# State Bills of Interest

**AB 1421 (Wilson)** Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee

**AB 2074 (Haney)** Regional transit hub districts: downtown housing developments

**AB 2168 (Wicks)** Active Transportation Program: guidelines

**AB 2576 (Harabedian)** Transit-oriented development

**SB 417 (Cabaldon)** The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026

**SB 1087 (Cabaldon)** Transportation planning: sustainable communities strategies:  
transportation funding programs

**SB 1408 (Arreguín)** Contra Costa Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax

**SB 1411 (Stern)** Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: funding conditions: high-speed rail

# 2026 State Legislative Calendar At-A-Glance

April 24	Last day for policy committees to hear fiscal bills introduced in their house
May 1	Last day for policy committees to hear nonfiscal bills introduced in their house
May 15	Last day for fiscal committees to hear bills introduced in their house
May 29	House of origin deadline
June 15	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight
June 25	Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 3, 2026, ballot
July 2	Last day for policy committees to meet
July 2	Summer Recess begins
Aug 3	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
Aug 14	Last day for fiscal committees to meet
Aug 21	Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Aug 31	Last day for each house to pass bills
Sep 30	Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills

## Proposed Motion:

Adopt a Support position on H.R. 3449,  
H.R. 7298, S. 3455, AB 1941, and SB 1218.