



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly and Senate:

I am signing the following measures: Assembly Bill 761, Assembly Bill 1223, Senate Bill 63, and Senate Bill 333.

These measures will allow certain communities to consider, by a vote of the people, local tax measures to sustain and improve local transit. As Governor — and a former supervisor and mayor — I know how challenging it can be to manage local transit systems. The public's willingness to support repeated taxes cannot be assumed. Some transit systems fail to adequately demonstrate stewardship, accountability, and innovation. As such, the transit systems supported by these bills bear the responsibility of showing how the additional revenues, if approved by voters, will produce tangible outcomes and measurable results.

Not long ago, BART and Muni were among the nation's leading transit systems, demonstrating what is possible when performance meets expectations. The pandemic brought unprecedented disruptions, and our focus is now on resilience and strengthening transit statewide. This is especially true in the Bay Area, where decades of local investment have built one of the nation's largest networks, vital to California's economy, workforce, and climate goals. Meeting this moment requires us not just to match past performance, but to adapt and grow beyond it — with clear priorities, strong oversight, and a commitment to innovation.

This commitment builds on unprecedented investments: in 2023, we dedicated \$5.1 billion to stabilize major systems, including hundreds of millions for operators represented here. We have also recently reauthorized the cap-and-invest

program, providing hundreds of millions annually through 2045 for transit capital and operations. These extraordinary levels of support demand extraordinary results.

Sincerely,

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