

Senate Bill 595

On June 5, Bay Area voters (citizens of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties) will vote on whether to increase the bridge tolls to \$8 by 2025 (\$9 for the Bay Bridge). This move would not affect the Golden Gate Bridge. This action would fund the actions for Senate Bill 595, which includes 35 projects designed to improve Bay Area road and bridge congestion. Supporters of the bill say that Bay Area traffic is already bad, and it will only get worse; the projects funded by the bill would help to ease that congestion. Opponents, particularly Contra Costra County legislators, argue that the bill would unfairly raise costs for East Bay residents. What would the bill fund?

1. Expand New Fleet of BART Cars (\$500,000,000)
2. Fund the planning, design, and construction of highway express lanes on freeways including, but not limited to, 80, 580,680, 880, 280, 101, 84, and 92 (\$300,000,000)
3. Funding to reduce truck traffic congestion and lessen its environmental effects (\$160,000,000)
4. Add and/or improve bicycle and pedestrian access on and near state-owned toll bridges connecting to transit terminals (\$150,000,000)
5. Enhance the Bay Area ferry system by purchasing new ships and upgrading old vessels (\$375,000,000)
6. Extend BART from South Fremont to Santa Clara and San Jose (\$375,000,000)
7. Extend the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) train service from Santa Rosa, north to Windsor and Healdsburg (\$40,000,000)
8. Fund track improvements to reduce Capitol Corridor travel times and add service frequencies (\$90,000,000)
9. Extend Caltrain from its current Fourth & King Street terminus to the Transbay Transit Center (\$375,000,000)
10. Replace and expand the MUNI fleet and station facilities (\$140,000,000)
11. Improve transbay vehicle traffic by improving bus services and High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes (\$140,000,000)
12. Fund bus purchases and AC Transit bus services to reduce travel times and increase service frequencies (\$100,000,000)
13. Fund preliminary engineering, review, and design of a second transbay rail crossing and how it would affect congestion in the Bay Area (\$50,000,000)
14. Improve transit connections in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore to other regional transit systems (\$100,000,000)
15. Extend VTA Light Rail service from Alum Rock to Eastridge Transit Center, to connect with BART (\$130,000,000)
16. Design, rebuild, and expand San Jose's Diridon Station to accommodate existing transit services and future BART and high-speed rail service, with non-auto access to the San Jose International Airport (\$100,000,000)
17. Improve the Dumbarton Bridge corridor between Alameda and San Mateo counties to relieve traffic congestion (\$130,000,000)
18. Fund improvements to the Highway 101/State Route 92 junction in San Mateo (\$50,000,000)

19. Fund improvements to the Interstate 680/State Route 4 junction, including adding lanes (\$210,000,000)
20. Construct High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Highway 101 between Petaluma and Novato
21. Improve Interstate 80/Interstate 680/State Route 12/Red Top Road junction in Solano County (\$150,000,000)
22. Fund improvements to Interstate 80 truck scales in Solano County (\$105,000,000)
23. Fund improvements (short-term and long-term) to improve State Route 37 in the case of sea level rise and flooding (\$100,000,000)
24. Construct a replacement to the San Rafael Transit Center (\$30,000,000)
25. Improve the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge access from Highway 101 (\$210,000,000)
26. Improve bus service and transit facilities in the North Bay (Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties) (\$100,000,000)
27. Improve State Route 29 in Napa Valley (\$20,000,000)
28. Design, develop, test, implement, and transition to a "new generation" of the Bay Area's all-in-one transit pass, the Clipper card (\$50,000,000)
29. Improve traffic movement and safety at the Interstate 80/Interstate 680/Route 262 junction in Alameda County (\$15,000,000)
30. Reconstruct the Interstate 680/State Highway 84 junction in Alameda County (\$85,000,000)
31. Fund bus purchases to improve the Interstate 80 corridor in western Contra Costa County (\$25,000,000)
32. Improve access to the Byron Airport and goods movement in eastern Contra Costa County by constructing a connector between the Byron Highway and Vasco Road (\$10,000,000)
33. Widen lanes and construct a median barrier along 2.5 miles of Vasco Road in Contra Costa County (\$15,000,000)
34. Fund construction of a transit center in Brentwood to enhance access to the East Bay Bart Connection (eBART) and State Route 4 (\$15,000,000)
35. Fund enhancements to the Interstate 680 corridor including, but not limited to, the development of transit centers and parking lots, technology to show real-time travel information, and Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAVs) implementation (\$10,000,000)

Want to learn more about what supporters and opponents of SB 595 have to say? Curious about the details to the funded project? Visit ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/09/15/sb-595-bay-area-transportation-plan-regional-measure-3/.

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