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# Transit Talks: Legislative Year-End Review

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# Welcome & Overview

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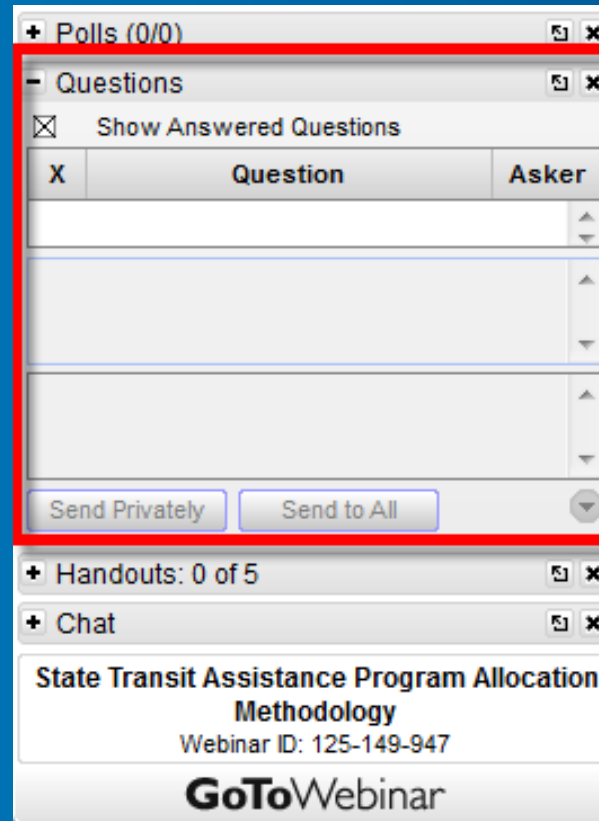
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# Speakers

## **Michael Pimentel**

*Executive Director*

California Transit Association

## **Matt Robinson**

*Legislative Advocate*

California Transit Association

## **Steve Wallauch**

*Legislative Advocate*

Platinum Advisors (for CALACT)



# Budget Priorities

## ***Initial Priorities***

- Statutory relief for transit agencies
- Funding for zero-emission buses and infrastructure, set-aside for transit agencies

## ***Supplemental Priorities***

- Additional funding for zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure
- Funding (or access to funding) to combat homelessness
- Funding for transit center/stop clean-up
- Funding for back to transit strategies / fare free transit
- Funding for UC ITS

# Statutory Relief for Transit Agencies

- Extension of AB 90 relief measures through FY 2022-23
  - Hold harmless, financial penalty waivers
- Extension of AB 107 relief measure through FY 2022-23
  - STA-SOGR flexibility
- New exclusions from “operating costs” for purposes of farebox recovery/efficiency criteria calculations
  - Includes exclusions for GASB 68/75, costs of security services and public safety contracts
- Authorizes federal funds to be counted as “local funds” for purposes of farebox recovery/efficiency criteria calculations
- Authorizes discounted/fare free transit to be counted at full retail value for purposes of farebox recovery
- 5-Year relief from farebox recovery/efficiency criteria calculations for agencies demonstrating local MOE
- Streamlining of TDA performance audits

# New Investments Benefitting Transit Agencies

- **\$2.7 billion** for a Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure.
  - \$499.5 million for Clean Trucks, Buses & Off-Road Freight
  - \$70 million for zero-emission transit buses (**Set-Aside**)
  - \$494.2 million for the Clean Transportation Program
  - \$29.7 million is for charging and refueling infrastructure for the deployment of zero-emission transit buses (**Set-Aside**)
  - \$407 million is for zero-emission rail and transit



# New Investments Benefitting Transit Agencies *(cont.)*

- **\$1.1 billion** for the Clean California Program
  - \$296 million is for projects on local streets and roads, tribal land, parks, pathways and rail and transit centers.
- **\$600 million** for Planning and Implementation Grants for Infill/Strategies to Reduce VMT
- **\$10 million** for UC ITS

# Investments Returned to General Fund

- **\$2.5 billion** for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
  - Note: TIRCP retains \$500M-\$600M from GGRF and SB 1
- **\$500 million** for the Active Transportation Program
- **\$400 million** for Climate Adaptation on Transportation Infrastructure
- **No Action on Funding for HSR**

# Funding Milestones

## ***TIRCP***

- **November 10:** Comments on Draft Guidelines Due
- **November 19:** Call for Projects
- **March 3:** Project Applications Due

## ***HVIP***

- **Q4 2021:** \$60 million made available
- **Q1 2022:** Remaining \$279.5 million made available

## ***Clean California***

- **December 1:** Call for Projects\*\*
- **February 1:** Project Application Deadline\*\*

## ***CEC Clean Transportation Program***

- **Q1 2022:** Unknown funding level made available

\*\*Dates subject to change

# AB 476 (Mullin) Part-Time Transit Lanes

- Sponsored by the Association
- Expands bus on shoulder authorization statewide
  - Recasts BOS as the more descriptive “part-time transit lanes”
- **Status:** Two-Year Bill; Amended 9/7

# AB 917 (Bloom) Parking Enforcement

- Co-Sponsored by the Association (with LA Metro and AC Transit)
- Further authorizes transit agencies to use camera technology to discourage illegal parking in transit-only lanes and at transit stops
- **Status:** Signed by Governor Newsom

# SB 44 (Allen) CEQA: Environmental Leadership Transit Projects

- Supported by the Association
- Streamlines judicial review of transit projects in LA County subject to CEQA-based litigation
- **Status:** Signed by Governor Newsom

# SB 674 (Durazo) Public Contracts: Workforce Development

- Concerns raised by the Association and CALACT
- Aims to support the creation and retention of quality, non-temporary and full-time jobs through transportation-related public contracts
- **Status:** Two-Year Bill; Senator Durazo to convene impacted stakeholders

# CALACT – Other Legislation

- **AB 43 (Friedman)** Traffic Safety
  - Position: Support
  - Status: Signed by Governor Newsom
- **AB 361 (Rivas)** Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences
  - Position: Watch
  - Status: Signed by Governor Newsom



# Association – Other Legislation

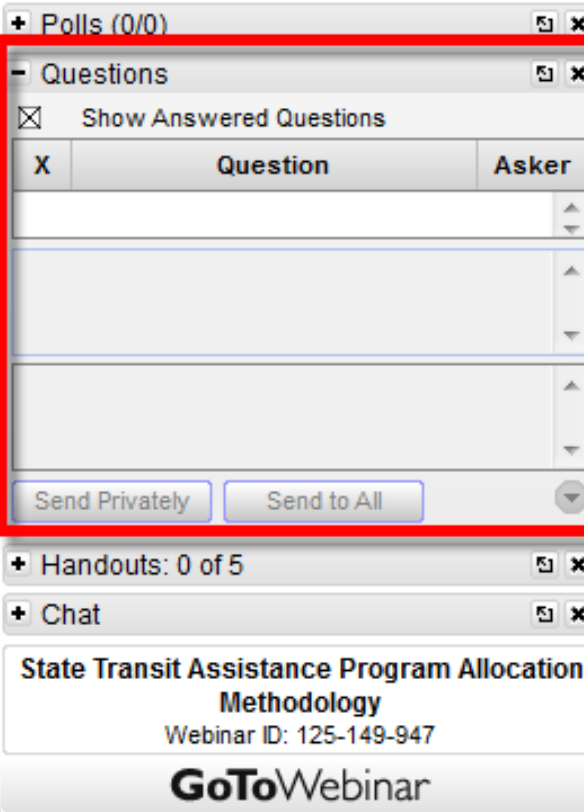
- **AB 1157 (Lee)** Controller: Transportation Funds: Distribution and Reporting Requirements
  - Position: Support
  - Status: Signed by Governor Newsom
- **AB 1260 (Chen)** CEQA: Exemptions: Transportation-Related Projects
  - Position: Support
  - Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
- **SB 339 (Wiener)** Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Pilot Program
  - Position: Support
  - Status: Signed by Governor Newsom

# Q&A



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