



2025 STATE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

PROPOSED DISTRICT SPONSORED LEGISLATION

~~No other bills proposed due to high priority for state funding advocacy.~~

1. Sponsor legislation to update the District's authorizing statues 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 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 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
9. Workforce recruitment, training, development, retention, safety, wellness, and well-being
10. Achieving compliance with the *Innovative Clean Transportation* (ICT) regulation and other ~~state~~ 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

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. ~~Create new funding streams to support transportation infrastructure and services~~ Support new 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. ~~Require direct representation of transit districts on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) governing board~~
12. Support the provision of zero emission bus and paratransit vehicle service
13. Avoid new, unfunded mandates and regulations
14. Promote equitable access to transportation and prioritize underserved and disadvantaged communities
15. Support transportation workforce development, training and safety

KEY DATES: 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

All dates approximate pending release of the 2025 legislative calendar in December.

01/03/2025	State legislature reconvenes
01/10/2025	Governor's proposed 2024-25 budget is released
01/12/2025	Last day for policy committees to meet and move bills introduced in 2023 to fiscal committee
01/19/2025	Last day to submit new bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel
01/31/2025	House of Origin deadline for bills introduced in 2023
02/16/2025	Deadline for introduction of new bills
03/21/2025 – 04/01/2025	Spring Recess
05/15/2025	Governor's May revision of the budget is released
06/15/2025	2024-25 budget must be passed by legislature
07/03/2025 – 08/05/2025	Summer Recess
08/31/2025	Last day for each house to pass bills. Final recess begins upon adjournment.
09/30/2025	Last day for governor to sign or veto bills