

2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORMS



Support Increased Transit Options and Funding

Sponsor or work with transit associations or regional agencies to enact legislation to define a program to provide for the operation of buses and improve reliability of bus services.

Pursue legislative or administrative efforts to secure adequate, sustainable funding for transit, including first mile/last mile solutions and ongoing operations and maintenance.

Monitor policies to create a more user-friendly, connected Contra Costa transit network that better serves existing transit riders and attracts new riders to transit.

Secure Cap-and-Trade Funding in State Budget

Work in collaboration/coalition to explore the future of cap-and-trade funding.

Preserve Local Sales Tax Dollars to Fund Local Improvements

Monitor and oppose efforts that attempt to utilize revenues from local sales tax measures to fund programs outside a local voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Monitor and oppose policies that would block implementation of voter-approved projects, including those adopted in an expired expenditure plan.

Transportation Funding Levels

Our goals are to lower the 2/3 supermajority vote for local and regional transportation taxes, protect transportation funding levels, and monitor new regional measures as well as state budget actions.

THE STRATEGY

Support any constitutional amendment to lower the voting threshold requirement for special taxes on transportation projects.

Support other legal mechanisms to lower the voting threshold requirement for special taxes on transportation projects.

Oppose efforts to add burdensome policy restrictions on expenditure plans for measures seeking passage by lowered thresholds.

Pursue legislation to renew the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's authorization to place a transaction and use tax before voters.

Monitor and oppose legislative efforts to alter SB 1 programs or expenditures from SB 1 resources or the underlying base transportation revenues, as well as legislative and administrative efforts to impose new mandates that diminish the ability to meet the objectives of SB 1.

Monitor and pre-position for state competitive grant opportunities as discretionary grant programs are revised and redeveloped by state agencies.

Monitor state and regional efforts to establish a new transportation revenue measure and advocate for an equitable share for Contra Costa.

Advocate for maximum appropriation of available transportation resources to Contra Costa, and opportunities to help fund our projects and programs.

Monitor and seek funding to support efforts such as implementation of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's EV Readiness Blueprint, Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan, electric bicycles, and zero-emission transit vehicles.

Expand Availability of Innovative Project Delivery Strategies

Build on the California Transportation Plan 2050 that calls for the state to improve and expand its base of project delivery tools for transportation infrastructure projects including public-private partnerships (P3s) and amendments to the Infrastructure Finance Act.

Streamline Administrative Processes for Projects

Monitor legislation related to transportation project delivery and support strategies to speed up the delivery of transportation projects at a lower cost, including expanding flexibility in contracting and public private partnerships.

Engage in regulatory and legislative efforts to facilitate the deployment of new mobility technologies to accelerate their safety, accessibility, mobility, environmental, equity and economic benefits, including opportunities to increase access to transit.

Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Policy & Funding

We want to support policies and programs that advance connected, autonomous, and smart vehicle technology.

THE STRATEGY

Support policies and funding to advance connected and autonomous vehicle technology as well as zero emission vehicle infrastructure to enhance transportation safety, efficient mobility, a healthier environment, economic growth, and job creation.

Monitor regulatory or legislative initiatives that could affect the conduct of pilot demonstration programs in Contra Costa related to connected and autonomous vehicles.

Support workforce development programs to incentivize career pathways and mitigate the employment impact of autonomous technology.

