

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

November 18, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

RE: Proposals for Legislation

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

The new legislative session will be starting in January and legislative proposals from the SBCCOG as well as specific advocacy issues for this session should be reviewed. From the September 2021 meeting, the following issues were mentioned:

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

- **Legislation to provide financial incentives to all slow speed vehicles that are bought.**
 - Currently, the California Air Resources Board is preparing to implement an e-bike financial incentive program. Legislation should provide that all electric, slow-speed vehicles should be eligible, not just e-bikes. This proposal would expand the eligibility of the e-bike program or create a new program for other slow-speed electric mobility devices.
- **Legislation in support of the Local Travel Network**
 - Legislation is required to use the term “Neighborhood Electric Vehicle” (NEV) as part of the SBCCOG’s Local Travel Network project. (draft attached)
- **State-funded project-based housing voucher program – more information to be provided when available**
 - Section 8 housing vouchers are almost entirely provided to individuals who can bring those vouchers with them as they move. This legislation would create new vouchers that would be assigned to housing units that would stay with the unit regardless of the individual living there. The vouchers would provide additional financial incentives to developers as well as provide them opportunities to leverage that guaranteed income to receive better commercial financing opportunities.

ADVOCACY

- Support of the initiative/ballot proposition for local control over zoning
- Support redevelopment tools for cities & state subsidies for affordable housing
- Support evaluations of recently enacted housing legislation, effectiveness of SB 9/10 strategies, ADUs, etc.
- Support restrictions on corporate/international conglomerate purchases of homes to ensure individuals have opportunities to own

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve pursuing legislation for further financial incentives for slow speed vehicles and the Local Travel Network and consider pursuing a housing voucher program based on further information to be provided. With this approval, staff is directed to schedule meetings with legislators to request authorship/sponsorship before the December 2 LA Legislative Delegation Policy Retreat.