

2024 Election Outcomes and 2025 Policy Preview

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San Mateo County Transportation Authority

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2024 Statewide General Election

- Democrats retain super-majority control in both houses
- Senate:
 - Democrats hold at least 30 of 40 seats (75%)
 - 1 seat flips to Republicans
- Assembly:
 - Democrats hold at least 60 of 80 seats (75%)
 - 2 seats flip to Republicans
- 36 new legislators (30%) after 3 upcoming special elections
- Women comprise a majority in the Senate

Ballot Measures

		Proposition Title	Yes Votes	%	No Votes	%
Yes	2	Bonds for Public School and College Facilities	7,934,036	58.2%	5,700,587	41.8%
Yes	3	Constitutional Right to Marriage	8,571,535	62.5%	5,151,572	37.5%
Yes	4	Bonds for Water, Wildfire, and Climate Risks	8,138,935	59.3%	5,584,990	40.7%
No	5	Bonds for Affordable Housing and Infrastructure	6,041,230	44.5%	7,539,080	55.5%
No	6	Eliminates Forcing Inmates to Work	6,222,726	46.5%	7,168,079	53.5%
No	32	Raises Minimum Wage	6,718,579	48.9%	7,012,505	51.1%
No	33	Local Government Residential Rent Control	5,359,074	39.5%	8,201,979	60.5%
Yes	34	Restricts Spending of Prescription Revenues	6,679,647	50.8%	6,470,435	49.2%
Yes	35	Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal	9,134,755	67.6%	4,376,501	32.4%
Yes	36	Increased Sentencing for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes	9,398,775	68.8%	4,254,171	31.2%

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CAPTI – What's in the update?

- Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure adopted per Governor Newsom's 2019 Climate Executive Order (N-19-19)
- Goal of aligning state discretionary transportation spending with climate goals
- Proposed Action Items:
 - Codify CAPTI Principles
 - Eligibility changes to reduce VMT from trade corridors (TCEP) and congested corridors (SCCP) grant programs
 - Roadway pricing strategy and defined state role
 - Climate adaptation prioritization for transportation projects

Climate, Transportation and Land Use

- Cap and Trade Reauthorization – expires in 2030
 - \$28 billion in funding for transit, affordable housing, high speed rail and other climate-related priorities to-date
- SB 375 (2008) Sustainable Communities Strategies
 - MTC and large MPOs request a rethink from CARB
 - New GHG targets & SB 1 project eligibility
- Replacing the Gas Tax
 - Statewide transportation needs assessment forthcoming
 - Gas tax revenues projected to decline by \$31.3 billion over decade

State Budget and Funding

- State revenues are exceeding estimates in the adopted FY 2024-25 budget by ~\$5 billion
- *But so are expenditures...*
 - Costs in MediCal and social services increasing
 - Ballot measures impose new, unbudgeted costs (Props. 35, 36)
 - Some reductions included in current budget may not materialize
- Federal uncertainty and special session
- Unlikely to see new General Fund for transportation and climate
- Grade Separations backfill plan finalized, not yet public

Open Meetings

- Brown Act remote participation legislation will return in 2025
- Local governments seek extension of “just cause” flexibilities which expire in 2026
- AB 817 (Pacheco) related to advisory bodies failed in 2024 and will likely be reintroduced in 2025

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