

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2007 Priority Legislation Matrix
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Bill Number	Author	Subject	Description	Status	RTC Position (+mtg date)
<i>Bills RTC has taken positions on</i>					
AB 57	Soto	Safe Routes to Schools Extention	Amended to eliminate requirement for the program to be in the budget. Initially proposed to eliminate sunset dates for the state's SR2S. Also, declares the Legislature's intent that federal safety funds be allocated in approximately equal amounts between state highways and local roads.	Enrolled (final check before sent to Governor) 9/12/07	RTC voted to support 5/17/07; Letter sent 5/24/07. Bike Com supports.
AB 444	Hancock (D)	Congestion management: motor vehicle registration fees	Allows vehicle registration fees, up to \$10 per vehicle, to be imposed for congestion management programs in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, Solano, and Santa Cruz Counties. The bill would authorize the county congestion management agency or its equivalent, by a majority vote of the agency's board, to impose an annual fee of up to \$10 on motor vehicles registered within the county for programs and projects for certain purposes. The bill would require voter approval of the measure. The bill would limit the agency's administrative costs to not more than 5% of the distributed fees. The bill would require that the fees collected may only be used to pay for programs and projects bearing a relationship or benefit to the owners of motor vehicles paying the fee, and would require the agency's board to make a specified finding of fact in that regard. The bill would require the governing board of the congestion management agency to adopt a specified expenditure plan.	2-Year Bill	Support-Sent request to add SCR Co 7/5/07
AB 478	Wolk	Vehicles: bicycle safety -Night Illumination	Expands the types of facilities where bicycles must be equipped with lamps and reflectors to include sidewalks and bikeways. Allows a bicyclist to wear the required white or yellow pedal reflectors on his or her shoes or ankles in lieu of being placed on the pedal itself.	Sent to Gov'r 9/11/07	Support (RTC 9/07; Bike Committee 8/07)
AB 534	Smyth	Bicyele Transportation Account: funding-	Increases the amount of funding available to cities and counties through the Bicyele-Transportation Account. Increases monthly transfer of funds from the Highway Users Tax Account to the Bicyele Transportation Account from \$416,667 \$5 million/year to \$1 million each month (\$12 million/year) until January 31, 2012, and would thereafter reduce the monthly transfer to \$416,667.	NO LONGER A TRANSP BILL	Support Letter sent 8/07
AB 1581	Fuller	Traffic-actuaded signals: bicycles, motorcycles	This bill requires, to the extent feasible, cities and counties, upon first placement of a traffic-actuaded signal or replacement of the loop detector of a traffic-actuaded signal, to install those signals that detect motorcycle and bicycle traffic on the roadway.	Sent to Gov'r 9/6/07	Bike Committee (5/07) & Staff (9/07) Rec Support
SB 184	Alquist (D-Santa Clara); Correa (D-Santa Ana)	Transportation Projects	Clarifies existing law related to a local or regional entity seeking reimbursements for funds advanced on a qualified project under the State Transportation Improvement Program to ensure agencies are properly reimbursed as long as they meet specific guidelines.	Being prep'd for gov'r 9/6/07	Support Letter sent 5/24