

2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM

Issue	Goal	Strategy
Transportation Funding	A. Lower the 2/3 super majority vote for local and regional transportation taxes	Support proposals to assist in the passage of local transportation measures by amending the constitution to allow a city, county, special district or regional transportation agency to impose a special tax for transportation projects with 55 percent approval. Oppose efforts to add burdensome restrictions on the expenditure plan for measures seeking passage by a 55 percent margin.
	B. Support efforts to secure new sources of statewide transportation funding	Identify, discuss and support efforts that may emerge in 2017 to provide new sources of statewide funding for transportation.
	C. Advocate for a FY 2017-18 State Budget that addresses transportation needs	Advocate for effective use of existing transportation funds and protect them from diversion to non-transportation purposes. Advocate for a FY 2017-18 State Budget that best addresses the state's extensive transportation needs.
	D. Support MTC effort to develop a New Regional Measure 3 (RM3)	Collaborate with MTC and other regional transportation interests in crafting a ballot measure to seek voter approval of a Bay Area Bridge toll increase to finance bridge corridor improvements.
Improve Freeway Operations	Seek approval to provide enhanced bus service along the I-680 corridor	Sponsor legislation to provide authorization to operate buses in auxiliary lanes and on shoulders to bypass congestion and improve reliability of bus transit service in this corridor.
Cap-and-Trade Funding	A. Secure Cap-and-Trade funding in the FY 2017-18 State Budget	Work closely with our Bay Area partner agencies and legislative delegation to secure cap-and-trade funding in the FY 2017-18 State Budget.
	B. Enact legislation providing for a longer term commitment of cap-and-trade funds to regional agencies	Advocate for a long-term statutory framework for cap-and-trade funds — including extending the cap-and-trade program beyond 2020 to regional agencies.

	C. Ensure Cap and Trade funds are invested to best assist in meeting county SB 375 goals and sustainability policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor program guidelines and any proposed changes in the cap and trade programs in the administrative or legislative process. • Advocate for fair opportunities for regional projects to best compete for funds. • Monitor regulatory or administrative efforts that seek to update the disadvantaged communities definition or screening tools.
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Monitor efforts to update and streamline the CEQA process	Work with Bay Area partner agencies or other coalitions to support CEQA streamlining and/or reform concepts for transportation projects that are consistent with a Regional Transportation Plan.
Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Policy and Funding	Support policies and funding to advance Connected and Autonomous Vehicle technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support policies and funding to advance Connected and Autonomous Vehicle technology to enhance transportation safety, efficient mobility, a healthier environment, and economic growth and job creation. • Monitor DMV Autonomous Vehicle guideline or regulatory development process in light of national guidance. • Monitor regulatory or legislative initiatives that could affect the conduct of pilot demonstration programs in Contra Costa related to connected and autonomous vehicles.
Project Delivery	Support institutional changes at all levels that result in more expeditious, cost-effective project delivery and/or a more efficient, cohesive transportation system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation to expand the use of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), Design-Build, or alternative project delivery methods to Self-Help Counties or other local project sponsors of projects on the State highway system. • Support legislation to enact Public Private Partnership (P3) authority. • Support continued NEPA delegation for the State and potential expansion to regional and local agencies.
Regional Autonomy	Support efforts that respect, enhance or expand local decision-making authority and assures regional flexibility.	Monitor legislative or administrative efforts that propose new programs or amend existing programs to ensure that local decision-making authority is maintained.