



**STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**  
**City Hall, Room 201**

## OVERVIEW

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## MEMBERS

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## AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 23, 2024.
- III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).** The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

- IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action).** Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

### **New Business**

#### **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

Presenter: Kathryn Angotti

SB 71 (Wiener): California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects..

***Recommended Position: Support***

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**AGENDA**

Meeting commenced at 10:11am.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Eileen Mariano, Preston Kilgore, Robyn Burke, Holly Lung, Luis Zamora, Hannah Kohanzadeh, and Eric Manke.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 24, 2024.

Motion to Approve: Rebekah Krell  
Seconded by: Preston Kilgore  
Approved: 7-0

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Public Comment: No public comment.

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Meeting ended at 10:33 am.

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Date Submitted	January 17, 2025
Submitting Department	Municipal Transportation Agency
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Contact Email and Phone Number	Kathryn.Angotti@sfmta.com
SLC Meeting Presenter	Kathryn Angotti
Reviewed and approved by Department Head?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Reviewed and approved by Commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

### SB 71

## Senator Scott Wiener, Senate District #11, D-San Francisco California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects.

#### Recommended Position

SPONSOR    X SUPPORT     SUPPORT if amended     OPPOSE     OTHER & Describe

#### Summary

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#### Background/Analysis

SB 922 has been transformational for the SFMTA in how efficiently we have been able to plan and implement various transit prioritization projects and pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Following the bill’s passage in 2022, we have quickly utilized its granted exemptions towards the completion of 17 projects in 2023 and 26 projects in 2024. Projects from this period include:

- **Vision Zero Traffic Signs Upgrades and New Turn Signals:** Installation of new signs and signals throughout the city to improve pedestrian safety.
- **Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Quick-Build:** Implementation of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place.
- **29 Sunset Improvement Project – Phase One:** Implementation of transit prioritization features such as Muni stop adjustments and transit signal priority.
- **West Portal Station Safety and Community Space Improvements Project:** Implementation of transit prioritization and traffic calming measures such as new Muni-only lanes and turn restrictions.
- **A number of quick build projects on Beach Street, Larkin Street, Oak Street, and Sloat Boulevard:** Installation of transit, bike and pedestrian safety improvements like new bike lanes, painted safety zones, transit stop changes, and signal timing changes.

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### Challenge

The main challenge presented by certain CEQA requirements is that they consume valuable time and resources. While EIRs required by CEQA are designed to be used to mitigate negative effects on the environment, they can have an unintended effect of severely slowing down projects that may not have significant impacts on the environment. SB 922 has been instrumental in the success of numerous SFMTA projects that have been able to be completed more quickly and efficiently through CEQA exemption.

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### Solution/Recommended Proposal

This bill would ensure that the SFMTA continues to be able to expedite the delivery of transit, bike, and pedestrian projects that are critical for San Francisco’s future. The key changes to SB 922 that SB 71 provides for include:

- Extending the statutory exemption to a transit comprehensive operational analysis defined as a plan that redesigns or modifies a transit operator’s or local agency’s public transit service network, including the routing of fixed route and microtransit services
- Extending the statutory exemption to include the installation of bus shelters and lighting, as well as to shuttle and ferry projects
- Clarifying that the \$50,000 ceiling for a project that can be eligible for an exemption is based on the project engineer’s estimate at the time the local agency takes an action, so if the costs increase after that action, the project can still take advantage of the exemption
- Directing a state agency to adjust the \$50,000 project cost ceiling every 2 years based on the state CPI

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### Departments Impacted & Why

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

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### Fiscal Impact

The SFMTA can expect considerable savings from these minor changes to SB 922. In removing the sunset on the legislation, the specified CEQA exemptions remain and the SFMTA will continue to preserve resources related to staff time and costs to conduct an environmental impact reports on its designated projects.

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### Support / Opposition

None yet.