



# Federal and State Legislation for Consideration

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**BART Board of Directors**



## **S. 654 & H.R. 1517 - The Connecting Opportunities through Mobility Metrics and Unlocking Transportation Efficiencies Act (COMMUTE Act)**

The COMMUTE Act requires the Dept. of Transportation to:

- Develop and provide states, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and rural planning organizations (RPOs) with data sets measuring the level of access by transportation mode to important community destinations
- Select five eligible states, ten MPOs, and five RPOs to participate in the pilot program on a competitive basis



## **S. 793 & H.R. 1782 - The American Apprenticeship Act**

- Provides \$15 million annually for five years to states for the creation or expansion of apprenticeship programs
- Authorizes the Department of Labor (DOL) to award competitive grants to states that have developed effective strategies related to registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs
- Requires DOL to analyze the use of apprenticeships within high-demand occupations



## **S. 923 & H.R. 1978 - The Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act**

- Authorizes \$750 million annually for five years to fund supportive housing models that provide comprehensive services and intensive case management
- Requires a 25 percent match of non-federal funds
- Grants may be used for any combination of operations and capital building costs
- Requires grantees to track outcomes and report on housing stability and improvements in health, behavior, and well-being



## **H.R. 1507 - The Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019**

Reverses the bicycle commuter benefit's suspension and changes the structure of the benefit to:

- Make the benefit pre-tax rather than a reimbursement
- Allow employees to receive a bicycle benefit of up to 20% of the parking benefit
- Allow the bicycle benefit to be used in concert with transit and parking benefits
- Make bikeshare and e-bikes eligible expenses



## **SB 40 (Wiener) - Conservatorship: serious mental illness and substance use disorders**

- Shortens the timeframe for conservatorship to six months
- Makes the trigger-point the person's eighth 72-hour involuntary detention in a 12-month period
- Enables a county behavioral health director to forgo petitioning a court for assisted outpatient treatment
- Narrows the conservatorship scheme to current evidence of the person's condition



## **SB 128 (Beall) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: bonds: issuance**

- Repeals the 55 percent voter approval requirement for an enhanced infrastructure financing district (EIFD) to issue bonds
- Requires only the public financing authority that governs the EIFD to approve a bond before it can be issued





## **SB 152 (Beall) - Active Transportation Program**

- Modifies the current formula for Active Transportation Program (ATP) allocations by redistributing 75 percent to MPOs; 15 percent to small urban and rural regions; and 10 percent to projects of a transformative nature
- Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to adopt guidelines for MPOs, including selection criteria and eligible project types
- Authorizes an MPO to perform its own competitive project selection process using regional guidelines
- Requires the CTC to allocate funds to MPOs as a lump sum