



State Legislative Update: California Senate Bill 63 (Wiener and Arreguín) BART Board of Directors – May 8, 2025



Today's Agenda

- Overview of Legislative Timeline & BART Activities
- Summary of Recent Amendments
- Fair-Share Scenario Discussions
- Agency Positions
- Next Steps

Senate Bill 63 Legislative Timeline & BART Activities

January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025
Legislative Deadlines									
Jan. 24 Bill request deadline to Leg. Counsel	Feb. 21 Bill intro deadline		April 10 – 21 Spring Recess	May 2 1 st House Policy deadline May 23 1 st House Appropriations deadline	June 6 House of Origin deadline Gut & Amend Period (If Needed)	July 18 2 nd House Policy deadline July 18 – Aug 18 Summer Recess	Aug 29 2 nd House Appropriations deadline	Sept. 5 Last day to Amend on Floor Sept. 12 Bills must pass Legislature	Oct 12 Bills must be signed or vetoed
SB 63 – The Connect Bay Area Act									
Jan 9 Bill introduced with intent language		March 25 Substantive amendments introduced	April 22/23 Senate Policy Committee Hearings April 29 Bill Amended	Senate Appropriations Hearings	Assembly Policy Comm. Hearings Senate Vote TBD	July 31 Deadline for: County opt-ins County tax rates Measure duration	Assembly Appropriations Hearings	Assembly vote and Senate concurrence if needed	Action by Governor
BART Activities									
Jan 23 Board update on SB 63 and MTC-led efforts	Feb 4-5 Sacramento legislative visits Feb 27 Presentation on MTC polling at Board Workshop	March 25 Participation at SB 63 Press Event	April 10 Board takes Support position April 22 Support testimony provided at Sen. Transportation Comm.	May 8 Board Update	Board Update (Date TBD)	Board Update (Date TBD)	Board Update (Date TBD)	Board Update (Date TBD)	
					May – August Engagement in committee hearings and additional member meetings Involvement in negotiations regarding fair-share allocations Continued input provided to authors on amendments				

Amendments from April 29

- Remove language relating to the Transit Operations Financial Responsibility and Implementation Plan (T-FRIP).
- Clarify that provisions of the bill only apply to counties identified in the Transportation Revenue Measure District.
- Require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to submit a report to the Legislature by March 31, 2026, that projects the impact to ridership on AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, and Muni from planned transportation projects and strategies outlined in MTC's regional transportation plan, with attention to rail connectivity projects that could increase ridership, reduce operating costs, or enhance mobility.
- Add a legislative finding and declaration that “the San Francisco Bay Area also needs to prioritize increasing ridership to ensure the region’s transit network is sustainable.”

Fair-Share Scenario Discussions

- Conversations are ongoing between operators, county transportation authorities, and bill authors regarding methods to attribute major operator costs by county.
- Still awaiting final report from MTC's third-party independent financial review of operators to inform regional measure discussions.

Agency Positions

Agency	Position	Last Update
SF Bay Ferry	Watch	March 13
AC Transit	Watch	March 26
LAVTA	Support if Amended	April 7
BART	Support	April 10
MTC	Support	April 23
Caltrain	Support	May 1

Next Steps

- Bill referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee for an initial hearing in the coming weeks.
- If placed on the Suspense File, bill will be heard at a special Suspense File hearing on May 23.
- If passed through Appropriations, the bill will move to the Senate Floor, where it must pass by June 6.