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Subject: **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

ISSUE:

1) Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) accept the staff report and provide comments on the legislation identified and monitored by staff as presented in Attachment A?

2) Should the Commission ratify the letters of support for bills which implement legislative recommendations from the 2015 Annual Report?

3) Should the Commission adopt the staff-recommended positions on the bills discussed in this book item?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1) Accept the staff report and provide direction to staff on legislation of interest in Attachment A;

2) Ratify the letters of support for bills implementing Commission recommendations; and

3) Confirm the staff-recommended positions for the discussed bills.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative deadline for introducing bills in this second year of the two-year session was February 19th, which means that nearly every bill to be considered this session has been introduced. (There are unique situations in which the legislative rules allow for bills to be introduced after the deadline, but it is rare.) For the 2015-16 session, the Assembly introduced 2,904 bills and the Senate introduced 1,474 bills. Notwithstanding any future gut-and-amends, the existing bills affecting the state's transportation system and/or the Commission are identified in Attachment A. For convenience, these bills have been divided into three groups – the primary bills most critical to the Commission, a secondary list of bills that might be of interest to the Commission, and a tertiary list of bills that may be marginally of interest to the Commission.

Bills Implementing Commission Recommendations

Within the primary list in Attachment A are the 15 bills that either fully or at least partially implement 12 of the Commission's 16 legislative recommendations contained in the 2015 Annual Report. Because the Commission recommended that the Legislature enact bills implementing these policies, Commission staff have sent support letters to the authors of the bills listed below (see Attachment B), and recommends the Commission ratify its support for these bills:

AB 1569 (Steinorth) CEQA Exemptions – Exempts from CEQA a project, or the issuance of a permit for a project, in the existing right of way that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or removal of, or the addition of an auxiliary lane or bikeway to, existing transportation infrastructure and that meets certain requirements.
Status: Referred to Assembly Natural Resources and Transportation Committees
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

AB 1833 (Linder) Advance Mitigation/NEPA Delegation – Creates the Advanced Mitigation Program to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects. In addition, this bill deletes the sunset date of existing law assigning to the state legal responsibility for the (National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation and Natural Resources Committees
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

AB 1987 (Rodriguez) Tribal Contracting – Authorizes Caltrans to enter into contracts with the tribal government of a federally-recognized Indian tribe in order to carry out its duties, including disbursement of state and federal transportation funds administered by Caltrans that are designated for expenditure on eligible projects under the jurisdiction of the Tribe.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee

AB 2034 (Salas) NEPA Delegation – Deletes the sunset date of existing law assigning to the state legal responsibility for the (National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

AB 2126 (Mullin) State CM/GC Authority – Authorizes Caltrans to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) method on twice as many projects as is currently authorized, from six to twelve.
Status: Introduced – not yet referred to committee
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

AB 2289 (Frazier) Putting the "O" in SHOPP – Clarifies existing law to permit Caltrans to use State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds for operational improvements on the state highway system.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee

AB 2374 (Chiu) Regional CM/GC Authority – Expands regional transportation agencies' existing off-system CM/GC project delivery authority by also authorizing them to use it on ramps that are not on the state highway system. In addition, removes the requirement that the project be developed in accordance with an expenditure plan approved by voters.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee

AB 2452 (Quirk) Improving CEQA - Prohibits a court from staying or enjoining transportation projects based solely on greenhouse gas emissions as long as the project is included in an approved Sustainable Communities Strategy that has been through a programmatic environmental review.
Status: Referred to Assembly Natural Resources and Judiciary Committees

AB 2742 (Nazarian) P3 Authority – Extends Caltrans' and regional transportation agencies' authority to enter into public/private partnership (P3) agreements from the existing deadline of January 1, 2017, to 2030.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

SB 901 (Bates) Advance Mitigation – Creates the Advanced Mitigation Program to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects.
Status: Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and Committee on Environmental Quality
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

SB 902 (Cannella) NEPA Delegation – Deletes the sunset date of existing law assigning to the state legal responsibility for the (National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process.
Status: Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

SB 903 (Nguyen) Transportation Loan Repayment – Requires the General Fund to repay all outstanding transportation-related loans by June 30, 2016.
Status: Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
Note: Similar to language included in the Governor's funding proposal

In addition, the following two bills are vehicles which we understand the authors intend to amend to implement additional Commission recommendations. When the bills are amended, Commission staff will send letters of support to these authors as well.

AB 2620 (Dababneh) Sunsetting Proposition 116 – Spot language that will be amended to sunset Prop 116 and make the unspent funds available for other rail purposes.

AB 2708 (Daly) Pre-certifying A&E Contractors – Spot language that will be amended to allow Caltrans to pre-certify Architectural and Engineering (A&E) contractors.

Finally, the Assembly Member's funding bill (below) implements many of the Commission's recommendations. The Commission approved a "support in concept" position for this bill at its January meeting.

AB 1591 (Frazier, D) Transportation Funding – Increases transportation funding to support the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program through a motor vehicle fuel tax increase, a new vehicle registration fee for zero-emission vehicles, and other fees. Includes a diesel fuel tax increase to fund the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee and Committee on Revenue and Taxation
Note: Similar to Senator Beall's SB 16 and SB1x 1

Bills on Which the Commission May Wish to Take a Position

Beyond the bills implementing the Commission's recommendations, a number of other bills have been introduced that have particular bearing on either the state transportation program or the Commission itself. These bills are grouped by subject below, and include staff's recommended positions with each.

Freight Funding

AB 1780 (Medina) Cap and Trade for Freight – Provides for a continuous appropriation of 25 percent of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Commission for a new program called the Sustainable Trade Corridors Program, similar to the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee
Staff Recommendation: Support – The state transportation system desperately needs help to support the tremendous amount of freight traversing the state. The TCIF program was very successful in addressing some of this need, but more funds are necessary to continue the progress. Freight mobility projects that reduce emissions are an appropriate use of cap and trade funds, and therefore staff recommends the Commission consider supporting this proposal.

AB 2170 (Frazier) FAST Act Freight Funding – Requires revenues apportioned by formula to the state from the National Highway Freight Program established by the federal FAST Act to be deposited into the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund.
Status: Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee
Staff Recommendation: Support – The state transportation system desperately needs help to support the tremendous amount of freight traversing the state. The TCIF program was very successful in addressing some of this need, but more funds are necessary to continue the progress. This bill would assure that these federal funds were used on freight mobility projects that best address the state's need, and therefore staff recommends the Commission consider supporting this proposal.

Oakland Harbor Intermodal Terminal

SB 1278 (Hancock) Environmental Review – Requires every public agency with discretionary approval of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland to prepare an environmental impact report.
Status: Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and Committee on Environmental Quality

Staff Recommendation: Oppose unless amended – Environmental impact reports are required to be prepared for projects by lead agencies as defined in CEQA. The Commission is responsible for and only funds projects that have complied with the environmental requirements set forth in CEQA. The Commission does not prepare, or have the expertise to prepare, environmental documents. In addition, the proposed legislation would result in multiple lead agencies for affected projects creating confusion and conflict with CEQA requirements. This bill, as written, would require the Commission to prepare an environmental document which is not the responsibility of the Commission, and therefore the Commission should consider opposing this proposal unless it is amended to exclude the Commission from its requirements.

Transportation Loan Repayment

On March 1st, the Governor signed into law AB 133 (Chapter 2, Statutes of 2016), amending the current 2015-16 fiscal year Budget Act to include, among other things, the repayment of a number of transportation-related loans from the General Fund. Under AB 133, the Director of Finance will transfer a total of $173 million to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund no later than January 1, 2017. This appropriation is a portion of the $879 million in outstanding loans, leaving $706 million remaining to be repaid. The bill further allocates the funds as follows:

- $148 million for specified local Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) projects
- $11 million for trade corridor improvements
- $9 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
- $5 million for the SHOPP

Finally, the bill states that this repayment is made pursuant to subdivision (c) of Article XVI of the California Constitution and applied to debt payments as required for the 2016-17 fiscal year. This section of the Constitution refers to the Budget Stabilization Account ("Rainy Day Fund") created by Proposition 2 in November 2014. Part of this section's requirements is for the Legislature to appropriate from the Account a certain amount to pay outstanding General Fund obligations, such as these transportation-related loans.

It appears the TCRP funds are meant to fully cover all Tier 2 Projects in the program, which are all the projects that were programmed within 24 months of the creation of the TCRP in 2000, as is statutorily required. TCRP funds are continuously appropriated and therefore, as soon as funds are available the Commission should be able to allocate the funds to the appropriate entities. In addition, the funds for the SHOPP will be transferred to the State Highway Account and will simply increase the amount of funding available for the program by a like amount, not requiring any action by the Legislature or the Commission.

The TIRCP funding is built into the Governor's 2016-17 budget bill, and therefore will be available next fiscal year, if not amended. As for funding trade corridor improvements, it appears that further statutory action will need to be taken in order to direct the funds to the appropriate program. If the Governor's transportation funding budget trailer bill is passed and becomes law, it creates a new Trade Corridor Enhancement Account to be administered similar to the TCIF program and the funds could presumably flow that way. If the bill is not passed, then the Legislature will need to introduce legislation in order for those funds to be spent.

Attachment A – Status of all bills the Commission is monitoring this session

Attachment B – Copies of support letters for bills implementing Commission recommendations

	Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary	Status	Position	Priority
AB	338	Hernandez R (D)	Los Angeles County MTA: Transactions and Use Tax	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to impose an additional transportation transactions and use tax for a specified time period, subject to various requirements, including the adoption of an expenditure plan and voter approval.	06/16/2015 - In SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING: Not heard.		High
AB	620	Hernandez R (D)	High-Occupancy Toll Lanes: Exemptions from Tolls	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to high-occupancy toll lanes. Requires the Los Angeles county Metropolitan Transportation Authority to take steps to increase enrollment and participation in the low-income assistance program, through advertising and work with community organizations and social service agencies. Requires the Authority and the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature on efforts to improve the HOT land program, including efforts to increase participation in that assistance program.	02/18/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
AB	779	Garcia (D)	Transportation: Congestion Management Program	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Revises the definition of infill opportunity zone. Revises the requirements for a congestion management program by removing traffic level of service standards for a system of highways and roadways. Requires measures of effectiveness for such system. Requires the plan to analyze the relationship between local land use decisions and regional transportation systems. Requires a deficiency plan to be prepared if it is determined a county or its cities are not conforming with the management plan.	08/25/2015 - In SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING: Not heard.		High
AB	1364	Linder (R)	California Transportation Commission	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Excludes the California Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency and establishes it as an entity in the state government.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.		High
AB	1555	Gomez (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	ASSEMBLY	States the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would appropriate from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2015-16 fiscal year that would be allocated to different entities in amounts to be determined in the future legislation for purposes including low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, and community climate improvements, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration.	01/04/2016 - INTRODUCED.		High
AB	1569	Steinorth (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Infrastructure	Assembly Natural Resources Committee - 03/14/2016 1:30 pm - State Capitol, Room 447	Exempts from the provisions of the Environmental Quality Act a project, or the issuance of a permit for a project, that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or removal of, or the addition of an auxiliary lane or bikeway to, existing transportation infrastructure and that meets certain requirements.	02/01/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High

	Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary	Status	Position	Priority
AB	1591	Frazier (D)	Transportation Funding	Assembly Transportation Committee	Relates to transportation funding to include the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program and its related fund which would include revenues from a motor vehicle fuel tax increase and a new vehicle registration fee for zero-emission vehicles, related county use of revenues from an approved transactions and use tax, revenue from a diesel fuel tax increase to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, truck parking improvements, greenhouse gas reduction, highway operation and improvements funding.	02/01/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and REVENUE AND TAXATION.	SupinConcept	High
AB	1598	Weber (D)	Budget Act of 2016	Assembly Budget Committee	Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2016-17 fiscal year.	02/01/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on BUDGET.		High
AB	1657	O'Donnell (D)	Air Pollution: Public Ports and Intermodal Terminals	Assembly Natural Resources Committee - 03/14/2016 1:30 pm - State Capitol, Room 447	Establishes the Zero- and Near-Zero-Emission Intermodal Terminals Program to be administered by the State Air Resources Board to fund equipment upgrades and investments at intermodal terminals, to help transition the state's freight system to be zero-emission and near-zero-emission operations. Authorizes the program to be implemented with moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Relates to port building energy efficiency.	02/04/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	1665	Bonilla (D)	Transactions and Use taxes: County of Alameda	Assembly Local Government Committee	Extends the authority of the County of Alameda to impose a transactions and use tax for the support of countywide transportation programs, and shifts this same taxing authority, or so extended, from the County of Contra Costa to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.	02/08/2016 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and REVENUE AND TAXATION.		High
AB	1746	Stone (D)	Transit Buses	Assembly Transportation Committee - 03/14/2016 3:00 pm - State Capitol, Room 4202	Authorizes the operation of transit buses on the shoulder of a segment of a state highway designated under the program within the areas served by the transit services of specified entities, subject to the same conditions and requirements previously authorized. Requires a program participant to submit a report to the Legislature that includes specified information about the program, and to post the report on its Internet Web site to enable the public to access the report.	03/09/2016 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	1780	Medina (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Assembly Transportation Committee	Provides for a continuous appropriation of 25% of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the state Transportation Commission for the Sustainable Trade Corridors Program.	02/18/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	1833	Linder (R)	Transportation Projects: Environmental Mitigation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Creates the Advanced Mitigation Program to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects. Deletes the repeal date of existing law provisions that provides the State consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts with regard to the compliance, discharge, or enforcement of the responsibilities of the Department of Transportation assumed as a participant in a surface transportation project delivery program regarding environmental review and clearance of projects.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.	Support	High

	Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary	Status	Position	Priority
AB	1910	Harper (R)	Transportation: Advisory Question: Election	Assembly Transportation Committee	Calls a special election to be consolidated with the November 8, 2016, statewide general election. Requires the Secretary of State to submit an advisory question asking whether the Legislature should disproportionately target low-income and middle class families with a regressive tax increase on gasoline and annual vehicle registrations to fund road maintenance and rehabilitation, rather than ending the diversion of existing transportation tax revenues for nontransportation purposes.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING.		High
AB	1964	Bloom (D)	High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Vehicle Exceptions	Assembly Transportation Committee	Extends the operation of the provisions allowing super ultra-low emission vehicles, ultra-low emission vehicles, partial zero-emission vehicles, or transitional zero-emission vehicles, to use HOV lanes until the date federal authorization expires, or until the Secretary of State receives a specified notice, whichever occurs first.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	1987	Rodriguez (D)	Department of Transportation: Indian Tribes: Contracts	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to make and enter into contracts with the tribal government of a federally recognized Indian tribe in order to carry out its duties, including disbursement of state and federal transportation funds administered by the Department that are designated for expenditure on eligible projects under the jurisdiction of the Tribe.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High
AB	2034	Salas (D)	Department of Transportation: Environmental Review	Assembly Transportation Committee	Amends existing law that requires the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to carry out a surface transportation project delivery program, under which the participating states assume certain responsibilities for environmental review and clearance of transportation projects. Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a specified report to the Legislature.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High
AB	2075	Atkins (D)	State Highways: Relinquishment: Route 75	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to the Cities of Coronado, Imperial Beach, and San Diego, specified portions of State Highway Route 75, under certain conditions.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	2126	Mullin (D)	Public Contracts: Construction Manager/General Contract	ASSEMBLY	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor method on a specified number of projects and requires a specified number of such projects to use Department employees or consultants under contract with the Department to perform all project design and engineering services.	02/17/2016 - INTRODUCED.	Support	High
AB	2170	Frazier (D)	Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: Federal Funds	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires revenues apportioned to the state from the National Highway Freight Program established by the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act to be deposited in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	2289	Frazier (D)	Capital Improvement Projects	Assembly Transportation Committee	Adds operation projects to the list of capital projects eligible in the state highway operation and protection program.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High

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AB	2332	Garcia E (D)	Transportation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Transportation Commission to establish a process whereby the local agencies receiving certain funding for highway capital improvements to prioritize projects that provide meaningful benefits to the mobility and safety needs of disadvantaged community residents.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	2374	Chiu (D)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Method	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes regional transportation agencies to use CM/GC on ramps that are not on the state highway system. Removes the requirement that the project be developed in accordance with an expenditure plan approved by voters.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High
AB	2411	Frazier (D)	Transportation Revenues	Assembly Transportation Committee	Deletes the transfer of miscellaneous revenues to the Transportation Debt Service Fund. Requires the miscellaneous revenues to be retained in the State Highway Account and to be used solely for transportation expenditures consistent with the restrictions for expenditures consistent with the restrictions for expenditure of fuel tax revenues.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	2452	Quirk (D)	Environmental Quality Act and Judicial Remedies	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and environmental impact reports. Relates to an action or proceeding under CEQA. Prohibits a court from staying or enjoining transportation infrastructure projects based solely on the project's potential contribution to the emissions of greenhouse gases.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and JUDICIARY.	Support	High
AB	2620	Dababneh (D)	Valuation of Energy Resources	ASSEMBLY	Makes a nonsubstantive revision to the Public Utilities Code. Provides that the Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations and requires the commission to include a value for any costs and benefits to the environment.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		High
AB	2708	Daly (D)	Department of Transportation: Construction	ASSEMBLY	Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires the Department of Transportation to perform construction inspection services.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		High
AB	2742	Nazarian (D)	Transportation Projects: Development Lease Agreements	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes the Department of Transportation and regional transportation agencies to enter into comprehensive development lease agreements with public and private entities for certain transportation projects that may charge certain users of those projects tolls and user fees and provides for the authority to enter into public-private partnerships under these provisions.	03/10/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.	Support	High
AB	2796	Low (D)	Active Transportation Program	Assembly Transportation Committee	Relates to the Active Transportation Program in the Department of Transportation. Requires a minimum of available funds in each distribution category to be awarded for planning and community engagement for active transportation in disadvantaged communities and for non-infrastructure purposes.	03/10/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		High
AB	2847	Patterson (R)	State Highways: Transfer to Local Agencies	ASSEMBLY	Requires the department to participate in a pilot program under which 3 counties, one in Northern California, one in Southern California and one in the central valley, are selected to operate, maintain, and make improvements to all state highways, including freeways, in the affected county.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		High

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SB 321	Beall (D)	Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes: Rates: Adjustments	Senate Inactive File - File No. A-5	Relates to motor fuel tax rates. Requires the State Board of Equalization to adjust the rate in a manner as to generate an amount of revenue equal to the amount of revenue loss attributable to an exception that reflects the combined average of the actual fuel price over previous fiscal years and the estimated fuel price for the current fiscal year. Relates to revenue neutrality for each year.	09/11/2015 - In SENATE. From Unfinished Business. To Inactive File.		High
SB 825	Leno (D)	Budget Act of 2016	Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee	Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2016-17 fiscal year.	01/07/2016 - INTRODUCED.;01/07/2016 - To SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW.		High
SB 868	Jackson (D)	State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Enacts the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act. Establishes conditions for operating remote piloted aircraft, including the procurement of liability insurance. Providea that a person or entity injured or aggrieved by any procedure or action of the department with respect to remote piloted aeronautics may appeal to the Commission for relief, as specified.	03/01/2016 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SB 892	Leyva (D)	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Creates the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority as the successor agency to the powers, duties, revenues, debts, obligations, liabilities, immunities, and exemptions of the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission and San bernardino County local transportation authority, service authority for freeway emergencies, and local congestion management agency.	01/28/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SB 901	Bates (R)	Transportation Projects: Advanced Mitigation Program	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee - 03/29/2016 1:30 pm - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)	Creates the Advanced Mitigation Program in the Department of Transportation to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects. Requires the department to set aside certain amounts of future appropriations for this purpose.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.	Support	High
SB 902	Cannella (R)	Department of Transportation: Environmental Review	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to existing federal law that requires the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to carry out a surface transportation delivery program, under which the participating states assume certain responsibilities for environmental review and clearance of transportation projects that would otherwise be the responsibility of the federal government, and that the State consents to such jurisdiction with regard to the State Department of Transportation assumed as a program participant. Requires a related report.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.	Support	High
SB 903	Nguyen (R)	Transportation Funds: Loan Repayment	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to existing law that provides for loans of revenues from various transportation funds and accounts to the General Fund, including loans from the Traffic Congestion Fund, with various repayment dates. Acknowledges that there a specified amount of moneys in outstanding loans of certain transportation revenues, and would require that amount to be repaid from the General Fund by a specified date to the Traffic Congestion Fund, the Public Transportation Account and the State Highway Account.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.	Support	High

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SB	1018	Liu (D)	Environmental Quality Act: State Route 710 North Study	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Deems a certain cost benefit analysis prepared for the State Route 710 North Study to be a technical study to be included in the comprehensive analysis of the alternatives described in the draft EIR for the State Route 710 North Study and requires the lead agency to consider and respond, in writing, to any comments regarding the analysis submitted during the public review period.	02/25/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		High
SB	1066	Beall (D)	Transportation Funds: Fund Estimates	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to the state transportation improvement program process. Requires certain estimates to identify and include federal funds derived from apportionments made to the state under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015.	02/25/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SB	1259	Runner (R)	Vehicles: Toll Payment: Veterans	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Exempts vehicles occupied by a veteran and displaying a specialized veterans license plate, from payment of a toll or related fines on a toll road, high-occupancy toll lane, toll bridge, toll highway, a vehicular crossing, or any other toll facility.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SB	1277	Hancock (D)	Ports and Harbors: City of Oakland: Coal Shipment	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Prohibits the shipment of coal to, or through, a certain port facility located in the former Oakland Army Base that has been funded in part by proceeds of Proposition 1B.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		High
SB	1278	Hancock (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Port of Oakland: Coal	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires every public agency with discretionary approval of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland to prepare or cause to prepare an environmental Impact Report.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		High
SB	1279	Hancock (D)	Transportation Commission: Funding Prohibition	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Prohibits the Transportation Commission from programming or allocating any public funds for any project at a port facility that is located at, or adjacent to, a disadvantaged community and that exports or proposes to export coal from the state.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SB	1280	Hancock (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Coal Shipments: Mitigation	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Relates to environmental impact reports (EIR's) and coal shipments. Prohibits a lead agency from adopting a negative declaration or certifying an EIR for a project affecting the shipment of commodity through a port facility that is receiving state funds from Trade Corridors Improvement Fund unless the agency either prohibits coal shipments or requires full and complete mitigation of emissions of greenhouse gases as a result.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		High
SB	1320	Runner (R)	State Transportation Commission	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Excludes the Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency. Establishes it as an entity in State government. Requires it to act in an independent oversight role. Requires the Department of Transportation to program capital outlay support resources for each project in its State highway operation and protection program. Provides project rejection and acceptance procedures. Requires approval of the Commission of any change in programmed project's cost, scope, or schedule.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High

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SB	1397	Huff (R)	Highway Safety and Information Program	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Enacts the Highway Safety and Information Act. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement pursuant to a best value procurement and competitive process for a project with a contractor to construct, upgrade or reconstruct, and operate a network of changeable message signs within the rights-of-way of the state highway system.	03/10/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High
SCA	7	Huff (R)	Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes:Restriction on Expenditure	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the State on vehicles or their use or operation, and from using those revenues other than as specifically permitted by a specified Article. Provides that none of those revenues may be pledged or used for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other indebtedness. Revises the use of specified fuel tax revenues for mass transit purposes and for boating-related activities.	05/28/2015 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		High

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AB	1115	Salas (D)	School Zones: State Highways	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 184 in the County of Kern as a school zone. Requires the zone to be identified with standard warning signs.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary
AB	1549	Wood (D)	State Highway Rights of Way: Fiber Optic Cables	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires the State Department of Transportation to maintain an inventory of all conduits owned by the Department that house fiber optic communication cables, that are located on State highway rights-of-way, and that were installed on or after a specified date, and to make the information available upon request of verified companies or organizations working on broadband development.	02/04/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary
AB	1592	Bonilla (D)	Autonomous Vehicles: Pilot Project	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to conduct a pilot project for the testing of autonomous vehicles that are not equipped with a steering wheel, a brake pedal, an accelerator, or an operator inside the vehicle, if the testing is conducted only at specified locations and the autonomous vehicle operates at specified speeds.	02/01/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	1662	Chau (D)	Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Accident Reporting	Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee	Requires the operator of any unmanned aircraft system involved in an accident resulting in injury to an individual or damage to property to immediately land the unmanned aircraft at the nearest location that will not jeopardize the safety of others and provide certain information to the injured individual or the owner or person in charge of the damaged property or place that information in a conspicuous place on the damaged property.	03/03/2016 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.		Secondary
AB	1710	Calderon I (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution: Advanced-Technology Vehicles	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop and implement a comprehensive program to promote advanced-technology light-duty vehicle deployment in the state to drastically increase the use of those vehicles and to meet specified goals established by the Governor and the Legislature.	02/18/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	1768	Gallagher (R)	Bonds: Transportation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects in the Phase 1 blended system. Requires the funds from the remaining from the sale of bonds to fund project in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.	02/25/2016 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	1813	Frazier (D)	High-Speed Rail Authority: Membership	Assembly Transportation Committee - 03/14/2016 3:00 pm - State Capitol, Room 4202	Provides for appointment of one Member of the Senate by the Senate Committee on Rules and one Member of the Assembly by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve as ex officio members of the High-Speed Rail Authority.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary

	Bill	Author	Title	Location	Summary	Status	Position	Priority
AB	1866	Wilk (R)	High-Speed Rail Bond Proceeds: Water Projects	Assembly Transportation Committee	Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects. Requires redirection of the unspent proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued for other high-speed rail purposes to fund capital expenditures for water projects.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		Secondary
AB	1908	Harper (R)	High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Assembly Transportation Committee	Prohibits a high occupancy vehicle lane from being established on a state highway in southern California, unless that lane is established as a high occupancy vehicle lane only during the hours of heavy commuter traffic, as determined by the Department of Transportation. Requires any existing high occupancy vehicle lane in southern California to be modified to conform with those requirements.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	1919	Quirk (D)	Local Transportation Authorities: Bonds	Assembly Transportation Committee	Relates to the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act. Provides for accrued interest and premiums received on the sale of bonds to be placed in the treasury of the local transportation authority to be used for allowable transportation purposes.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	1938	Baker (R)	Toll Facilities: Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Assembly Transportation Committee	Relates to existing law which authorizes the Bay Area Toll Authority to make direct contributions to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in furtherance of the exercise of the authority's powers, with those contributions not to exceed a specified percentage of the gross annual bridge revenues. Requires this limitation to apply to any revenues derived from bridge tolls, fees, or taxes, regardless of classification.	02/25/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and APPROPRIATIONS.		Secondary
AB	2049	Melendez (R)	Bonds: Transportation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as provided with respect to certain existing appropriations. Requires redirection of the proceeds received from certain outstanding bonds for use in retiring certain debt.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2066	Lackey (R)	Service Stations: Petroleum Supply and Pricing	Assembly Business and Professions Committee	Requires every service station to display the average per-gallon cost of gasoline and diesel fuel across the industry of refiners producing transportation fuels as a result of their compliance with a specified market-based compliance mechanism.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS.		Secondary
AB	2090	Alejo (D)	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes moneys appropriated to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program to be expended to support the operation of existing bus or rail service if the governing board of the requesting transit agency declares a fiscal emergency and other criteria are met.	02/29/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2196	Low (D)	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Assembly Transportation Committee	Revises numerous statutes related to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to change references from authority to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and various other references of authority or district to the VTA.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		Secondary

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AB	2233	Brown (D)	Highways: Exit Information Signs	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules and regulations that allow the placement, near exits and off-ramps on freeways located in urban and rural areas, of information signs identifying the closest hospital owned and operated by a county that includes the full name of the hospital, if the county requests the sign or signs and agrees to pay for the cost.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2355	Dababneh (D)	Intercity Rail Services: Mitigation	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a program for the reasonable mitigation of noise and vibration levels in residential neighborhoods along railroad lines where the department contracts for state-funded intercity rail passenger service, and to determine what constitutes a reasonable level of mitigation.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2382	Lopez (D)	High-Speed Rail Authority: Membership	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires at least one member appointed by the Governor to the High-Speed Rail Authority to be a person who works directly with communities in the state that are most significantly burdened by, and vulnerable, high levels of pollution.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2432	Brown (D)	State and Local Truck Routes and Services	Assembly Transportation Committee	Relates to the Department of Transportation. Requires the Department to prepare an inventory of all state and locally designated truck routes and services, publish a statewide Truck Route Network Internet Web site, and prepare a plan and schedule for addressing all inefficiencies and truck transportation network gaps, including an estimate of the annual cost and the total cost of carrying out the plan.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2690	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation	Assembly Local Government Committee	Requires bidders to comply with small business enterprise and disabled veteran business enterprise goals and requirements established by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) relative to contracts financed with nonfederal funds. Authorizes LACMTA to award contracts under certain circumstances to small business enterprises.	03/10/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
AB	2730	Alejo (D)	Department of Transportation and Prunedale Bypass	Assembly Transportation Committee	Classifies certain properties acquired for a replacement alignment for State Highway 101 in the County of Monterey as excess property and requires disposal of such properties. Provides for the use of the net proceeds from the sale of such properties.	03/10/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary
SB	564	Cannella (R)	Vehicles: School Zone Fines	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires that an additional fine be imposed if a certain violation occurred when passing a school building or school grounds and the highway is posted with a standard warning sign and an accompanying sign notifying motorists that increased penalties apply for traffic violations that are committed within that school zone. Requires the funds from additional fines be deposited in the State Highway Account for funding school zone safety projects within the Active Transportation Program.	05/22/2015 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Secondary

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SB	824	Beall (D)	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes a recipient transit agency that does not submit a project for funding under the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program in a particular fiscal year to retain its funding share for expenditure in a subsequent fiscal year. Requires the Department of Transportation to annually calculate a funding share for each eligible recipient transit agency. Allows a recipient transit agency to loan or transfer its funding share to another transit agency. Relates to reporting requirements for for project funding.	01/28/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary
SB	1030	McGuire (D)	Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee - 03/29/2016 1:30 pm - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)	Extends indefinitely existing law that authorizes the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority to develop and implement programs and policies to comply with the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.	02/25/2016 - To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		Secondary
SB	1128	Glazer (D)	Commute Benefit Policies	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Amends an existing law which authorizes the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to adopt a commute benefit ordinance that requires certain employers to offer their employees certain commute benefits. Extends these provisions indefinitely. Deletes bicycle commuting as a pretax option under the program. Authorizes an employer to offer commuting by bicycling as an employer-paid benefit in addition to commuting via public transit or by vanpool.	02/25/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary
SB	1141	Moorlach (R)	State Highways: Transfer to Local Agencies: Pilot	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation to participate in a pilot program to operate, maintain, and make improvements to all state highways, including freeways, in an affected county. Requires moneys to be appropriated for these purposes as a block grant in the annual Budget Act to a participating county.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary
SB	1197	Cannella (R)	Intercity rail Corridors: Extensions	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes the amendment of a joint power agreement to provide for the extension of the affected rail corridor to provide intercity rail service beyond the defined boundaries of the corridor. Requires a proposed extension to first be recommended and justified in the business plan adopted by the joint powers board, and then would require the approval of the Secretary of Transportation.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.		Secondary

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SB	1199	Hall (D)	Advertising Displays: Redevelopment Agency Project	Senate Rules Committee	Provides that an advertising display advertising businesses and activities within the boundary limits of, and as a part of, an individual redevelopment agency project, as those project boundaries existed on a specified date may remain and be considered an on-premises display until a specified date, if the advertising display meets specified criteria.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.		Secondary
SB	1215	Allen (D)	California Aerospace Commission	Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee - 04/11/2016 1:00 pm - 1 p.m. and upon adjournment of Session - Room 3191	Establishes the California Aerospace Commission to foster the development of activities in California related to aerospace, including, but not limited to, aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education duties.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.		Secondary
SB	1338	Lara (D)	Sales and Use Tax: Zero Emission Equipment	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Exempts from sales and use tax laws the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, qualified tangible personal property purchased by a qualified person, for use primarily in, at, or on a marine terminal or qualified tangible personal property used primarily to maintain, repair, or test specified equipment.	03/10/2016 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.		Secondary
SB	1362	Mendoza (D)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority	Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee - 04/04/2016 1:00 pm - Room 3191	Exempts a person regularly employed as a security officer by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority from the requirements of the Private Security Services Act.	03/03/2016 - To SENATE Committees on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY.		Secondary

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AB	1641	Allen T (R)	Shuttle Services: Loading and Unloading Passengers	Assembly Transportation Committee	Allows local authorities to permit shuttle service vehicles to stop for the loading or unloading of passengers alongside these curb spaces upon agreement between a transit system operating buses engaged as common carriers in local transportation and a shuttle service provider.	02/04/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Tertiary
AB	1659	Rodriguez (D)	Vehicles: Prima Facie Speed Limits: Schools	Assembly Transportation Committee	Allows a city or county to establish in a residence district, on a highway with a posted speed limit, a prima facie speed limit when approaching, at a distance from, or passing, a school building or grounds thereof, contiguous of to a highway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a specified speed limit, while children are going to or leaving the school. Allows an extension of the distance from a school building or grounds.	02/04/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Tertiary
AB	1669	Hernandez R (D)	Displaced Employees: Service Contracts	Assembly Labor and Employment Committee	Amends existing law that requires a local government agency letting a public transit service contract out to bid to give a bidding preference for contractors and subcontractors who agree to retain for a specified period certain employees who were employed to perform essentially the same services by the previous contractor or subcontractor. Makes these provisions applicable to contracts for the collection and transportation of solid waste.	03/08/2016 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.		Tertiary
AB	2030	Mullin (D)	Transportation Districts: Contracts	ASSEMBLY	Imposes specified bidding requirements with respect to transportation district contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials, if the amount of the contracts exceeds a specified amount. Requires a minimum of quotations for those contracts. Imposes those bidding requirements with respect to district contracts for the construction of facilities or equipment.	02/16/2016 - INTRODUCED.		Tertiary
AB	2222	Holden (D)	Transit Passes	Assembly Transportation Committee	Appropriates a specified sum annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Transit Pass Program. Provides for moneys to be allocated to support transit pass programs of public agencies that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to public school students and community college, California State University, and University of California students.	03/03/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.		Tertiary
AB	2415	Garcia E (D)	Clean Technology Program	Assembly Transportation Committee	Creates the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program that funds zero- and near-zero-emission truck, bus, and off-road vehicle and equipment technologies and related projects with priority given to certain projects, including projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.	03/08/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.		Tertiary
AB	2426	Low (D)	Alternative and Renewable Fuel	ASSEMBLY	Makes nonsubstantive changes in the provision defining terms under the Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		Tertiary

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AB	2564	Cooper (D)	Clean Vehicle Rebate Project	ASSEMBLY	Declares the intent of the legislature to enact legislation to establish income eligibility requirements for clean vehicle rebates under the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		Tertiary
AB	2722	Burke (D)	Transformative Climate Communities Program	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program. Appropriates funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires the council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for transformative climate community plans in disadvantaged communities.	03/10/2016 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.		Tertiary
AB	2841	Allen T (R)	State Infrastructure Financing for Seaports	ASSEMBLY	Relates to the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act. Authorizes a harbor agency to prepare a proposed financing plan to be submitted to the bank to finance infrastructure development or equipment, including the state fiscal and economic impacts, increased jobs and tax revenues and state fund savings. Requires the bank to consider a project proposal and to approve the financing if the project meets specified requirements.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		Tertiary
AB	2875	Bloom (D)	Motor Vehicle Fuels: Labeling	ASSEMBLY	Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that makes in unlawful to sell motor vehicle fuel or lubricant at any place where they are sold or kept for sale unless a sign or label is posted that contains specified information relating to the product and its contents.	02/19/2016 - INTRODUCED.		Tertiary
SB	1430	Pavley (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution: Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Senate Rules Committee	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would direct the State Air Resources Board to reassert its authority to regulate tail pipe emissions if the federal midterm review process on fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards results in a weakening proposed standards.	03/10/2016 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.		Tertiary
SB	940	Vidak (R)	High-Speed Rail Authority: Eminent Domain: Refusal	Senate Rules Committee	Requires the High-Speed Rail Authority to sell or exchange real property or interest therein if it is no longer necessary for high-speed rail purposes. Requires the Authority to offer certain persons the right to first refusal to purchase that property at fair market value, unless the Authority is unable to locate any of the specified persons within a specified time period of the Authority's initial attempt to locate such persons.	03/09/2016 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		Tertiary

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Marc Steinorth
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1569

Dear Assembly Member Steinorth:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

Modernization and streaming of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package to shorten the implementation time-table for projects, enable more predictable timing for construction and to reduce litigation costs. To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 1569, which will exempt qualifying projects such as the inspection, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, or removal of existing transportation infrastructure projects within the current right-of-way from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs and to streamline the environmental review process. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Eric Linder
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2016
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Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1833

Dear Assembly Member Linder:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes. Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 1833, which will 1) Authorize the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to implement an advanced mitigation program, and 2) Remove the sunset assignment of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities to California, and make the waiver of sovereign immunity permanent for assignment authority. This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs by authorizing Caltrans to establish advanced mitigation programs to consolidate mitigation projects and streamlining the environmental review process by extending California's NEPA delegation authority. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1987

Dear Assembly Member Rodriguez:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To ensure equitable investment across the entire transportation system, transportation funding solutions should provide for equal distribution of revenues between local and state roadways. In particular, proposals should include constitutional or legislative protections to maximize the use of transportation revenues for underserved and inappropriately served communities.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 1987, which will allow direct contracting between Caltrans and federally-recognized Native American Tribes in California to transfer state funds for conducting identified transportation planning and capital improvement projects. This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs to ensure equitable investment across the entire transportation system. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation

forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Rudy Salas
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2034

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes. Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2034, which will remove the sunset assignment of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities to California, and make the waiver of sovereign immunity permanent for assignment authority. This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs and to streamline the environmental review process. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can

be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2126

Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate procurement and project delivery processes. Innovative procurement and delivery methods such as Public-Private Partnerships (P3), Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), and Design-Build should be emphasized and deployed to provide a range of effective project delivery options to Caltrans and its partners.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2126, which would increase Caltrans' CMGC project delivery authority and is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to ensure that innovative delivery methods are available to leverage funding and facilitate project implementation. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Jim Frazier
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3190
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2289

Dear Assembly Member Frazier:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2298, which would make operational capital improvements eligible for inclusion in the Asset Management Plan and the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Examples of such improvements include lane management systems, changeable message signs, ramp meters, and similar devices and facilities specifically focused to improve operations.

This proposal is consistent with the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report and we would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to ensure that operational capital improvements are included as an eligible component for asset management planning and capital expenditure through the SHOPP. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward.

If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable David Chiu
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2374

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate procurement and project delivery processes. Innovative procurement and delivery methods such as Public-Private Partnerships (P3), Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), and Design-Build should be emphasized and deployed to provide a range of effective project delivery options to Caltrans and its partners.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2374, which would expand regional transportation agencies' CMGC project delivery authority and is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to ensure that innovative delivery methods are available to leverage funding and facilitate project implementation. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Bill Quirk
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2123
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2452

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package. These provisions serve to shorten the implementation timeframe for projects, enable more predictable timing for construction and to reduce litigation costs. To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes.

Pursuant to SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008), California Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have undertaken an extensive planning process to develop a sustainable communities strategy (SCS) or alternative planning strategy (APS) as part of their long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which undergoes programmatic environmental review and establishes a regional vision for the integration of transportation projects and land-use strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from light duty passenger vehicles.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2452 which would prohibit a court from staying or enjoining a transportation project based solely on greenhouse gas emissions, provided that the project is included in an SCS or APS that has been approved by an MPO and for which a program environmental impact report has been certified.

This proposal is consistent with the Commission's Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to facilitate project implementation and promote a balanced approach to expediting the delivery of projects that are critical to achieving SB 375 targets. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2742

Dear Assembly Member Nazarian:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate procurement and project delivery processes. Innovative procurement and delivery methods such as Public-Private Partnerships (P3), Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), and Design-Build should be emphasized and deployed to provide a range of effective project delivery options to Caltrans and its partners.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced AB 2742 which extends P3 authority from 2017 to 2030 and is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to ensure that innovative delivery methods are available to leverage funding and facilitate project implementation. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 4048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill (SB) 901

Dear Senator Bates:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes. Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced SB 901, which will authorize the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to implement an advanced mitigation program. This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs and to authorize Caltrans to work in partnership with resource agencies to develop and implement advanced mitigation programs to consolidate mitigation projects.

The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director,
Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Cannella
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 5082
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill (SB) 902

Dear Senator Cannella:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

To safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure timely delivery of transportation investments, transportation policy proposals should seek to modernize and accelerate project delivery processes. Modernization and streamlining of permitting and environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects should be considered as part of a balanced reform package.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced SB 902, which will remove the sunset assignment of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities to California, and make the waiver of sovereign immunity permanent for assignment authority. This legislative initiative is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership to address critical and immediate infrastructure needs and to streamline the environmental review process by extending California's NEPA delegation authority. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may

assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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March 11, 2016

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 3048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill (SB) 903

Dear Senator Nguyen:

As part of its statutory charge, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) advises the Administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs.

It has come to our attention that you have introduced SB 903, which would require immediate repayment of transportation-related loans from the General Fund. This proposal is consistent with the Commission's adopted Consensus Principles for Reforms and Funding Solutions as well as the priority statutory recommendations provided to the Legislature in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report. We would like to convey our support for your bill at this time. I expect that the Commission will formally ratify this position at our March meeting.

The Commission commends your leadership on this issue as expedited repayment of existing transportation loans is a critical transportation reform consideration. The Commissioners and staff are available to provide information that may assist you in moving this legislation forward. If we can be of assistance, please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Will Kempton, at 916-654-4245.

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SENATE BILL No. 1278

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 21080.50 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1278, as introduced, Hancock. California Environmental Quality Act: Port of Oakland: coal shipment.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

This bill would require every public agency with discretionary approval of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland to prepare or cause to prepare an EIR.

Because a public agency, which includes a local agency, would be required to prepare or cause to prepare an EIR, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for City of Oakland.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 21080.50 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

21080.50. Notwithstanding other provisions of this division, every public agency with discretionary approval of any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland shall prepare or cause to prepare an environmental impact report pursuant to this division.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique nature of coal shipment through the Port of Oakland.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

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ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1780

Introduced by Assembly Member Medina

February 3, 2016

An act to amend Section 39719 of the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 2192.4 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to greenhouse gases, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1780, as introduced, Medina. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Sustainable Trade Corridors Program.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation. Existing law continuously appropriates 60% of the annual proceeds of the fund for transit, affordable housing, sustainable communities, and high-speed rail purposes.

This bill, beginning in the 2016–17 fiscal year, would continuously appropriate 25% of the annual proceeds of the fund to the California Transportation Commission for the Sustainable Trade Corridors Program, which the bill would establish, thereby making an appropriation.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 39719 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

39719. (a) The Legislature shall appropriate the annual proceeds of the fund for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state in accordance with the requirements of Section 39712.

(b) To carry out a portion of the requirements of subdivision (a), annual proceeds are continuously appropriated for the following:

(1) Beginning in the ~~2015–16~~ *2016–17* fiscal year, and notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, ~~35~~ *60* percent of annual proceeds are continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for transit, affordable housing, and sustainable communities programs as ~~following:~~ *follows:*

(A) Ten percent of the annual proceeds of the fund is hereby continuously appropriated to the Transportation Agency for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program created by Part 2 (commencing with Section 75220) of Division 44 of the Public Resources Code.

(B) Five percent of the annual proceeds of the fund is hereby continuously appropriated to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program created by Part 3 (commencing with Section 75230) of Division 44 of the Public Resources Code. ~~Funds~~ *Moneys* shall be allocated by the Controller, according to requirements of the program, and pursuant to the distribution formula in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 99312 of, and Sections 99313 and 99314 of, the Public Utilities Code.

(C) Twenty percent of the annual proceeds of the fund is hereby continuously appropriated to the Strategic Growth Council for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program created by Part 1 (commencing with Section 75200) of Division 44 of the Public Resources Code. Of the amount appropriated in this subparagraph, no less than 10 percent of the annual ~~proceeds,~~ *proceeds* shall be expended for affordable housing, consistent with the provisions of that program.

(D) Twenty-five percent of the annual proceeds of the fund shall be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, continued in existence pursuant to Section 2192 of the Streets and Highways Code, and is hereby continuously appropriated to the California Transportation Commission for the Sustainable Trade Corridors Program created by Section 2192.4 of the Streets and Highways Code.

(2) Beginning in the 2015–16 fiscal year, notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, 25 percent of the annual proceeds of the fund is hereby continuously appropriated to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the following components of the initial operating segment and Phase I Blended System as described in the 2012 business plan adopted pursuant to Section 185033 of the Public Utilities Code:

(A) Acquisition and construction costs of the project.

(B) Environmental review and design costs of the project.

(C) Other capital costs of the project.

(D) Repayment of any loans made to the authority to fund the project.

(c) In determining the amount of annual proceeds of the fund for purposes of the calculation in subdivision (b), the funds subject to Section 39719.1 shall not be included.

SEC. 2. Section 2192.4 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

2192.4. (a) The Sustainable Trade Corridors Program is hereby established and shall be administered by the commission.

(b) (1) Moneys appropriated to the commission for the program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, pursuant to Section 39719 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be allocated by the commission consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

(2) At least 10 percent of the moneys available for the program shall be allocated for research and development projects that promote sustainable trade corridors, consistent with the requirements of Section 2192.2.

(c) (1) Applications for grants under the program shall be submitted to the commission for evaluation in accordance with procedures and program guidelines approved by the commission.

(2) The application shall define the project purpose, intended scope, proposed cost, intended funding sources, and schedule for project completion.

(3) Eligible applicants may submit more than one application for grants under the program pursuant to this section.

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ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2170

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 2192 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2170, as introduced, Frazier. Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: federal funds.

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) created the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and provided for allocation by the California Transportation Commission of $2 billion in bond funds for infrastructure improvements on highway and rail corridors that have a high volume of freight movement, and specified categories of projects eligible to receive these funds. Existing law continues the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund in existence in order to receive revenues from sources other than the bond act for these purposes.

This bill would require revenues apportioned to the state from the National Highway Freight Program established by the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act to be deposited in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 2192 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:

2192. (a) The Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, created pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 8879.23 of the Government Code, is hereby continued in existence to receive revenues from sources other than the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of ~~2006.~~ *2006, including revenues apportioned to the state under Section 167 of the Title 23 of the United States Code from the National Highway Freight Program, pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act ("FAST Act"; Public Law 114-94).* This chapter shall govern expenditure of those other revenues.

(b) The moneys in the fund from those other sources shall be available upon appropriation for allocation by the California Transportation Commission for infrastructure improvements in this state on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on the Primary Freight Network, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement, as determined by the commission. In determining the projects eligible for funding, the commission shall consult the Transportation Agency's state freight plan as described in Section 13978.8 of the Government Code, the State Air Resources Board's Sustainable Freight Strategy adopted by Resolution 14-2, and the trade infrastructure and goods movement plan submitted to the commission by the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary for Environmental Protection. The commission shall also consult trade infrastructure and goods movement plans adopted by regional transportation planning agencies, adopted regional transportation plans required by state and federal law, and the statewide port master plan prepared by the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council (Cal-MITSAC) pursuant to Section 1730 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, when determining eligible projects for funding. Eligible projects for these funds include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Highway capacity improvements and operational improvements to more efficiently accommodate the movement of freight, particularly for ingress and egress to and from the state's land ports of entry and seaports, including navigable inland

waterways used to transport freight between seaports, land ports of entry, and airports, and to relieve traffic congestion along major trade or goods movement corridors.

(2) Freight rail system improvements to enhance the ability to move goods from seaports, land ports of entry, and airports to warehousing and distribution centers throughout California, including projects that separate rail lines from highway or local road traffic, improve freight rail mobility through mountainous regions, relocate rail switching yards, and other projects that improve the efficiency and capacity of the rail freight system.

(3) Projects to enhance the capacity and efficiency of ports.

(4) Truck corridor improvements, including dedicated truck facilities or truck toll facilities.

(5) Border access improvements that enhance goods movement between California and Mexico and that maximize the state's ability to access coordinated border infrastructure funds made available to the state by federal law.

(6) Surface transportation and connector road improvements to effectively facilitate the movement of goods, particularly for ingress and egress to and from the state's land ports of entry, airports, and seaports, to relieve traffic congestion along major trade or goods movement corridors.

(c) (1) The commission shall allocate funds for trade infrastructure improvements from the fund consistent with Section 8879.52 of the Government Code and the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Guidelines adopted by the commission on November 27, 2007, or as amended by the commission, and in a manner that (A) addresses the state's most urgent needs, (B) balances the demands of various land ports of entry, seaports, and airports, (C) provides reasonable geographic balance between the state's regions, and (D) places emphasis on projects that improve trade corridor mobility while reducing emissions of diesel particulate and other pollutant emissions.

(2) In addition, the commission shall also consider the following factors when allocating these funds:

(A) "Velocity," which means the speed by which large cargo would travel from the land port of entry or seaport through the distribution system.

(B) "Throughput," which means the volume of cargo that would move from the land port of entry or seaport through the distribution system.

(C) "Reliability," which means a reasonably consistent and predictable amount of time for cargo to travel from one point to another on any given day or at any given time in California.

(D) "Congestion reduction," which means the reduction in recurrent daily hours of delay to be achieved.

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