

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 19, 2024

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 934**

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**Introduced by Senator Gonzalez**

January 16, 2024

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~~An act to amend Section 35100 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.~~ *An act to add Section 14517.5 to the Government Code, relating to transportation.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 934, as amended, Gonzalez. ~~Vehicles: width.~~ *Zero-emission freight infrastructure: interagency coordination: report.*

*Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to develop the Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment, in coordination with other state agencies, with the goal of identifying freight corridors, or segments of freight corridors, and infrastructure needed to support the deployment of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, as specified.*

*Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), working with specified state agencies, to prepare a statewide assessment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed to support the levels of electric vehicle adoption required for the state to meet its goals of putting at least 5,000,000 zero-emission vehicles on California roads by 2030, and of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.*

*This bill would require the California Transportation Commission and the Energy Commission to jointly convene the Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team, composed of representatives from various state agencies, to lead the statewide coordination of*

zero-emission freight infrastructure planning and implementation, including carrying out specified actions. The bill would require the Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team, in consultation with the California Transportation Commission and the Energy Commission, to submit an annual report to the Legislature beginning March 1, 2026, that includes, among other things, a description of the actions taken by the Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team in the previous calendar year.

~~Existing law prohibits the total outside width of a vehicle or its load from exceeding 102 inches, except as specified.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~

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

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

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 14517.5 is added to the Government Code,
- 2     to read:
- 3     14517.5. (a) The commission and the State Energy Resources
- 4     Conservation and Development Commission shall jointly convene
- 5     an interagency Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team to
- 6     lead the statewide coordination of zero-emission freight
- 7     infrastructure planning and implementation, including carrying
- 8     out the actions described in subdivision (c).
- 9     (b) The Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team shall
- 10    include representatives from state agencies, including, but not
- 11    limited to, the department, the Transportation Agency, the State
- 12    Air Resources Board, the Public Utilities Commission, and the
- 13    Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development.
- 14    (c) The Zero-Emission Freight Central Delivery Team shall be
- 15    responsible for all of the following actions:
- 16    (1) Working with zero-emission freight infrastructure
- 17    stakeholders to strategically select specific project locations using
- 18    a corridor-based approach that prioritizes the top freight corridors
- 19    identified in the Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment
- 20    pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 14517.
- 21    (2) Coordinating actions between state agencies, utility
- 22    companies, and other zero-emission freight infrastructure
- 23    stakeholders.

1 (3) *Developing a process for nongovernmental stakeholders to*  
2 *be included in zero-emission station location planning and*  
3 *implementation, including, but not limited to, impacted*  
4 *communities, community-based organizations, equity advocates,*  
5 *public health advocates, air quality advocates, tribal nations, and*  
6 *environmental justice advocates.*

7 (4) *Identifying lead entities from regional transportation*  
8 *planning agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, ports,*  
9 *utilities, state agencies, and other zero-emission freight*  
10 *infrastructure stakeholders that are necessary to build*  
11 *zero-emission stations quickly.*

12 (5) *Identifying available funding sources and public-private*  
13 *partnership models and posting that information on the*  
14 *commission’s internet website.*

15 (6) *Developing standardized zero-emission station development*  
16 *models, including zoning and building permits that can be*  
17 *replicated for each station across a priority freight corridor, based*  
18 *on local municipality guidelines, and posting that information on*  
19 *the commission’s internet website.*

20 (7) *Working with community colleges and ports that provide*  
21 *training programs to support training of freight industry workers,*  
22 *as necessary.*

23 (8) *Promoting the timely and equitable implementation of*  
24 *zero-emission freight infrastructure throughout the state.*

25 (d) (1) *Notwithstanding Section 10231.5, on or before March*  
26 *1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Zero-Emission Freight*  
27 *Central Delivery Team, in consultation with the commission and*  
28 *the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development*  
29 *Commission, shall submit a report to the Legislature that does all*  
30 *of the following:*

31 (A) *Describes the actions taken by the Zero-Emission Freight*  
32 *Central Delivery Team in the previous calendar year.*

33 (B) *Identifies best practices regarding zero-emission freight*  
34 *infrastructure planning and implementation.*

35 (C) *Makes any policy recommendations needed to facilitate the*  
36 *deployment of zero-emission freight infrastructure.*

37 (D) *Includes an assessment of the state’s progress towards*  
38 *meeting the number of zero-emission stations needed to support*  
39 *zero-emission freight goals.*

1 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be  
2 submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

3 SECTION 1. ~~Section 35100 of the Vehicle Code is amended~~  
4 ~~to read:~~

5 35100. ~~(a) The total outside width of a vehicle or its load shall~~  
6 ~~not exceed 102 inches, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.~~

7 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other law, safety devices that the~~  
8 ~~Secretary of Transportation determines to be necessary for the safe~~  
9 ~~and efficient operation of motor vehicles shall not be included in~~  
10 ~~the calculation of width specified in subdivision (a).~~

11 ~~(c) A city or county may, by ordinance, prohibit a combination~~  
12 ~~of vehicles of a total width in excess of 96 inches upon highways~~  
13 ~~under its jurisdiction. The ordinance shall not be effective until~~  
14 ~~appropriate signs are erected indicating the affected streets.~~