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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Cunningham
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SUBJECT: **April TWIC Report**

Key Bills - Update

Presented below are brief summaries of bills of interest to the authority, including AB 1592 (Bonilla) and AB 1665 (Bonilla). A separate memo provides details on the 3 main bills introduced to address the state's transportation funding crisis.

AB 1592 (Bonilla)

This measure authorizes the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to conduct a pilot project for the testing of autonomous vehicles. The measure was heard by the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 4, and was approved, 16-0, in spite of minor, late opposition from transit unions.

AB 1665 (Bonilla)

This bill authorizes the taxing authority for a countywide transportation program to be available to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and extend the period of authorization from 2020 to 2024.

The bill was heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 6. There was late opposition from a statewide taxpayers organization, apparently most concerned with the extension of the sunset date from 2020 to 2024. The bill was approved on a party line vote, 6-3, and will be considered in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee within the next week.