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This bill would define “transit priority project” as a roadway design, operations, and enforcement action, treatment, or project that helps transit buses and other transit vehicles avoid traffic congestion, reduce signal delays, and move more predictably and reliably. The bill would require Caltrans to adopt a policy on transit priority projects for state and local highways and require Caltrans to take certain actions to streamline the approval of transit priority projects. The bill would require Caltrans to establish 4-year and 10-year targets for the fast and reliable movement of transit vehicles on state highways. Finally, this bill would require the Caltrans to establish a process to streamline the approval of pedestrian facilities, traffic calming improvements, bicycle facilities, and transit priority projects at locations where a local highway is above, below, or otherwise intersects with, a conventional state highway.

#### **AB 817 (Pacheco) Brown Act – Advisory Bodies – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill provides a narrow exemption under the Brown Act for non-decision-making legislative bodies to participate in meetings via teleconferencing outside of a declared state of emergency without posting the physical location of members or requiring a quorum to be present at a meeting location. ***This bill passed the Assembly and is in the Senate.***

#### **AB 1379 (Papan) Brown Act - Remote Meeting Flexibility – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill also provides a broad interpretation of the Brown Act for all legislative bodies to participate in meetings via teleconferencing outside of a declared state of emergency without posting the physical location of members or requiring a quorum to be present at a meeting location, but would require a local agency to have a physical meeting location open to the public and follow certain notification procedures and meeting procedures. ***This bill failed the two-year deadline.***

#### **AB 1798 (Papan) Stormwater Runoff**

This bill would require Caltrans and the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to develop a programmatic environmental review process to prevent toxic compounds generated from vehicle tires from entering salmon and steelhead trout bearing waters. The bill would require Caltrans’ process to include a pilot project at an unspecified location to study the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of installing and maintaining bioretention and biofiltration systems. ***C/CAG supported a similar bill in 2023 and should consider a SUPPORT position on this bill.***

#### **AB 1837 (Papan) Bay Area Transit Coordination**

This bill, which is a spot bill, would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to encourage coordination and collaboration among transit agencies in the San Francisco Bay area.

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