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With the first major policy committee deadline rapidly approaching, several high-profile planning bills continue to move through the Legislature, while other bills have been tabled. In addition, bills are being amended as they make their way through the process. APA California is continuing to meet legislative and committee staff on many important bills in addition to partnering with other organizations. While there are many bills of interest to APA California, here's a few that are gaining attention:

[AB 2011 \(Wicks\)](#) allows housing to be built by right in infill areas currently zoned for office, retail and parking uses, while requiring developers to pay workers prevailing wages, health benefits for large projects and participation in apprenticeship programs, unless no apprentice workers are available.

Position: In Review

[AB 2097 \(Friedman\)](#) prohibits the imposition of parking minimums for residential and commercial developments located near transit.

Position: Support

[AB 2234 \(R. Rivas\)](#) streamlines post-entitlement permits and requires online permitting for most jurisdictions.

Position: In Review

[SB 932 \(Portantino\)](#) requires new updates to the circulation element to impose requirements specific to bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming plans. Although the Chapter is supportive of planning for active transportation, this bill would require costly improvements while eliminating local transportation planners' ability to weigh design tradeoffs and exposing local governments to significant legal liability.

Position: Oppose Unless Amended