

SENATE THIRD READING
SB 117 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)
As Amended February 13, 2026
Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the California Transportation Agency to loan up to \$590 million, by July 1, 2026, to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to fund operations shortfalls by the following transit agencies: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, and the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

Major Provisions

The funding for the loan will come from previously awarded but unallocated funds for the same agencies from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program with backstop funding from their local share of the State Transit Assistance Program.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

This loan provides flexibility to Bay Area transit districts facing challenges from ridership changes and expenditure demands starting with the COVID 19 pandemic. This loan is consistent with the Budget Act of 2025 and provides bridge funding for a potential local ballot measure authorized under SB 63 (Wiener), Chapter 740, Statutes of 2025.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Authorizes a loan of up to \$590 million from existing transit funds.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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