

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 845

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 17, 2011

An act to add Section 2704.76 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 845, as introduced, Ma. Transportation: bond funds.

Existing law, the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, provides for the issuance of \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds for high-speed rail and related purposes, including \$950 million to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission to eligible recipients for capital improvements to intercity and commuter rail lines and urban rail transit systems in connection with or otherwise related to the high-speed train system. Of this amount, 80% is to be allocated to eligible commuter and urban rail recipients based on track miles, vehicle miles, and passenger trips pursuant to guidelines to be adopted by the commission. A dollar-for-dollar match is to be provided by a commuter and urban rail recipient for bond funds received.

This bill would require the guidelines adopted by the commission to determine the funding share for each eligible commuter and urban rail recipient to use the distribution factors gathered from the most current available data in the National Transit Database of the Federal Transit Administration. The bill would require the commission to accept from each eligible recipient a priority list of projects up to the target amount expected to be available for the recipient and would require matching funds provided by the recipient to be from nonstate funds. The bill

would define “nonstate matching funds” for purposes of these bond fund allocations to mean local, federal, and private funds, as well as state funds available to an eligible recipient that are not subject to allocation by the commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2704.76 is added to the Streets and
2 Highways Code, to read:

3 2704.76. (a) For the guidelines adopted by the commission
4 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 2704.095,
5 the funding share for each eligible recipient shall be determined
6 using the distribution factors gathered from the most current
7 available data in the National Transit Database of the Federal
8 Transit Administration.

9 (b) The commission shall accept from each eligible recipient a
10 priority list of projects up to the target amount expected to be
11 available for the recipient. Each project shall meet the criteria set
12 forth in subdivisions (c) to (j), inclusive, of Section 2704.095. The
13 commission shall require that the matching funds to be provided
14 by each eligible recipient pursuant to subdivision (f) shall be
15 nonstate funds. The nonstate matching funds shall be matched to
16 the phase programmed with bond funds made available pursuant
17 to Section 2704.095. The match for commuter and urban rail
18 projects shall begin with the expenditures that date from the
19 adoption of the program for expenditure of these bond funds.

20 (c) For the purposes of this section, “nonstate funds” means
21 local, federal, and private funds, as well as state funds available
22 to an eligible recipient that are not subject to allocation by the
23 commission.

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