

Assembly Restores 3-Person Carpools on El Monte Busway

(June 27) The California assembly has passed a measure that will once again require three-person carpools on the El Monte Busway. And an Assembly committee approved a bill concerning transit zones.

In passing AB-769 (Margett) on Monday, lawmakers acted to end a CalTrans experiment that permitted two-person carpools on the Busway. Drivers had complained that the experiment had led to overcrowding in the diamond lane, a slowdown in traffic and a per-hour falloff in the actual numbers of people who transited the Busway during rush periods.

The Busway measure now goes to the governor and can become effective upon his signature.

Meanwhile, the Assembly Appropriations Committee approved SB-1101 (Murray), a bill that requires newly formed transit zones to provide certain protections to MTA employees whose jobs would be affected. Committee approval allows the bill to be considered by the full Assembly at any time.

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