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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin
Funding, Programs & Legislation Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: Adopt Positions on Federal Legislative Bills (Action), Agenda Item No. 5 –
Supplemental

RECOMMENDATION

The Funding, Programs & Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee reviews positions on 2026 Federal Legislative Bills, shown in the table below, and refers them to the TAM Board for adoption.

BACKGROUND

TAM does not typically monitor federal legislation unless it is specifically related to TAM’s interests. Since TAM retained a Federal Legislative Consultant in April 2025, it has become more feasible to monitor a limited number of federal bills.

Two federal bills were recently introduced that staff has determined to merit monitoring – H.R. 7839 (Dave Min – CA) Safe Speeds Act, and H.R. 8653 (John Garamendi – CA) ADAPT Assets Act.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The table below contains the initial two federal bills with recommended positions for the TAM Board’s consideration. These bills are being monitored by staff and TAM’s Federal Legislative Consultant, Carpi and Clay. More federal bills may be added to the matrix if they are considered relevant to TAM or Marin.

Proposed Federal Bills to Monitor				
No.	Bill	Author	Subject	Recommended Position
1	HR 7839 Safe SPEEDS Act	Min, co-authored by Huffman	To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard for the uniform classification and labeling of certain electric bicycles and other off-road electric devices, and for other purposes.	Support
2	HR 8653 ADAPT Assets Act	Garamendi	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for demonstration projects that make critical transportation infrastructure resilient to natural hazards, and for other purposes.	Watch

HR 7839, referred to as the Safe Standards for Personal E-bike and E-moto Device Specifications Act, or Safe SPEEDS Act, is intended to help consumers with better clarity to distinguish between true e-bikes and much more powerful devices sometimes known as “e-motos,” which can reach speeds greater than 20 mph solely by the motor and without pedal assistance. As e-bike popularity continues to surge, outdated federal standards have left consumers navigating a marketplace with unclear information.

HR 7839 would codify requirements for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to clearly define categories for different types of products, implement labeling requirements, establish minimum age recommendations, and prohibit devices from being sold that can be configured or modified to go beyond the speed or power limit of the category for which it is designed, manufactured, or displayed. Additionally, the bill would improve local crash incident reporting and data collection to help communities better respond to public safety risks associated with e-bikes and other micromobility products. HR 7839 is authored by Representative Dave Min of Orange County and co-authored by Representative Jared Huffman.

Staff is recommending a support position for HR 7839, which is consistent with TAM’s adopted 2026 Legislative Platform. HR 7839 is consistent with Section IV (Enhancing Multi-Modal Options) and VI (Achieving Vision Zero) of TAM’s Legislative Platform that advocate for non-motorized transportation, particularly electric bicycle, and safety. This legislation is also anticipated to provide federal legislative support aligned with the goals of the ordinances adopted locally by jurisdictions in Marin last year, pursuant to state AB 1778, which focused on youth e-bike safety.

HR 8653, referred to as the Accelerating Demonstration Approaches for Protecting Transportation (ADAPT) Assets Act, would accelerate projects that protect vital infrastructure from natural disasters across the county. The bill was only introduced recently, on May 4, 2026. Amendments are expected to provide greater details to HR 8653.

In introducing this bill, Representative Garamendi held a press conference on May 5, 2026 with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California Alliance for Jobs, and other local elected officials to discuss HR 8653. A fact sheet states that the ADAPT Assets Act will provide the funding and delivery framework needed to move large-scale resilience projects from planning to completion by authorizing \$10 billion over five years to fund up to 10 nationally or regionally significant, large-scale resilience demonstration projects that reduce the risk of catastrophic damage, prolonged closures, and repeated emergency repairs to critical surface transportation assets. The State Route 37 Project was cited as an example project for HR 8653 funding.

Staff is recommending a watch position for HR 8653. Although it is consistent with bullet 4c of Section VII in TAM’s Legislative Platform “that support funding for sea level rise adaptation/resilience projects for the State Route 37 Project,” it was only very recently introduced. A watch position at this time is prudent until more details are provided.

Staff will monitor the development of HR 8653. To realize the ultimate project for SR 37, federal funding assistance is essential to completing the funding plan. Also, if the SR 37 Project is awarded HR 8653 funding, it could provide a stimulus for other state or federal funding.

Letters of support or opposition may be developed at the appropriate time for each of the bills. TAM’s Federal Legislative Consultant may be requested to testify at Legislative hearings, if warranted, to convey TAM’s positions on specific legislation.

RELATIONSHIP TO COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)

The CTP was taken into consideration in the selection of bills and recommended positions.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

There are no immediate fiscal impacts to TAM by taking positions on these bills.

NEXT STEPS

Continue to review proposed bills relevant to TAM and convey TAM's positions to our partner agencies and pertinent Legislators when warranted.

ATTACHMENTS

None.