



## **2025 STATE ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

### **DISTRICT SPONSORED LEGISLATION**

1. Sponsor legislation to update the District's authorizing statutes in Transit District Law to reflect redistricting changes that include elections issues, board member compensation, and debt financing authority.
2. Sponsor legislation to secure equitable representation on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for transit districts with independently elected governing boards.

### **CORE PRINCIPLES**

The District will pursue policies and actions that support its mission "to deliver safe, reliable, sustainable transit service that responds to the needs of our customers and communities."

Our advocacy efforts will be further guided by the core values of *Safety, Service, Environmental Sustainability, Equity, Innovation, Integrity, and Trust* enshrined in the District's Strategic Plan.

### **2025 STATE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

#### ***Identify and secure long-term funding for...***

1. Maintenance and transit operations, priority capital projects, and ridership recovery
2. The delivery of reliable, equitable, accessible, and affordable public transportation
3. Addressing the District's projected, post-pandemic and inflation induced operating deficits
4. School transportation operations and student transit pass programs
5. Sustaining and growing state investments in bus transit infrastructure, rolling stock and transit amenities
6. Maintaining a state of good repair
7. Investments that protect and enhance the resiliency of the District's physical, cybersecurity, operational, and human assets
8. Comprehensive sustainability initiatives, including but not limited to zero emission bus and paratransit program needs – including non-medical transportation
9. Workforce recruitment, training, development, retention, safety, wellness, and well-being
10. Achieving compliance with the Innovative Clean Transportation (ICT) regulation and other mandated regulations
11. Efforts that seek to coordinate, integrate, and streamline public transit in the region
12. Our priorities in the State's Cap and Trade Program extension
13. BART feeder service

***Advocate for transit-supportive laws, regulations, actions, and policies that...***

1. Provide the means needed to ensure the District's fiscal integrity
2. Respond to customer needs and result in increased transit ridership
3. Support new and existing funding streams that provide an equitable allocation of funds to support the District's transportation infrastructure and services
4. Support innovative technology initiatives, partnerships, and investments that benefit public transit and increase ridership
5. Reduce regulatory barriers to efficiently develop and deliver District projects and services
6. Promote the District's responsible governance and effective administration
7. Prioritize the movement of buses and paratransit vehicles on local roads and state highways
8. Encourage the use of public transportation and disincentivize the use of personal vehicles
9. Prioritize public transit in local, regional, and state planning, project development, and land use
10. Seek to coordinate, integrate, and streamline public transit while encouraging ridership
11. Support the provision of zero emission bus and paratransit vehicle service and programming
12. Avoid new, unfunded mandates and regulations
13. Promote equitable access to transportation and prioritize underserved and disadvantaged communities
14. Support transportation workforce development, training and safety
15. Improve street safety for our riders to reduce traffic fatalities
16. Update and modify the State Transportation Development Act (TDA) & State Transit Assistance (STA) Program
17. Defer compliance due dates of the Innovative Clean Transportation (ICT) regulation

**KEY DATES: 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

|            |                                                                       |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/01/2025 | Statutes take effect                                                  |
| 01/06/2025 | Legislature reconvenes                                                |
| 01/10/2025 | Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget is submitted to Legislature        |
| 01/20/2025 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day                                            |
| 01/24/2025 | Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel |
| 02/17/2025 | President's Day                                                       |
| 02/21/2025 | Last day for bill to be introduced                                    |
| 03/31/2025 | Cesar Chavez Day                                                      |

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| 04/10//2025 – 04/21/2025 | Spring Recess<br>Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess                                                                                              |
| 05/02/2025               | Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house                                           |
| 05/09/2025               | Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house                                                |
| 05/14/2025               | Governor's May revision of the budget is released                                                                                                       |
| 05/16/2025               | Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 9                                                                                                  |
| 05/23/2025               | Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 9. |
| 05/26/2025               | Memorial Day                                                                                                                                            |
| 06/02/2025 - 06/06/2025  | Floor session only                                                                                                                                      |
| 06/06/2025               | Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house                                                                                          |
| 06/15/2025               | 2025-26 budget must be passed by Legislature                                                                                                            |
| 07/04/2025               | Independence Day                                                                                                                                        |
| 07/18/2025 – 08/18/2025  | Summer Recess                                                                                                                                           |
| 09/12/2025               | Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim recess begins upon adjournment                                                                           |
| 10/12/2025               | Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills                                                                                                             |