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This week, Attorney General Eric Holder announced he is stepping down and HUD Secretary Julian Castro continues his outreach to local communities. Here's all the latest!

Attorney General Eric Holder Steps Down



On Thursday, Attorney General **Eric Holder** announced that he intends to step down from his position as soon as a new Attorney General is confirmed to take his place. Assuming office in February 2009, Holder's nearly six-year tenure makes him the third-longest serving Attorney General in U.S. history. In remarks at the White House, Holder said, *"I have loved the Department of Justice ever since, as a young boy, I watched Robert Kennedy prove during the Civil Rights Movement how the department can – and must – always be a force for that which is right."* **President Obama** said of his good friend Eric Holder, *"Alongside the incredible men and women of the Justice Department – men and women that I promise you he is proud of and will deeply miss – Eric has done a superb job."* Among Attorney General Holder's top achievements include his efforts to reinvigorate and restore the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, through critical work on issues such as voting rights, immigration law, human trafficking, and same-sex marriage. The AG also oversaw the administration of millions of dollars through the COPS Office, under the Recovery Act and since, to ensure that thousands of cops were able to stay on the beat nationwide during the recession. Only Education Secretary **Arne Duncan** and Agriculture Secretary **Tom Vilsack** remain from the President's original January 2009 Cabinet. For more, click on [White House Blog Post](#) or [Remarks by the President and the Attorney General](#).

My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge

On Monday, we listened to a teleconference hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs on a new

initiative called the *"My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge,"* which we informed many of you about via email last week. The call featured HUD Secretary **Julian Castro** and Cabinet Secretary **Broderick Johnson**, who is overseeing the overall "My Brother's Keeper" effort. As soon as next week, **President Obama** will make a public call to action for cities, towns, counties, and tribes to become *"MBK Communities"* and commit to implementing a coherent "cradle-to-college-and-career strategy" for improving the life outcomes of all young people, including boys and young men of color.

Secretary **Castro**, calls on Mayors, local officials, state officials, tribes, and Members of Congress to all act as *"ambassadors"* for this initiative. The White House recognizes that these leaders often sit at the intersection of many of the vital forces and structural components needed to enact sustainable change through policy, programs, and partnerships. The Administration released a "Playbook for Mayoral Action" which we have linked at the bottom of this piece, with four steps to follow to become an MBK Community: (1) Accept the President's Challenge, (2) Convene a 'Local Action Summit' to build an MBK Community, (3) Conduct a policy review and form recommendations for action, and (4) Launch a plan of action, next steps, and a timetable for review. Among the goals that the White House calls on Mayors to develop a plan for: (1) ensuring all children read at grade level by 3rd grade; (2) ensuring that all youth graduate from high school; (3) ensuring that all youth out of school are employed; and (4) ensuring that all youth remain safe from violent crime. For more, click on [MBK Communities Challenge – Playbook for Mayoral Action](#). Please contact us if you plan to sign on and if we can help in any way!

Homeownership Summit

On Monday, HUD Secretary **Julian Castro** gave the keynote address at the second annual Ginnie Mae Summit, where he called on the housing industry to *"work together to see a robust, healthy housing market where those who are ready can buy a home. Our nation is making progress across the board, and HUD is focused on ensuring these opportunities reach every American."* Ginnie Mae is a wholly-owned government corporation within HUD, whose securities carry the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

Ginnie Mae unveiled new program and policy initiatives designed to meet the evolving needs of the housing finance industry. These include a position paper that outlines, from Ginnie Mae's perspective, the major issues presented by the ongoing transformation in mortgage lending as a result of the 2007-2008 financial crisis, including the retreat of traditional

banking institutions and the increase in non-depository institutions; finalizing changes to Ginnie Mae's net worth and liquidity requirements; and a pilot program to give small financial institutions served by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago more access to the secondary market. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [Video of Secretary Castro's Speech](#).

HUD Promise Zones – Second Round

On Monday, we sent many of you a memo on the Obama Administration's announcement of the solicitation of applications to designate a second round of **Promise Zones**. The purpose of the Promise Zone initiative is to revitalize high-poverty communities by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs. HUD expects to designate six urban communities and the application deadline is **November 21**. For more, click on [Promise Zones](#).

Building Community Trust and Justice

Attorney General **Eric Holder** announced the launch of the Justice Department's *National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice*. Funded through a \$4.75 million grant, the initiative will create a substantial investment in training, evidence-based strategies, policy development and research to combat distrust and hostility between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Recent events such as in Ferguson, MO highlight the need for this initiative. The three year grant has been awarded to a consortium of national law enforcement experts led by John Jay College of Criminal Justice. For more, click on [Building Community Trust](#).

Senate Democrats' Lame Duck Agenda Includes MFA

In a recent press conference, Senate Majority Leader **Harry Reid** and Majority Whip **Dick Durbin** said that in the "lame duck" session after the November elections, they plan to consider allowing a vote on a revised version of the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA), which the Senate passed in May 2013 by a final vote of 69-27. The bill would allow states to implement and enforce state and local sales taxes on online transactions involving out-of-state vendors. Senate leaders are considering attaching MFA to a multi-year extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) to garner enough support. When asked if he was considering a possibly year-end vote on the MFA, Senator **Reid** said, "Hope so." Senator **Durbin** said, "We'd like to pass it again in the Senate and send it back to the House... Just a little reminder to the House that there's a little piece of unfinished business that affects millions of people across America and is literally going to decide whether some businesses survive or fail."

Senators Reid and Durbin made clear the post-election votes were unlikely on economic agenda items such as increasing the minimum wage and student loan refinancing. Other agenda items besides MFA that have a better chance at being approved by the full Congress in the lame duck session include: an FY15 omnibus spending package and extending the "tax extenders" for at least a year. One major stumbling block for Senate leaders trying to pass Marketplace Fairness out of their chamber could come in the

form of opposition from Senate Finance Chairman **Ron Wyden**, whose home state of Oregon has no sales tax. He said, "Over the next six weeks, I hope that the proponents of the Marketplace Fairness Act will face the facts and admit that they can't achieve their goal by holding the Internet economy hostage, so they'll have to go about it any other way than tying it to ITFA."

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [Second Round of Promise Zones](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Importance of Infrastructure Investment

A couple of new reports highlight the importance of transportation at both the federal and local levels. A report from the Pew Charitable Trusts shows that between 2007 and 2011, the federal government share of average annual spending on highways and transit nationwide was just 25 percent, or \$51 billion, of the total.

A report from the National Association of Manufacturers shows how maintaining the status quo in infrastructure spending will not be enough to turn around the nation's failing grade on infrastructure and move the U.S. economy toward a more competitive future. For more, click on [Pew Report](#) or [NAM Report](#).

Disaster Resilience and Climate Change

Although none of our loyal readers' units of local government qualify for this (*it requires a Presidential disaster declaration*) it is worth noting that HUD has launched a \$1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition. The competition promotes risk assessment and planning and will fund the implementation of innovative resilience projects to better prepare eligible communities for future storms and other extreme events. For more, click on [HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition](#).

In related news, on Tuesday, **President Obama** announced at the U.N. a new set of tools to harness the unique scientific and technological capabilities of the U.S. to help vulnerable populations around the world strengthen their resilience against climate change. These actions build on the President's Climate Action Plan to reduce carbon pollution, promote clean sources of energy, and protect local communities from the negative impacts of climate change. For more, click on [Strengthening Global Resilience to Climate Change](#).

♪♪ Music of the Month ♪♪

Our telephone's hold music of the month for October: **Johnny Cash**. We hope you enjoy!

Please contact [Len Simon](#), [Brandon Key](#), [Jen Covino](#), or [Stephanie McIntosh](#) with any questions.

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Congress was back in session this week, with focus on the FY15 budget, the ISIS threat, and much more. Here's the highlights, for your review.

Mayor Strickland on "Meet the Press"



On Sunday, NBC's inaugural episode of *Meet the Press* with Chuck Todd was made even more historic by the presence of Tacoma Mayor **Marilyn**

Strickland, who was joined by fellow Mayors **Mick Cornett** of Oklahoma City and **Bill Peduto** of Pittsburgh. Mayor Strickland highlighted Tacoma Housing Authority's McCarver Elementary School Special Housing Program. The goal of the program is to boost learning by keeping families in the same home and, therefore, keep students at the same school, by offering housing vouchers to Hilltop families that allow children to stay enrolled at McCarver. She said, *"I would say that as Mayor, you are about being an ambassador and bringing people together. So you have an opportunity to keep focused on the goal and not get bogged down in the partisanship of what can happen."* For more, click on [Video: Mayors Making Progress](#).

Fiscal Year 2015 Continuing Resolution and Fighting ISIS

On Tuesday evening, the House Appropriations Committee released the text of a short-term Continuing Resolution (H.J. Res. 124), also known as a "CR," to keep the government funded at current levels into the first few months of FY15. The bill continues funding for government programs and services at the current annual cap rate of \$1.012 trillion until December 11, 2014. It's "clean" and does not contain highly controversial provisions. However, the CR does include some small changes to existing law. Some of these so-called "anomalies" include: provisions to address the recent Ebola crisis, including additional funding to accelerate HHS research on Ebola therapies, and additional funding for the Centers for Disease Control's response

to the growing outbreak in Africa; a provision extending the operating authority for the Export-Import Bank through June 30, 2015; and a provision extending the Internet Tax Freedom Act until December 11, 2014.

On Wednesday, **President Obama** formally requested that Congress authorize the Administration's mission to train and equip Syrian rebels as an attachment to the FY15 CR. The President gave an address to the nation on the threat to U.S. interests posed by ISIS in Iraq and Syria, later that evening. The House was initially supposed to vote on the CR that day, but House Majority Leader **Kevin McCarthy** said that vote would be postponed on the measure until next week so that members would have time to consider the Administration's request. We now expect the House to postpone voting on the CR until Tuesday or Wednesday, next week. For more, click on [House Appropriations FY15 "Clean" CR Summary](#), [List of OMB Anomalies for FY15 Authorizations](#), [List of OMB Anomalies for FY15 Appropriations](#), or [White House Fact Sheet: Strategy to Counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant \(ISIL\)](#).

Leaders Speak

This week, we had the opportunity to meet with a number of members of Congress, courtesy of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council meetings. Every member said that they understand the top issue facing California now is the ongoing drought, and that they are committed to working to solve it. On transportation, Senator **Dianne Feinstein** said that she was hopeful the Senate can pass a six-year transportation bill, and discussed her views on various financing alternatives. Senator **Barbara Boxer**, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman, said that she continues to hold hope that Congress will pass a transportation bill this year, and talked about the benefits of the TIFIA loan program, which was increased in MAP-21. Congressman **Jim Costa** discussed some of the air quality issues important to local governments and gave his views on what Congress might do now and in the lame-duck. Congressman **David Valadao**, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, discussed a number of issues of concern to attendees from that perspective. Congressman **Jerry McNerney** believes that many of the challenges facing local governments can be solved by new infrastructure investments in transportation. Congressman **Jeff Denham**, Chairman of the House T&I Rails Subcommittee, discussed transportation donor-donee issues. Congressman **Tom McClintock** said that the Highway Trust Fund wouldn't be facing a shortfall today if the money was only used for highways, instead of also being used for other priorities such as mass transit and bike paths.

The group also met with DOT Deputy Secretary **Victor Mendez** who discussed the Administration's "GROW AMERICA Act," as well as House and Senate transportation staff who updated us on their efforts.

One-Year Extenders Bill Under Consideration

Senate Finance Chairman **Ron Wyden** and outgoing House Ways and Means Committee Chairman **Dave Camp** are in negotiations to possibly advance legislation that would extend expired tax breaks, known as "extenders," for one year, in lieu of a stalled Senate package that would have extended them for two years. Among the extenders that are relevant to local government interests: the alternative fuels tax credit, the deduction for state and local general sales taxes, and the New Markets Tax Credit. *We'll keep you up to date!*

House Passes Bill to Stop "Waters of the U.S." Expansion

On Tuesday, by a vote of 262-152, the House passed a bill that prohibits the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA from finalizing or enforcing the proposed rule that would expand the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. The bill, however, is unlikely to be considered by the Senate, and the White House issued a veto threat against it. EPA also released a 7-page Q&A document explaining what the proposed rule does and does not do, in their view. For more, click on [House Approves Bill on WOTUS](#), [White House Veto Threat](#), or [EPA Q&A on WOTUS Proposal](#).

Passenger Rail Legislation

Yesterday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee introduced the *Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014*, or *PRRIA* (H.R. 5449). The last rail authorization was passed in 2008. For more, click on [House Amtrak Bill](#).

Social Impact Bonds Hearing

On Tuesday, the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing titled, "*Social Impact Bonds: Can They Help Government Achieve Better Results for Families in Need*." SIB's are gaining great notoriety as an innovative local government financing tool in **Salt Lake County** and elsewhere around the country. For more, click on [Social Impact Bonds](#).

A Week of Hearings

On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce Committee, led by Senators **Jay Rockefeller** and **John Thune** held a hearing focusing on their recently-introduced bill, called the *Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2014*, which aims to improve the STB by making it more efficient and accessible. For more, click on [Rail Hearing](#) or [Freight Rail Improvement Bill](#).

On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Energy and Power Subcommittee held a hearing titled, "*State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan*." For more, click on [EPA Clean Power Plan](#). On Tuesday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Highways and Transit Subcommittee held a hearing

titled, "*Surface Transportation Infrastructure Projects: Case Studies of the Federal Environmental Review and Permitting Process*." For more, click on [Environmental Review Hearing](#). On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing titled, "*Oversight of Federal Programs for Equipping State and Local Law Enforcement*." For more, click on [Law Enforcement Equipment Hearing](#).

TIGER 2014 Awards Announced

Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced that \$600 million worth of TIGER grants would be awarded this year for 72 projects in 46 states. Pending final approval of the FY15 budget, most likely in December, round 7 of the TIGER grant competition will begin, with applications due in the spring of 2015. For more, click on [TIGER 2014](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [FTA Public Transportation Workforce Development Program](#). **NOTE:** FTA announced this morning that it is [temporarily withdrawing](#) its Notice of Funding Availability. Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants!

U.S. DOT Bike and Pedestrian Safety Initiative

Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** announced a new initiative to reduce the number of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries. For more, click on [Bike and Pedestrian Safety](#).

Proposed Train Safety Rules

The U.S. DOT's Federal Railroad Administration issued a proposed rule to protect communities from crude oil and hazardous materials incidents by strengthening requirements for securing unattended freight trains. For more, click on [Train Safety Press Release](#) or [Proposed Rule](#).

FTA Webinar on Joint Development Circular

The FTA will host a webinar on **September 17** to present its August 25 "Joint Development" Circular to the public and to discuss the application and review process for FTA-assisted joint development projects. For more, click on [Joint Development Circular](#) or [Webinar Registration](#).

Infrastructure Investment Summit

On Tuesday, the Treasury Department held an "Infrastructure Investment Summit," convening institutional investors, project engineers, bankers, and state and local transportation officials. It featured speeches from Treasury Secretary **Jack Lew**, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx**, and Commerce Secretary **Penny Pritzker**, among others. For more, click on [Infrastructure Investment Summit Agenda](#).

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Congress returns from their August recess next week, with the only upcoming major legislative item likely to be yet another short-term continuing resolution. Here's all the latest news!

Congress Likely to Extend Current Spending Into FY15



Next week may mark the start of the shortest post-summer pre-election Congressional work period in recent memory. We're now hearing, from a variety of sources, that

Congress expects to wrap up their September work by the 19th, instead of the 23rd as previously anticipated, in order to give members more time to campaign in their districts. Despite the remarkable challenges emerging just this summer including the unaccompanied children at the border, the crisis in Ferguson, and the threats posed by the Islamic State, it appears that the sole focus of Congress during the month of September will simply be to extend current federal agency spending levels from FY14 into at least the first few months of FY15, perhaps until the end of December. They would do this by passing a relatively clean "Continuing Resolution," or CR, that merely extends current federal spending levels into the beginning of the next fiscal year, which begins on October 1. House leaders, in particular, are hoping to keep the stopgap spending measure as clean as possible, to protect incumbent members from politically risky or damaging votes.

Last year's FY14 CR, which ended the government shutdown in October, only included additional funding for a few targeted "anomalies," such as for fighting wildfires, disaster relief, and retroactive pay for federal employees hurt during the shutdown. The House could vote on a "clean CR" for FY15 as early as next week. More action is possible during the "lame duck" session of Congress, which begins after the November mid-term elections have ended, when perhaps the Marketplace Fairness Act and other measures delayed prior to the elections could be considered. *We will pay close attention to the appropriations process and keep you up to date!*

Department of Justice Responds to Ferguson Crisis

Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Justice Department has launched two initiatives to address concerns about police services in the City of Ferguson and in St. Louis County, Missouri. First, in addition to the ongoing criminal civil rights investigation, the Department's Civil Rights Division has opened a civil pattern or practice investigation into allegations of unlawful policing by the City of Ferguson Police Department. Second, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office has launched a Collaborative Reform Initiative with the St. Louis County Police Department. The pattern or practice investigation will look at whether officers of the Ferguson Police Department have engaged in systemic violations of the Constitution or federal law. The investigation will focus on the Ferguson Police Department's use of force, including deadly force; stops, searches and arrests; discriminatory policing; and treatment of detainees inside Ferguson's city jail by Ferguson police officers. The COPS Collaborative Reform Technical Assistance process with the St. Louis County Police Department is a voluntary process that will include an open, independent and objective assessment of key operational areas of the police department, such as training, use of force, handling mass demonstrations, stops, searches, arrests, and fair and impartial policing. For more, click on [U.S. DOJ Next Steps in Missouri](#).

Food Policy



On Wednesday, the Agriculture Department reported that 14.3 percent of American households were "food insecure" some time during 2013, lacking access to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. The typical food-secure household spent 30 percent more for food than the typical food-insecure household of the same size and composition, including food purchased with SNAP benefits. Food insecurity and the local food economy were major points of discussion at last week's U.S. Conference of Mayors **Food Policy Task Force**, held in Louisville, chaired by Madison Mayor **Paul Soglin**, hosted by Louisville Mayor **Greg Fischer** with participation by Baltimore Mayor **Stephanie Rawlings Blake**, first Vice president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. For more, click on [USDA Household Food Security Report](#) or [USCM Food Policy Task Force Meeting Agenda](#).

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Michael Botticelli Officially Nominated

Following up on our report to you last week about his courageous recovery from alcoholism, we're pleased to report this week that **Michael Botticelli** has been nominated by President Obama to officially become Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He has served as Acting Director since March of this year, after serving as Deputy Director since 2012. The nomination must be approved by the Senate. For more, click on [Botticelli Nomination](#).

New White House Chief Technology Officer

Yesterday, President Obama announced that **Megan Smith** will serve as the next U.S. Chief Technology Officer and Assistant to the President in the White House, succeeding **Todd Park**, who will assist the Administration as a technology advisor from Silicon Valley. Ms. Smith was the VP of New Business Development at Google, where she managed early-stage partnerships, explorations, and technology licensing globally across engineering and product teams. For more, click on [WH Chief Technology Officer](#) or [Todd Park Goes to Silicon Valley](#).

LWCF Turns 50

This week, we celebrate the signing of both the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Act* and the *Wilderness Act* by President **Lyndon Johnson** in 1964. Using revenues from offshore oil and gas development, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has increased access to the outdoors for hunting, fishing, and other recreation, to protect iconic places like National Parks and Civil War battlefields, and to advance over 40,000 local projects. Thanks to the Wilderness Act, more than 109 million acres of wild land have received strong federal protection from development. For more, click on [LWCF Turns 50](#).

FHFA Affordable Housing Goals

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has proposed a rule that would establish housing goals for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for 2015 through 2017. The agency requests public comment on all aspects of the proposed rule, with the comment period closing on **October 28**. Under the proposal, the Low-Income Families Refinance Goal would rise to 27 percent, up from the current 20%. For more, click on [FHFA Press Release](#) or [Text of Proposed Rule](#).

EPA Staff Propose Tougher Smog Standards

An internal report prepared by EPA staff recommends that Administrator **Gina McCarthy** should consider revising the air quality standard for smog to a lower level than is currently required. EPA staff is considering a new range of 60 parts per billion (ppb) to 70 ppb, much lower than the current standard of 75 ppb, in order to better protect public health. For more, click on [EPA Smog Report](#).

Secretary Duncan's Back to School Bus Tour

The Education Department announced that next week, from September 8 to 10, Secretary **Arne Duncan** and senior

Department officials will visit Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee for the Department's fifth annual *Back-to-School Bus Tour*. The theme of this year's tour is "Partners in Progress," which will highlight the states' commitment to encourage reform and innovation and help all students to achieve success. For more, click on [Back to School](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [EDA FY 2014 Regional Innovation Grants](#) and [FTA Transit-Oriented Planning Grants](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Growth in Health Care Spending Continues to Slow

New estimates from HHS show that health expenditures rose at historically slow rates in 2013, continuing the exceptionally slow growth in health costs seen in recent years. The Administration believes the Affordable Care Act is at least partially responsible for the slower growth of health care costs. For more, click on [Slower Growth in Health Care Costs](#).

Value of Metropolitan Area Exports

The Commerce Department reports for the first time, the number of jobs supported by goods exports from each of the 50 states, as well as a report on goods exports from the nation's 387 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in 2013. For more, click on [Exports Reports](#) or [Secretary Pritzker Statement](#).

U.S. Vehicle Miles Traveled

A report from DOT shows that American driving between July 2013 and June 2014 is at levels not seen since 2008. Americans drove more than 2.97 trillion miles from 2013-2014. For more, click on [Vehicle Miles Traveled Report](#).

EPA EnviroAtlas Mapping Tool

Following up from the May 16 edition of the *Friday Report*, EPA has introduced a web-based tool to assist states, communities, and citizens with policy and planning decisions related to efforts to promote both sustainable and economically robust communities, called **EnviroAtlas**. It combines maps, analysis tools, fact sheets, and downloadable data into an easy-to-use, web-based resource that allows users to understand the implications of various decisions and their potential impacts on ecosystems. For more, click on the [EnviroAtlas Website](#) or the [EnviroAtlas Communities Fact Sheet](#).

Remembering September 11

In honor of the upcoming thirteenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America, **President Obama** signed a Presidential Proclamation in remembrance of the tragedy. For more, click on [9/11 Presidential Proclamation](#).

Please contact [Len Simon](#), [Brandon Key](#), [Jen Covino](#), or [Stephanie McIntosh](#) with any questions. Have a good weekend!

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This week, we say 'farewell' to a longtime friend and colleague and update you on an exciting new AmeriCorps initiative, along with lots of other highlights for your review.

Praise and Farewell to a Good Friend



About a week before the Obama Administration began on January 20, 2009, we learned that our good friend **David Agnew** would be named the White House Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, with day-to-day liaison responsibilities for local governments. That

was a great decision by the President, given David's previous service on the staff of the legendary Mayor **Joe Riley** of Charleston, his time here in Washington during the Clinton Administration, and his important role in the 2008 campaign.

From that point forward almost six years ago, all the way through this final week before he departs for New York City and the private sector, David transformed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs from a quiet outpost to an important White House center of ideas and energy. His promotion at the beginning of the President's second term to Director of the office, supervising relations with all governments in the United States except Congress (and as David would often joke "Thank God!") was a recognition by the President of the outstanding job David had done in the first term. Put simply, David was the most effective White House intergovernmental chief to have ever served since the office was created in the 1970's. As I've told him many times, "You are the standard against which all White House future Intergovernmental Directors will be measured."

From the Recovery Act, to the Affordable Care Act, to Climate Preparedness and Resilience, Ladders of Opportunity, My Brother's Keeper and so many more initiatives, David always

made sure that local governments were present at the takeoff so that they could be an important part of the landing. And when you had a problem – a closed bridge, a messed up formula allocation – no one was better than David in working with you and his Administration colleagues to solve that problem.

He leaves behind a very able crew so his legacy of access, openness, and involvement will continue. But his wit, steadfastness, and optimism, along with his excellent company week in and week out, will be missed. *All the best to David and family as they head to an exciting new chapter in their lives, and thanks again for making ours so much better – Len Simon*

Operation AmeriCorps

On Tuesday morning, we participated in a meeting with officials from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to learn about an exciting program being developed called **Operation AmeriCorps**. Through *Operation AmeriCorps*, Mayors, County Executives, school boards, and other civic leaders will use AmeriCorps members to help them tackle their communities' most pressing challenges to bring about "transformational change." Under the initial draft proposal, all three AmeriCorps programs will be made available in a single application that (1) engages AmeriCorps State and National programs, (2) harnesses AmeriCorps VISTA's poverty-focused capacity-building, and (3) taps AmeriCorps NCCC's surge capacity. CNCS invites public comments as they develop and improve an official Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which will be released later this fall. The due date for comments is **September 26**. For more, click on [Operation AmeriCorps Bulletin](#), [Draft Summary Proposal for Informal Public Comment](#), or our [Notice of Request for Informal Public Comment](#). We think that this is a great opportunity to help shape a forthcoming federal grant program in its *early stages* of development, and we'll be working very closely with our CNCS partners on this emerging initiative. Please contact us with any questions or comments!

CDBG Program Celebrates 40th Anniversary



This month, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the *Community Development Block Grant* being signed into law by President **Gerald Ford** on August 22, 1974. HUD Secretary **Julián Castro** wrote, "CDBG enjoys bi-partisan support primarily because it is inherently flexible, allowing states and local communities (and their residents) to decide for themselves how to invest in their

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local priorities." For more, click on [Secretary Castro Statement](#) or [NLIHC Statement](#).

Military Equipment to Police

President Obama has ordered a review of federal programs that supplied nearly half a billion dollars in military equipment to police departments last year. For more, click on [Administration Review of Military Equipment Sales to Local Police](#).

Army Corps Requests Local Input

As part of *WRRDA 2014*, which was signed into law in June, Section 7001 requires the Army Corps to solicit proposals from its local and regional stakeholders. Through the solicitation, the Corps is currently requesting proposals from non-federal interests, including local governments, for (1) proposed feasibility studies and (2) proposed modifications to water resources development projects that have already been authorized. Comments and proposals are due by **December 3**. For more, click on [Section 7001 Federal Register Notice](#). Please contact us if you have questions on this or if we can help you in any way!

Caring for America's Veterans

On Tuesday, **President Obama** announced 19 new executive actions to serve the military community, including new efforts to strengthen service members' access to mental health care. Additionally, HUD, VA, and USICH released a new national estimate of veteran homelessness in the U.S. Data collected in January 2014 show that there were 49,933 homeless veterans in America, a decline of 33 percent since 2010. For more click on [Executive Actions for Veterans](#) or [33% Drop in Veteran Homelessness since 2010](#).

EPA Reports Decrease in Urban Air Toxics

EPA released its Second Integrated Urban Air Toxics Report to Congress to inform the public of progress in reducing public health risks from urban air toxics. Since the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, there's been an 84 percent decrease of lead in outdoor air, a 60 percent reduction in mercury from man-made sources like coal-fired power plants, and a 66 percent reduction in benzene, among other successes. For more, click on [Urban Air Toxics](#).

FTA Guidance on Joint Development

A new FTA circular provides guidance to recipients of FTA financial assistance on how to use FTA funds or FTA-funded real property for joint development that includes private sector participation in public transportation projects. For more, click on [Federal Register Notice](#) or [FTA Circular](#).

Congresswoman Barbara Lee on Reducing Poverty

Congresswoman **Barbara Lee**, Chair of the Democratic Whip Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality, and Opportunity, along with 29 of her colleagues, sent a letter to President Obama applauding the administration's efforts to address economic inequality, while at the same time outlining a series of proposed

executive actions, such as improving inter-agency coordination, criminal justice reform and re-entry, education and youth development, housing and financial services, and hunger and food security. For more, click on [Reducing Poverty](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you notices on [Operation AmeriCorps - Public Comments](#) and [NEH Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grants](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

A Moving Study in Recovery

The *Washington Post* profile of White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Director **Michael Botticelli** is a moving portrait of a courageous recovery from alcoholism. For more, click on [Recovery](#).

Globalization Case Study: Fremont, California

Last Sunday, the *Washington Post* highlighted Fremont, California as a case study in some of the challenges cities have faced since the beginning of the recession. When the NUMMI auto plant and Solyndra solar panel maker both closed down from 2010-2011, they took about 6,100 good-paying jobs with them. Tesla has helped, but there's still a long way to go. For more, click on [Globalization's Impact on Fremont](#).

Sequestration Still Affecting FY15 Budget

OMB has released a report showing that if the current spending caps remain unchanged, it is estimated that Senate action to date on FY15 appropriations bills would result in an approximate automatic cut of \$34 million in defense spending next year under sequestration. Action, to date, by both the House and Senate would not result in automatic spending cuts in non-defense spending for FY15. For more, click on [OMB FY15 Sequestration Update](#).

♪ Music of the Month ♪

Our telephone's hold music of the month for September: **The Beatles**. We hope you enjoy!

Happy Labor Day!



We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Labor Day weekend. We'll all need to rest up for a very intense September legislative session before Congress adjourns for the fall mid-term elections. The target date for them getting out of town is September 23rd. The anticipated date for the lame-duck session is November 17. *We'll keep you up to date on all their doings as well as those of the Administration.*

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It was a week dominated by the Ferguson crisis and the response to it, first by local and state officials and then by the Obama Administration. Lots more happened this August week in Washington as well. Here's the highlights for your review.

Quality Early Childhood Education



On Wednesday, we participated in a teleconference hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, featuring Education Secretary **Arne Duncan**, Deputy Assistant to the President for Education Policy **Roberto Rodriguez**, and White House Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs **Rohan Patel**, along with local and state officials, Salt Lake County Mayor **Ben McAdams** and California Senate

President Pro Tempore **Darrell Steinberg**. The purpose of the call was to discuss the efforts of the Obama Administration to expand access to high quality early childhood education, a new federal grant competition to increase access to high-quality preschool across the country, and to hear from local and state officials on efforts being taken in their areas to expand access to preschool in their areas. Secretary **Duncan** thanked the officials for their efforts, and recognized that the U.S. Conference of Mayors has made education its top priority this year. He discussed his agency's \$250 million *Preschool Development Grants* competition (forwarded to most of you by us last week).

Mayor **McAdams** discussed the financial incentives local governments can use to invest in early childhood education, which reduces expenditures in later years on programs such as special education in the third grade and beyond. Salt Lake County is using innovative "Social Impact Bonds" to secure capital from the private sector and philanthropies to invest in a high quality public preschool program for low-income children in a local school district. The success of this program inspired the Utah Legislature to pass HB 96 – the *Utah School Readiness Initiative* – with \$3 million available this year to help more public and

private schools expand access to voluntary preschool for economically-disadvantaged 3 and 4 year olds. State Senator **Steinberg** talked about legislative efforts in California that were made to guarantee all low-income 4-year-olds in the state access to high quality preschool, under the budget signed by Governor Jerry Brown. For more, click on [Secretary Arne Duncan Teleconference Follow-Up](#).

Crisis in Ferguson

President Obama and his Administration have been active in their response to the developments on the ground in Ferguson, Missouri, in the wake of **Michael Brown's** death. On Monday, we sat in on a teleconference hosted by the White House featuring Attorney General **Eric Holder**, Acting Justice Department Civil Rights Division Director **Molly Moran**, and Senior Advisor to the President **Valerie Jarrett**. Attorney General Holder emphasized that the federal government is conducting a separate investigation independent of state and local efforts, with very experienced investigators and prosecutors as part of the team. He announced that both he and the COPS Office Director **Ron Davis** would be traveling personally to Ferguson to assess the situation on the ground and provide guidance to local officials, which they did earlier this week.

Attorney General Holder and Acting Assistant Attorney General **Molly Moran** promised that the federal investigation would be both thorough and fair. **Valerie Jarrett** said that the President had been following the situation very closely, and called for healing and moving forward, with justice.

President Obama himself spoke during a press conference just minutes after our teleconference with Attorney General Holder had ended. The President also announced that both Holder and Ron Davis would be traveling to Ferguson, and talked about efforts of his Administration to help bridge the country's racial divides through initiatives such as *My Brother's Keeper*. The President said, "Let's seek to heal, rather than wound each other." For more, click on [Attorney General Holder Teleconference Follow-Up](#). We'll keep following both the situation in Ferguson and the federal response as they develop.

Postal Service Cuts

Fifty Senators signed on to a letter, circulated by Senators **Bernie Sanders**, **Jon Tester**, and **Tammy Baldwin**, calling on Senate Appropriators to include language in any must-pass appropriations legislation or continuing resolution that would prevent the U.S. Postal Service from closing or consolidating

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any more area mail processing facilities during FY15. The Senators claim that this one-year moratorium will give Congress the time it needs to enact the comprehensive postal reforms that are necessary for the Postal Service to function effectively into the future. The Postal Service claims that it is merely trying to remove excess capacity from its mail processing network, and that a comprehensive legislative package from Congress would be the most appropriate way to address systemic problems with its business model. For more, click on [Postal Service Letter](#).

Julían Castro Sworn in by Vice President Biden



On Monday, Vice President **Joseph Biden** ceremonially swore in former San Antonio Mayor **Julían Castro** as the new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in the Indian Treaty Room of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. Secretary Castro was joined by his wife Erica and daughter Carina. For more, click on [Secretary Castro Ceremonially Sworn In](#).

Federal Housing Finance Agency Strategic Plan

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced that it is requesting input on its four-year Strategic Plan for FY15-19. The plan reflects the agency's priorities as regulator of the Federal Home Loan Bank System and as regulator and conservator of the government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It emphasizes the agency's new focus, under Director **Mel Watt**, on expanding access to credit, rather than shrinking Fannie and Freddie. Comments on FHFA's strategic plan must be received by **September 15**. For more, click on [FHFA Four-Year Strategic Plan](#).

FTA Program Guidance

FTA invites comment on a Research, Technical Assistance, and Training Program circular, which provides instructions and guidance to recipients of FTA financial assistance on grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other agreements for research, development, demonstration and deployment projects of national significance to public transportation. The comment period closes on **October 14**. For more, click on [FTA Research, Technical Assistance, and Training Program Circular](#).

My Brother's Keeper "Data Jam"

Over 150 people participated in the My Brother's Keeper "Data Jam" hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with Georgetown University and the Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation in Washington, DC. The purpose was to bring together a diverse group of high school students, teachers, data scientists, data visualization experts, developers, and community and non-profit leaders to find new and better ways to use data to highlight opportunities and create solutions that can improve life outcomes for all students, including boys and young men of color. MBK Task Force Executive Director **Jim Shelton** said, 'If we create ladders of opportunity, they are more than

willing to climb. And, that, too, is a big part of what My Brother's Keeper is all about.' For more, click on [MBK Data Jam](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent out a grant notice on [Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Delivery Grants](#), to those who are eligible. Please contact **Jen Covino** with any questions about grants.

GROW AMERICA Act and Tolling

One of the most interesting policy proposals included as part of the Obama Administration's proposed *GROW AMERICA Act* would remove the decades-old ban on states and local governments being able to toll interstate highways. In commentary written by Executive Director of the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, **Patrick Jones**, he calls on Congress to allow states and localities decide which funding and financing tools are best for themselves.

He notes, "Unless we are willing to allow the 'owners' of the interstates – the states themselves – the freedom to consider all options to address their own funding needs, then we are putting unnecessary obstacles in their path." For more, click on [Interstate Tolling](#).

Net Neutrality Comment Deadline Extended

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has extended the deadline by a few extra days, from September 10 to **September 15**, to allow members of the public to file the second round of comments on its proposal to alter "net neutrality" by allowing companies access to internet "fast lanes" if they pay a higher price. For more, click on [Comment Deadline Extended](#).

Green Infrastructure and Smart Growth

EPA's *Green Infrastructure Program* is hosting a series of webcasts geared towards public officials and practitioners just beginning to implement green infrastructure, as well as those looking to enhance established programs. The next webinar coming up will be held on **September 3**, focusing on "Green Infrastructure and Smart Growth." For more, click on [Green Infrastructure Webinar](#).

EPA Drinking Water Advisory Panel

EPA invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for a three-year appointment to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. The 15-member Council seeks to fill six new vacancies from December 2014 through December 2017. Nominations should be submitted by **October 6**. For more, click on [Drinking Water Advisory Panel](#).

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We have much to report this week, including a big meeting of the Mayors in New York, a major VA reform bill signed into law, federal agency action, and more, for your review!

USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force



Courtesy of Mayors **Ralph Becker** of Salt Lake City, **Jim Brainard** of Carmel, **Paul Soglin** of Madison, and **Marilyn Strickland** of Tacoma, we attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors *Cities of Opportunity Task Force* meeting in New York

City on August 10-11. It was hosted by New York Mayor **Bill de Blasio** and held in Gracie Mansion, the official residence of New York Mayors. USCM President **Kevin Johnson** appointed Mayor de Blasio as Chairman of the Cities of Opportunity Task Force with Boston Mayor **Martin Walsh** as Vice Chairman. Prior to its work beginning, the Task Force was greeted by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development **Julián Castro**, now in his second week of office. He applauded the Mayors' efforts and pledged to work closely with the Task Force as its work goes forward.

The Task Force meeting focused on three core deliberations: (1) income inequality; (2) early childhood education; and (3) broadband. Progress in each of those three areas is deemed by the Mayors as essential to close the growing wage gap. Regarding the gap, the Mayors also released a new Metro Economies Report, *"Income and Wage Gaps in the U.S."* which documents how the wage gap has grown across income groups in recent years. Action in each of the three key areas will be pursued locally although, as the work of the Task Force proceeds, there will likely be a focus on federal legislation and programs as well. Throughout the day, Mayor de Blasio emphasized that the Task Force is meant to be an "action group," and, similar to the New Deal in the 1930s, it would look at and pursue a number of ideas to determine over time which ones work best. *We'll continue to update you on the work of the Cities of Opportunity Task Force.* For more, click on

the [Metro Economies Report](#), [Task Force Policy Paper](#), or [Press Release](#).

Unaccompanied Minors

We participated in two calls on the border crisis and unaccompanied minors with key staff from the White House, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Homeland Security. The Administration has found that nearly 50% of these children have relatives already living in the United States. The Administration has been able to place unaccompanied minors in the custody of those family members or with the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement, in accordance with existing statutes. HHS will be closing its three temporary shelters located on Department of Defense installations in Texas, Oklahoma, and California in coming weeks. HHS believes it has sufficient capacity in its permanent shelters moving forward as the number of children crossing the border has decreased drastically over the hot summer months. Last month, HHS released a report with a break-down of the numbers of unaccompanied minors released to sponsors by state. The Administration has yet to break down the numbers by county or city, citing privacy concerns. President **Barack Obama's** \$3.7 billion emergency supplemental appropriations request would provide resources for enforcement, deterrence, and foreign cooperation, and the funding would also enhance the immigration courts' capacity to process the backlog of claims. The White House is asking local officials to conduct outreach in their communities as pro bono legal services will be critical for reunited families undergoing the immigration court process in coming months. **Rohan Patel** said the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is "thrilled" with Mayors' "compassionate" approach to this difficult situation. For more, click on [HHS Unaccompanied Minors Report](#).

As the end of summer and a new school-year rapidly approach, the White House drew attention to guidance for school districts to use, focusing on equal access for all children to public schools, regardless of immigration status, which was jointly issued by the Department of Education and Department of Justice. Educators should be aware that local school districts can pursue federal resources from existing programs, such as Title I Funding and English Language Acquisition State Grants, to help educate these new populations of students. For more, click on [Equal Access Guidance](#).

Veterans' Access to Care

President **Obama** signed the *Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014* into public law last week, giving the Department of Veterans

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Affairs vital resources to improve veterans' access to healthcare and other services. The bill also gives VA Secretary **Bob McDonald** greater authority to hold people accountable when they fail to uphold standards. See the [White House Blog](#) or [President's Remarks](#) for more.

Transportation Update

On August 5, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** notified local officials that DOT would not need to implement cash management procedures because Congress addressed the short-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. The Secretary went on to express his frustration with Congress, lamenting *"I am disappointed that they merely kicked the can down the road again. This is the tenth surface transportation extension – on top of eighteen short term budget measures – in the last 6 years. There is still no long-term certainty."* The band-aid will expire next May, just as the 2015 construction season begins, and DOT will again be *"required to prepare cash management procedures in anticipation of repeating the same Highway Trust Fund insolvency crisis."* Secretary Foxx urges local leaders to voice their support for a multi-year transportation bill that will provide certainty for businesses and communities, create jobs, and cultivate economic growth. See the Secretary's [Fast Lane Blog Post](#) for further details.

Farmers Markets

Mayor **Paul Soglin** and the City of Madison celebrated National Farmers' Market Week at the Dane County Farmers' Market, the nation's largest producer-only farmers' market, with a visit from USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Administrator **Anne Alonzo**. At the event, Administrator Alonzo announced that more than 8,200 markets have registered with the USDA National Farmers Market Directory. The number represents an increase of 76 percent in registered markets since 2008, demonstrating continued growth and demand for these community assets. Alonzo highlights the unique role that farmers' markets play as they *"bring urban and rural communities together while creating economic growth and increasing access to fresh, healthy foods."* USDA will soon add three new directories: a National Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Enterprise Directory, a National Food Hub Directory, and a National On-Farm Market Directory. Mayor Soglin, Chair of the USCM Food Policy Task Force, said, *"This is good for our farmers, our economy, and our kids."* For more, read [Mayor Soglin's Food for Thought](#), the [USDA Press Release](#), or access the [National Farmers Market Directory](#).

Partnership for Sustainable Communities

The Administration is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, an interagency collaboration between the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and Environmental Protection Agency, to align policy and coordinate federal investments in local communities. The three agencies released a report highlighting their accomplishments together thus far. HUD Secretary **Julián Castro** believes *"the Partnership for Sustainable Communities is about achieving one goal: expanding opportunity for American families."* Transportation Secretary

Anthony Foxx praised the approach, saying *"Together with HUD and EPA, we are making fundamental changes in how we work together to benefit all Americans and provide new ladders of opportunity for many."* Click on the [Full Report](#) or [Press Release](#).

Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice

We thought you might be interested in a report recently released by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on *"Law Enforcement's Leadership Role in Juvenile Justice Reform: Actionable Recommendations for Practice & Policy."* The report outlines thirty-three recommendations from the National Summit on Law Enforcement Leadership in Juvenile Justice, and it calls on law enforcement and other stakeholders to develop more effective responses to juvenile offenders and at-risk youth. Read the [IACP Full Report](#) for the complete list of recommendations.

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [ED and HHS Preschool Development Grants](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Secretary Jewell Visits Carmel



Last week, Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** visited the City of Carmel, Indiana to tour local parks and rally support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Secretary met with Mayor **Jim Brainard**, a member of the bipartisan

Mayors for Parks coalition, and other local officials to highlight how this program has helped their communities to preserve urban parks and promote outdoor recreation for 50 years. President Obama has called on Congress to permanently and fully fund the program, which is set to expire next year.

Praise for New Markets Tax Credits

This week, Representatives **Michael Turner** and **Chaka Fattah** penned an op-ed praising the CDFI Fund New Markets Tax Credit Program. The tax credit, which is used to cultivate private investment in economically distressed communities, expired on Dec. 31, 2013. They call upon their Congressional colleagues *"to make certain this piece of outstanding congressional business does not fall victim to the end of the year gridlock."* To date, the program has leveraged more than \$60 billion in capital investment and created approximately 550,000 jobs nationwide. We forwarded a memo on this year's NMTC allocation availability last week. For more, see [NMTC Op-Ed](#) or our [NMTC Memo](#).

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Congress has left Washington for the August recess, but not before getting some last-minute work done on immigration and appropriations. Plenty of agency activity this week, including a new HUD Secretary! Here are the highlights, for your review.

House Passes Border Security Bill



Just before members of the House of Representatives left Washington last week for their month-long recess, they passed a bill, H.R. 5230, by a nearly party-line vote of 223-189, to provide \$694 million in

supplemental appropriations to increase security on the southern U.S. border and to make it easier to deport unaccompanied minors. Specifically, the bill would include more money for border-state governors to deploy National Guard Troops. Soon after, the House passed a separate bill by a vote of 216-192, to block federal funding from being used to continue or expand the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which prevents about half a million immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children from being deported. However, since leaders in the Democratic-controlled Senate disagree with House Republicans on these issues, these bills will not be brought up for a vote. In addition, the White House has already threatened to veto the House bill. As we reported to you last week, Senate leaders tried, but failed, to win support for their \$3.6 billion emergency supplemental appropriations package, which would have increased funding to DHS and HHS to deal with the processing of the unaccompanied minors. Without any additional money coming from Congress to deal with the border crisis, the Obama Administration may be forced to shift funding away from other programs to increase the processing capacity of not only DHS and HHS, but to increase funding for lawyers and immigration judges, who will process asylum requests. For more, click on [Speaker Boehner Statement](#) or [House Homeland Security Committee Statement](#). We'll have more on what counties can do to prepare for the influx of unaccompanied minors, in next week's Friday Report.

Transportation Update

As we reported to you last week, Congress passed a bill, called the *Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014*, which extends funding for the Highway Trust Fund to May 2015. Transportation advocates, including many in local government and the construction industry, continue to call on Congress to pass a much longer term multi-year transportation funding measure, either by the end of this year, or by May of next year. It was in that context that on Wednesday, we sat in on a "town hall" style webinar featuring Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx**, who urged Congress to adopt the Obama Administration's transportation reauthorization bill, the *GROW AMERICA Act*. Secretary Foxx suggested that during the August recess, local leaders meet with their members of Congress to reinforce the critical importance of long-term infrastructure funding. He also broke some news about the 2014 round of **TIGER Grants**, saying that award announcements will come out, "we think, in the middle part of September." While talking about the importance of the Highway Trust Fund as it relates to roads and bridges, he also praised the economic benefits of transit systems, saying, "Our transit systems punch way above their weight," even in rural areas. Secretary Foxx also talked about the importance of boosting investment in our **freight transportation** system. For more, click on [DOT Blog Post](#).

Senate FY15 Interior-Environment Appropriations

Senate appropriators have released the draft bill text and report for the FY15 Interior-Environment appropriations bill. Though a combined "omnibus" bill to continue appropriations into FY15 is still the most likely action that Congress will take this election year to fund the federal government, releasing the bill text now helps establish a starting point for Senate negotiators with the House later this year. The bill includes \$340 million for the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**, an increase of \$11.3 million from FY14; \$2.28 billion for the operations of the **National Park System**, an increase of \$42 million from FY14; \$1.45 billion for the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund** program; \$907 million for the **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** program; and \$90 million for **Brownfields** project grants. For more, click on [Senate FY15 Interior-Environment Appropriations](#).

Senators Ask for Clarity on "Waters of the U.S."

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman **Debbie Stabenow** was joined by 12 other Senators in signing a letter urging the EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide farmers and ranchers

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with more certainty as the agencies move forward with clarifying which waters can be regulated under the Clean Water Act. Stakeholders across the country have raised concerns with the proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule, and more clarity is needed to make sure the rule doesn't have unintended effects on agriculture and on critical conservation efforts, the Senators said. They wrote, "*The proposed 'waters of the US' rule and the interpretive rule could undermine progress made in the 2014 Farm Bill if they create an atmosphere of uncertainty that results in fewer conservation practices of significant new burdens for our nation's farmers and ranchers.*" For more, click on [Senators Ask for Clarity on WOTUS](#).

White House Acts on Climate Change

As we reported to you in the March 28 edition of the *Washington Friday Report*, the White House unveiled the "Climate Data Initiative" to leverage the Federal Government's vast and open data resources to stimulate the kinds of innovation and entrepreneurship that can empower America's communities and businesses to take action against climate change and prepare for the future. Building on the Climate Data Initiative's initial focus on coastal resilience, the Obama Administration recently unveiled the Initiatives "Food Resilience" theme, aimed at empowering America's agricultural sector and strengthening the resilience of the global food system in a changing climate. For more, click on [Strengthening Food Resilience](#) or [Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Blog Post](#).

A new report from the Council of Economic Advisers examines the economic consequences of delaying action to stem climate change. The report finds that delaying policy actions by a decade increases total mitigation costs by approximately 40 percent, and failing to take any action would risk substantial economic damage. For more, click on [The Cost of Delaying Action to Stem Climate Change](#).

Julián Castro Sworn in as HUD Secretary



Former San Antonio Mayor **Julián Castro** was sworn in as the 16th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, overseeing 8,000 employees and a budget of \$46 billion. Secretary Castro replaces

Shaun Donovan, who now serves as the 40th Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. The brief swearing-in ceremony for Secretary Castro took place at HUD headquarters in Washington, D.C. and was administered by Chief Judge Richard W. Roberts of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. For more, click on [Julián Castro Sworn In](#) or [President Obama's Remarks](#).

First Lady on Ending Veteran Homelessness

First Lady **Michelle Obama** delivered a speech at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Conference, specifically addressing the problem of veteran homelessness. She said, "*The idea that anyone who has worn our country's uniform spends*

their nights sleeping on the ground should horrify us." Despite the challenges, over the last three years, federal, state, and local governments reduced homelessness among veterans by 24 percent. The First Lady also highlighted the Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness, which 182 city, state, and county leaders have signed on to. For more, click on [Ending Veteran Homelessness](#) or [First Lady's Remarks](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [CDFI Fund New Markets Tax Credit Program](#). Please contact **Jen Covino** with any questions about grants.

Bus and Bus Facilities Guidance

The Federal Transit Administration has released Proposed Guidance, in the form of a Circular, to assist recipients in the implementation of the Section 5339 *Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program*. Public comments must be submitted by **September 29**. The purpose of the proposed new circular is to provide grantees with guidance for applying for funding under the Bus Program, to address requirements that must be met in the application, and to reflect changes made to FTA financial assistance programs under MAP-21. For more, click on our memo on [Bus and Bus Facilities Guidance](#).

State Legislatures on Common Core

Increasingly, state legislators, in a backlash against the national Common Core standards, are taking K-12 academic standards into their own hands, injecting politics into what is usually a bureaucratic process. For more, click on [State Legislatures on Common Core](#).

LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Following up on our June 18 grant memo that we sent you, which we have linked to below, the application deadline for proposals for the FY14 *LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program*, which is similar to the former Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPRRP), is **August 15**. For more, click on [Grant Memo](#) or [City Parks Alliance Notice](#).

Medicare Trustees Report

The annually-released Medicare Trustee's report shows that the program's main trust fund should have enough cash to cover its needs until 2030, four years longer than was previously expected. Due in part to cost controls implemented in the Affordable Care Act, per capita spending is projected to continue to grow slower than the overall economy for the next several years. For more, click on [Medicare Trustees Report](#).

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Congress avoided the highway fiscal cliff but left the border crisis unresolved as its five week recess commences. Meanwhile, lots of activity this week on the White House front – here's the highlights for your review. Happy August!

Transportation: 10-Month Patch Avoids the Cliff

On Thursday night, by a vote of 81-13, the Senate passed a clean version of the original House bill to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent through May 2015. This came hours after the House voted 272-150 for the same bill. It is headed to President Obama's desk for his expected signature. If this stopgap funding measure did not pass, the U.S. Department of Transportation was expected to initiate significant cuts, beginning today, in reimbursements to states for highway and transit programs. Passage of this bill came after several days of shuffling the bill back and forth between the House and Senate.

The first move came from the Senate, which passed the original House bill (H.R. 5021) by a vote of 79-18, after attaching several amendments to it on Tuesday. One amendment, adopted 71-26, would have replaced some of the offsets in the House bill with slightly different offsets. Another amendment, adopted 66-31, would have reduced the length of the stopgap from lasting until May 2015 to lasting until mid-December 2015, which would have effectively forced lawmakers to vote on a longer-term measure during the lame duck session. Two amendments were rejected. An amendment by Senator **Pat Toomey** would have exempted some reconstruction projects damaged in declared emergencies from environmental reviews and permit requirements. Another amendment by Senator **Mike Lee** would have devolved almost all transportation funding responsibilities to the states.

On Thursday, the House voted 272-150 to strip out the approved Senate amendments to H.R. 5021, in order to extend HTF funding through to May 2015 again, with \$10.8 billion. The Senate was prepared to dig in for a fight until the CBO discovered a math error made the Senate bill actually \$2.8 billion short of what the patch required. Running out of time before the August recess, and with other issues left to be dealt with today, Senate leaders reluctantly called for a vote on the House bill last night,

which ultimately passed 81-13. For more, click on [Chairman Shuster Statement on the House Bill](#), [Chairwoman Boxer Remarks](#), or [Rep. Earl Blumenauer Speaks against House Bill](#).

Border Supplemental Dead End

On Thursday, the Senate failed to act on a \$3.6 billion emergency supplemental appropriations package (S. 2648) to deal with the crisis of large numbers of migrant children crossing the southern U.S. border, along with other provisions. Of that total, \$615 million would have gone to help suppress western wildfires, and \$225 million would have been used to boost Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile defense system. The bill failed to pass the Senate after opponents were able to vote on a budget point of order, which passed 50-44, with 60 votes needed to waive it. This happened after the Senate successfully voted to end debate on the bill, by a vote of 63-33. However, earlier today, the Senate was able to approve the \$225 million for Iron Dome as a stand-alone measure.

Meanwhile, yesterday, leaders in the House pulled from the floor their version of a border supplemental package, which would have provided \$659 million that would have tweaked a 2008 anti-trafficking law and deploy the National Guard to the border and to allow border patrol on federal lands within 100 miles of the border, only for FY14. The Senate bill would have provided funding to cover FY15 as well. With both the House and Senate still in session today, there's a chance that the House may be able to make enough adjustments to pass their bill, but it has little chance of being taken up for a vote by the Senate today. In addition, the White House has already issued a veto threat against the House bill. Adding on to the pressure for Washington to act, the Mayors of five of California's largest cities signed on to a letter calling for a coordinated federal response to the child migrant crisis. For more, click on [White House Veto Threat](#) or [California Mayors' Letter](#).

Senate FY15 Labor-HHS-Education Funding

Senate Appropriations has released the FY15 appropriations bill for Labor, HHS, and Education. The Committee provided a combined increase of about \$348 million for key **early childhood care and education programs**, such as **Head Start** and **Preschool Development Grants**. **Community Health Centers** would receive an increase of about \$1.45 billion, for a total of \$5.09 billion. The **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** would be level-funded at about \$668 million. It's likely that all appropriations bills will be wrapped in to a "Continuing Resolution" package again this year. For more, click on [Bill Text and Draft Subcommittee Report](#) or [Subcommittee Markup Summary](#).

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Some Thoughtful Proposals on Poverty and Fairness

As we mentioned in last week's *Washington Friday Report*, House Budget Committee Chairman **Paul Ryan** released a discussion draft of his new anti-poverty plan, titled, "*Expanding Opportunity in America*." One of the plan's proposed policy changes is to implement a pilot Opportunity Grant program that would consolidate up to 11 federal programs into one stream of funding to participating states. The idea, according to Chairman Ryan, is to let states try different ways of providing the aid, then testing the results, to increase both flexibility and accountability. Reacting to the idea of this Opportunity Grant, House Budget Committee Ranking Member **Chris Van Hollen** called it, "*nothing more than a block grant gussied up with some bells and whistles*." Rep. Van Hollen said, however, that Democrats might be more inclined to support another policy change proposed by Chairman Ryan: doubling the earned income tax credit for adults without children, from the current maximum of \$503 to a maximum of \$1,005. For more, click on [Chairman Ryan's Anti-Poverty Plan](#).

Another prominent Republican, and possible Presidential candidate, Senator **Rand Paul**, recently spoke at the National Urban League Conference in Cincinnati, where he called for fairer treatment of minorities in criminal justice and education. He said that, "*race still plays a role in the enforcement of the law*," and called for fairer sentencing. He also spoke about rethinking the "War on Drugs" and increasing employment opportunities. For more, click on [Video of Senator Paul's Speech](#) or [Senator Paul Introduces the FAIR Act](#).

WRRDA Webinars

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced a series of listening sessions by webinar for public input to inform the agency's implementation of the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014* (WRRDA). Each meeting will focus on implementation of a specific collection of provisions in the Act. The webinars will take place on **August 13, August 27, September 10, and September 24**. For more, click on [Federal Register Notice](#).

A Week of Hearings on Their Way Out

Another busy week of interesting hearings as Congress prepared to vacate the premises until after Labor Day. Here's the rundown:

On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety held a hearing on the threats posed by **climate change**, featuring local officials and national experts. For more, click on [Climate Change](#).

On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on **improving truck safety** on our nation's highways, featuring federal officials and local experts. For more, click on [Improving Truck and Highway Safety](#).

On Tuesday, the Joint Economic Committee, held a hearing on increasing **economic opportunity for African Americans**, highlighting local initiatives that are making a difference, featuring testimony from local and national experts and think

tanks. For more, click on [Increasing Economic Opportunity for African Americans](#).

On Wednesday, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a hearing critical of EPA's **Clean Power Plan** to cut carbon pollution from the power sector by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, featuring local and national experts. For more, click on [EPA Carbon Pollution Standards](#).

On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing examining next steps related to the **Violence Against Women Act** to help protect women from gun violence, featuring national experts and local law enforcement officials. For more, click on [Violence Against Women Act](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on [EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants](#). In addition, we also sent many of you notices for public comment on proposed rules and programs, including [FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program Guidance](#) and [ED Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth](#), with comments due by **August 7** for the ED Performance Partnership Pilots. Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants or proposed rulemakings.

New York Times: Legalize Marijuana

On Sunday, the New York Times led with an editorial titled, "*Repeal Prohibition, Again*" to argue that the federal government should repeal the ban on marijuana. The Editorial Board said that they were inspired by a "*rapidly growing movement among the states to reform marijuana laws*." For more, including the editorial and access to the editorial series, click on [High Time](#).

On a related note, on Thursday, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a hearing titled, "*Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Operating While Stoned*," featuring federal officials and national experts. For more, click on [Marijuana and Transportation](#).

♪ Music of the Month ♪



We always look forward to talking with you on the phone, but starting this week, we think you might enjoy being on hold for awhile! We've hooked our phone system up to our iPod and will be featuring a great artist every month for your listening pleasure. For our telephone musical inaugural, who else: **Francis Albert Sinatra**. Let us know who you'd like to hear and we'll make sure to get them into the rotation: pop, rock, jazz, blues, Broadway, opera (we love Gilbert & Sullivan!) - *Happy listening!*

Please contact Len Simon, Brandon Key, Jen Covino, or Stephanie McIntosh with any questions.

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AB 69

(Perea D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Introduced: 1/10/2013

Last Amend: 7/2/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. RLS. on 7/3/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015, and until December 31, 2017.

Position

AB 229

(John A. Pérez D) Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.

Introduced: 2/4/2013

Last Amend: 8/12/2013

Status: 9/29/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 775, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/29/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize the creation by a city, county, city and county, or joint powers authority of an infrastructure and revitalization financing district, as defined, and the issuance of debt with 2/3 voter approval. The bill would authorize the creation of a district for up to 40 years and the issuance of debt with a final maturity date of up to 30 years, as specified. The bill would authorize a district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas and former redevelopment project areas and former military bases. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

AB 852

(Dickinson D) Driver's licenses: applications.

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amend: 8/5/2014

Status: 9/19/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 447, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/19/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would prohibit a person from receiving financial compensation for the sole purpose of filling out an original driver's license application for another person. The bill would impose a \$2,500 civil penalty for a violation of this provision and would authorize the enforcement of this provision by the Attorney General or by the district attorney, county counsel, or city attorney of the location in which the violation occurred, as specified.

Position

AB 1179

(Bocanegra D) Recycling: waste tires: public works projects.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 8/5/2014

Status: 9/26/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 589, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/26/2014-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary: Would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, when awarding grants pursuant to the tire recycling program, to award grants for public works projects to create parklets, greenways, or both, that use tire-derived products and would require the department, if it

awards those grants, to give priority for funding to those projects in disadvantaged communities, as defined.

Position

Notes 1: This bill was gutted and amended from an RTP bill to SGC bill.

AB 1193

(Ting D) Bikeways.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 8/21/2014

Status: 9/20/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 495, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/20/2014-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary: Current law defines "bikeway" for certain purposes to mean all facilities that provide primarily for bicycle travel. Current law categorizes bikeways into 3 classes of facilities. This bill would additionally categorize cycle tracks or separated bikeways, as specified, as Class IV bikeways. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

AB 1331

(Rendon D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amend: 6/17/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. RLS. on 6/18/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: (1) Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

AB 1447

(Waldron R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: traffic synchronization.

Introduced: 1/6/2014

Last Amend: 7/1/2014

Status: 9/26/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 594, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/26/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated, as specified, for an investment in a traffic signal synchronization component that is part of a sustainable infrastructure project if the component is designed and implemented to achieve cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and includes specific emissions-reductions targets and metrics to evaluate the project's effect.

Position

AB 1527

(Perea D) Public water systems: Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Introduced: 1/17/2014

Last Amend: 8/20/2014

Status: 9/28/2014-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/28/2014-A. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to provide incentives for the consolidation of public water systems based upon a service review developed by a local agency formation commission. This bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1 of the next calendar year

occurring after the board provides notice to the Legislature and the Secretary of State and posts notice on its Internet Web site that the board has adopted a policy handbook.

Governor's Message: I am returning Assembly Bill 1527 without my signature because signing the bill would not result in the bill becoming law. The provisions in existing law would repeal the sections of this bill and repeal it in its entirety on January 1, 2015. I do, however, fully support the policy of consolidation where appropriate and I have asked the State Water Board to incorporate it into the drinking water policy handbook. Sincerely, Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Position

AB 1639 (Grove R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: greenhouse gas emissions limit.

Introduced: 2/11/2014

Last Amend: 4/22/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was TRANS. on 4/23/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would provide that cap-and-trade revenues shall not be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for purposes of the high-speed rail system, and would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

AB 1720 (Bloom D) Vehicles: bus gross weight.

Introduced: 2/13/2014

Last Amend: 6/10/2014

Status: 8/22/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 263, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 8/22/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law generally prohibits a publicly owned or operated transit system from procuring a transit bus whose weight on any single axle exceeds 20,500 pounds. Current law, until January 1, 2015, exempts from this prohibition a transit system that is procuring a new bus that is of the same or lesser weight than the bus it is replacing, or if it is incorporating a new fleet class into its inventory and its governing board makes certain findings. This bill would extend the operation of those exceptions until January 1, 2016, and would also, until January 1, 2016, authorize a transit system to procure a transit bus that exceeds 20,500 pounds if it is incorporating a new fleet class expansion.

Position

AB 1731 (Perea D) Integrated regional water management plans: funding: disadvantaged communities.

Introduced: 2/14/2014

Status: 6/27/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was S. N.R. & W. on 4/10/2014)

Location: 6/27/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would require in each integrated regional water management region that not less than 10% of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

AB 1774 (Waldron R) General plan: proposed public works.

Introduced: 2/18/2014

Last Amend: 3/28/2014

Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was L. GOV. on 4/1/2014)

Location: 5/9/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Under the Planning and Zoning Law, if a general plan has been adopted, each county or

city officer, department, board, or commission, as specified, is required to submit a list of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. The agency receiving the list of proposed public works is required to prepare, as specified, a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. This bill would authorize the submission of the list of proposed public works projects one month prior to the start of the fiscal year and would authorize, instead of require, the agency receiving the list to prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year.

Position

AB 1808 (Dahle R) Drinking water.

Introduced: 2/18/2014

Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was PRINT on 2/18/2014)

Location: 5/9/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Current law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Department of Public Health to administer the regulation of drinking water and public water systems, as defined, to protect public health, including the conduct of research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Position

AB 1813 (Quirk D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low-Carbon Fuel Standard.

Introduced: 2/18/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/27/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would establish the Fuel Producer Capital Assistance Program to distribute moneys, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to liquid-transportation-fuel producers who wish to locate within the state a large-scale production facility that produces more than 3,000,000 gallons per year, as specified. The bill would establish the Fuel Producers Capital Assistance Fund and would appropriate \$100,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the program.

Position

AB 1849 (Logue R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levees.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/27/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA, the maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing levee. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

AB 1874 (Gonzalez D) Integrated regional water management plans: funding.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amend: 4/23/2014

Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)

Location: 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to develop a streamlined application process for certain regional water management groups. The bill would require, in order to receive integrated regional water management grant funds through this streamlined application process, the specified regional water management group to file with the department a streamlined application form

that includes information relating to projects to be funded by integrated regional water management grant funds.

Position

AB 1959 (Mansoor R) Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was PRINT on 2/19/2014)

Location: 5/9/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes the Department of Transportation or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease with a public or private entity for a transportation project. This bill would delete obsolete cross-references and make technical changes to these provisions.

Position

AB 1961 (Eggman D) Land use: planning: sustainable farmland strategy.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amend: 4/22/2014

Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)

Location: 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Would require each county to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the sustainable farmland strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to nonagricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

Position

AB 1970 (Gordon D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Community Investment and Innovation Program.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amend: 4/10/2014

Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)

Location: 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

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Summary: Would create the Community Investment and Innovation Program and would require moneys to be available from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of awarding grants and other financial assistance to eligible applicants, as defined, who submit plans to develop and implement integrated community-level greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in their region. The bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, in consultation with the state board, to administer the program, as specified.

Position

AB 2008 (Quirk D) Transit village plans: goods movement.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amend: 5/7/2014

Status: 7/7/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 88, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 7/7/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law authorizes a city or county to prepare a transit village plan for a transit village development district that addresses specified characteristics. This bill would require the transit village

plan to address demonstrable public benefits beyond the increase in transit usage including any 6 specified benefits. The bill would add as a public benefit the minimization of the impact of goods movement on air quality, traffic, and public safety through the provision of dedicated loading and unloading facilities for commercial space.

Position

AB 2119 (Stone D) Local taxes: transactions and use taxes.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amend: 5/14/2014

Status: 7/18/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 148, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 7/18/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize the board of supervisors of a county to levy, increase, or extend a transactions and use tax throughout the entire county or within the unincorporated area of the county, if approved by the qualified voters of the entire county if levied on the entire county, or of the unincorporated area of the county if levied on the unincorporated area of the county. This bill would require the revenues derived from the imposition of this tax to only be used within the area for which the tax was approved by the qualified voters.

Position

AB 2242 (Perea D) Air Quality Improvement Program.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 3/28/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/1/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires the primary purpose of the Air Quality Improvement Program to be the funding of projects to reduce criteria air pollutants, and to improve air quality, and to fund research to determine and improve the air quality impacts of alternative transportation fuels and vehicles, vessels, and equipment technologies

Position

AB 2280 (Alejo D) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 8/18/2014

Status: 9/29/2014-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/29/2014-A. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize certain local agencies, to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. This bill contains other existing laws.

Governor's Message: I am returning Assembly Bill 2280 without my signature. This bill allows local governments to establish a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority to use tax increment revenues to invest in disadvantaged communities. I applaud the author's efforts to create an economic development program, with voter approval, that focuses on disadvantaged communities and communities with high unemployment. The bill, however, unnecessarily vests this new program in redevelopment law. I look forward to working with the author to craft an appropriate legislative solution. Sincerely, Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Position

AB 2389 (Fox D) Local government: capital investment incentive programs: corporation tax credits: qualified wages: new advanced strategic aircraft program.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 7/2/2014

Status: 7/10/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 116, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 7/10/2014-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary: Current law requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, or its successor, to certify qualified manufacturing facilities for purposes of specified provisions and to carry out various oversight duties. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2017. This bill would, until July 1, 2015, reduce the assessed value threshold for calculating the capital investment incentive amount from \$150,000,000 to \$25,000,000 and would define "qualified manufacturing facility" to include, among others, facilities operated by certain businesses described in specified provisions of the North American Industry Classification System Manual. The bill would transfer the duties of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

Position

AB 2650 (Conway R) Bonds: transportation.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was A. TRANS. on 4/29/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would provide 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 I blended system. The bill, subject to the above exception, would require redirection of the unspent proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued and sold for other high-speed rail purposes prior to the effective date of these provisions, upon appropriation, for use in retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those outstanding bonds.

Position

AB 2651 (Linder R) Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was TRANS. on 3/17/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law provides for the transfer of certain weight fee revenues to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account for direct payment of debt service on designated bonds, which are defined to be certain transportation general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 1B of 2006. This bill, notwithstanding these provisions or any other law, effective January 1, 2016, would prohibit weight fee revenue from being transferred from the State Highway Account to the Transportation Debt Service Fund or to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account, and from being used to pay the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds.

Position

AB 2686 (Perea D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amend: 5/1/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

Support

AB 2707 (Chau D) Vehicles: length limitations: buses: bicycle transportation devices.**Introduced:** 2/21/2014**Last Amend:** 5/22/2014**Status:** 9/9/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 310, Statutes of 2014.**Location:** 9/9/2014-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law prohibits a folding device attached to the front of a transit system service bus that is designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles from extending more than 36 inches from the front body of the bus when fully deployed, and prohibits a bicycle that is transported on that device from having the bicycle handlebars extend more than 42 inches from the front of the bus. This bill would increase the lengths described in the exemption above from 36 to 40 inches, and from 42 to 46 inches.

Position**AB 2728 (Perea D) Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.****Introduced:** 2/21/2014**Last Amend:** 4/24/2014**Status:** 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)**Location:** 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, until January 1, 2019, prohibit weight fee revenues from being transferred from the State Highway Account to the Transportation Debt Service Fund, the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account, or any other fund or account for the purpose of payment of the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds, and would also prohibit loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund.

Position**ACA 8 (Blumenfield D) Local government financing: voter approval.****Introduced:** 2/13/2013**Last Amend:** 4/4/2013**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. G. & F. on 6/27/2013)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, as defined, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position**SB 11 (Pavley D) Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs.****Introduced:** 12/3/2012**Last Amend:** 9/6/2013**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was A. TRANS. on 9/9/2013)**Location:** 8/31/2014-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the state board, in consultation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair and no later than June 30, 2015, to update the guidelines for the enhanced fleet modernization program to include specified elements and to study and consider specified elements. The bill, in addition, would establish compensation for replacement vehicles for low-income vehicle owners at not less than \$2,500 and would make this compensation available to an owner in addition to the compensation for a retired vehicle. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 616**(Roth D) Aeronautics Account: California Aid to Airports Program.****Introduced:** 2/22/2013**Last Amend:** 6/10/2014**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. DESK on 8/29/2014)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Current law authorizes any balance remaining in the Aeronautics Account to be used as a portion of the local match for federal Airport Improvement Program grants for certain airports. This bill would require the Department of Transportation to certify that, at the time a grant is issued, the department has all statements, resolutions, and other documentation required for fulfillment of grant terms and conditions. This bill would allow the recipient of the grant to begin the project for which the grant was awarded upon receipt of this certification.

Position**SB 848****(Wolk D) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014.****Introduced:** 1/9/2014**Last Amend:** 7/3/2014**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. INACTIVE FILE on 8/18/2014)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

Notes 1: The Senate Natural Resources Committee had an informational hearing (no votes taken) on SB 42 Lois Wolk (D-Davis) that repeals provisions of the \$11.14 billion Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act currently scheduled to go before California voters in November 2014. As a two-year bill held in the Senate last year the measure must move to the Assembly before the end of January. Therefore, Senator Wolk recently introduced a new measure with the same language, SB 848. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Flood Protection Act of 2014 (SB 42 and now SB 848) if approved by the voters in its current form would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6.475 billion in four separate categories. The four categories include \$2 billion for Safe Drinking Water, \$2.1 billion for Water Quality and Watershed Protection, \$1.375 billion for Flood Protection and \$1 billion for Water Storage and Water System Operational Improvements. All four categories would require legislative authority to appropriate the funds.

SB 901**(Vidak R) High-speed rail: funding.****Introduced:** 1/16/2014**Last Amend:** 4/7/2014**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. T. & H. on 4/23/2014)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, subject to voter approval, amend the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail and related rail purposes, and would also explicitly authorize the net proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued and sold prior to the effective date of these provisions, upon appropriation, to be redirected from those high-speed rail purposes to retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those outstanding bonds. The bill would direct the Secretary of State to submit these provisions to the voters on the ballot of the November 4, 2014, statewide general election.

Position

SB 902

(Vidak R) High-speed rail: eminent domain.

Introduced: 1/16/2014

Last Amend: 4/7/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. T. & H. on 4/23/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would prohibit the authority, or the State Public Works Board acting on behalf of the High-Speed Rail Authority, from adopting a resolution of necessity to commence an eminent domain proceeding to acquire a parcel of real property for the high-speed train system unless the resolution identifies the sources of all funds to be invested in the property, and the anticipated time of receipt of those funds, and declares that the authority, or the board, has offered to purchase the property at not less than the fair market value or the amount necessary to discharge the liens against the property, as described, whichever is greater.

Position

SB 927

(Cannella R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.

Introduced: 1/29/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. N.R. & W. on 2/6/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would rename the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and make conforming changes. The bill would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,217,000,000 by reducing the amount available for projects related to drought relief and water supply reliability, as specified. The bill would remove the authorization for funds to be available for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency and urgent actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

Position

SB 990

(Vidak R) Transportation funds: disadvantaged small communities.

Introduced: 2/12/2014

Last Amend: 4/21/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. T. & H. on 4/29/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would require no less than 5% of funds available for regional improvement projects to be programmed in the regional transportation improvement program for disadvantaged small communities, as defined. In programming these moneys, the bill would require regional transportation agencies and county transportation commissions to prioritize funding congestion relief and safety needs. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

SB 1048

(Roth D) Vehicles: weight limits.

Introduced: 2/18/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was T. & H. on 2/27/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law generally prohibits the total gross weight in pounds imposed on the highway by a group of 2 or more consecutive axles from exceeding a specified weight, depending on the distance in feet between the extremes of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and the number of

axles. This bill would, notwithstanding any other law, exclude from the total gross weight any weight added to a ready mix concrete truck resulting from compliance with a regulation of the State Air Resources Board, up to an amount not to exceed 1,000 pounds of additional gross vehicle weight.

Position

SB 1077 (DeSaulnier D) Vehicles: road usage charge pilot program.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amend: 8/21/2014

Status: 9/29/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 835, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/29/2014-S. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Chair of the California Transportation Commission to create a Road Usage Charge (RUC) Technical Advisory Committee in consultation with the Secretary of the Transportation Agency. The bill would require the technical advisory committee to study RUC alternatives to the gas tax and to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Transportation Agency on the design of a pilot program, as specified.

Position

SB 1080 (Fuller R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was RLS. on 2/27/2014)

Location: 5/9/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the \$11,140,000,000 bond.

Position

SB 1122 (Pavley D) Sustainable communities: Strategic Growth Council.

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amend: 5/5/2014

Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)

Location: 5/23/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Current law authorizes moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state through specified investments, including funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through strategic planning and development of sustainable infrastructure projects. This bill would additionally authorize the council to manage and award financial assistance for the purpose of supporting the implementation of sustainable communities strategies or alternative planning strategies, to be funded from moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would require the council to adopt guidelines for the use of the funds by recipients.

Position

SB 1151 (Cannella R) Vehicles: school zone fines.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amend: 6/23/2014

Status: 9/19/2014-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/19/2014-S. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require that an additional fine of \$35 be imposed if specified violations relating to

rules of the road and driving under the influence occurred when passing a school building or school grounds, as specified, and the highway is posted with a standard "SCHOOL" warning sign and an accompanying sign notifying motorists that increased penalties apply for traffic violations that are committed within that school zone. The bill would require that these additional fines be deposited in the State Transportation Fund for purposes of funding school zone safety projects within the Active Transportation Program.

Governor's Message: I am returning Senate Bill 1151 without my signature. This bill boosts funding for school zone safety projects by increasing fines for even minor traffic violations occurring within school zones from \$237 to \$366. Increasing traffic fines as the method to pay transportation fund activities is a regressive increase that affects poor people disproportionately. Making safety improvements in school zones is obviously important, but not by increasing traffic fines. Sincerely, Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Position

Notes 1: Safe Routes to School Legislation

SB 1156 (Steinberg D) California Carbon Tax Law of 2014.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. G. & F. on 3/6/2014)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the State Board of Equalization to administer and implement the carbon tax, and would require revenues from the tax to be deposited in the Carbon Tax Revenue Special Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would exempt suppliers of fossil fuels subject to the tax from regulations imposed by the State Air Resources Board under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 relative to the compliance obligation in the second compliance period under which suppliers of specified fuels are required to obtain allowances for carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions under the cap-and-trade program adopted by the State Air Resources Board.

Position

Notes 1: Senator Steinberg has abandoned his SB 1156 as proposed for a long term Cap and Trade revenue plan which we will expect to see in trailer bill language in the not to distant future.

SB 1183 (DeSaulnier D) Vehicle registration fees: surcharge for bicycle infrastructure.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amend: 6/25/2014

Status: 9/20/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 516, Statutes of 2014.

Location: 9/20/2014-S. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize a city, county, or regional park district to impose and collect, as a special tax, a motor vehicle registration surcharge of not more than \$5 for bicycle infrastructure purposes until January 1, 2025. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to administer the surcharge and to transmit the net revenues from the surcharge to the local agency. The bill would require the local agency to use these revenues for improvements to paved and natural surface trails and bikeways, including existing and new trails and bikeways and other bicycle facilities, and for associated maintenance purposes.

Position

SB 1194 (Hueso D) Solid waste: plastic products.

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amend: 4/21/2014

Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was E.Q. on 4/21/2014)

Location: 5/2/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require each manufacturer of plastic products, as defined, to include specified information in either an Internet Web site that is available to the public or as part of a specified annual report, with regard to whether the manufacturer has established a sustainability policy or has established or implemented goals to reuse, recover, and reduce the use of plastic.

Position

SB 1268 (Beall D) Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program.**Introduced:** 2/21/2014**Last Amend:** 5/7/2014**Status:** 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)**Location:** 5/23/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would establish the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program, which would be administered by the State Air Resources Board, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, to assist in the development and implementation of highly leveraged, regionally integrated natural resources projects that maximize greenhouse gas emissions reductions or sequestration. The bill would authorize moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the state board to implement the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program.

Position**SB 1418 (DeSaulnier D) Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.****Introduced:** 2/21/2014**Last Amend:** 5/1/2014**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law provides for the transfer of certain weight fee revenues to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account for direct payment of debt service on designated bonds, which are defined to be certain transportation general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 1B of 2006. Current law also provides for loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund to the extent the revenues are not needed for bond debt service purposes, with the loans to be repaid when the revenues are later needed for those purposes, as specified. This bill would repeal these provisions, thereby retaining the weight fee revenues in the State Highway Account. The bill would make other conforming changes in that regard.

Position

Notes 1: Similar to AB 2728 (Perea) but this bill would restore weight fee revenues permanently effective July 1, 2014

SB 1433 (Hill D) Local Agency Public Construction Act: transit design-build contracts.**Introduced:** 2/21/2014**Last Amend:** 8/22/2014**Status:** 9/30/2014-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 929, Statutes of 2014.**Location:** 9/30/2014-S. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Local Agency Public Construction Act until January 1, 2015, authorizes a transit operator, as defined, to enter into a design-build contract, as specified. Current law requires certain information submitted in this regard to be provided under penalty of perjury. This bill would extend the authorization for a transit operator to enter into a design-build contract until January 1, 2017. Because the bill would expand the crime of perjury, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position**SCA 4 (Liu D) Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.****Introduced:** 12/3/2012**Last Amend:** 8/28/2013**Status:** 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. APPR. on 8/29/2013)**Location:** 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition proposing the tax includes certain requirements. This measure would prohibit a local government from expending any revenues derived from a special transportation tax approved by 55% of the voters at any time prior to the completion of a statutorily identified capital project funded by revenues derived from another special tax of the same local government that was approved by a 2/3 vote. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position

SCA 6

(DeSaulnier D) Initiative measures: funding source.

Introduced: 12/3/2012

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. THIRD READING on 5/24/2013)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would prohibit an initiative measure that would result in a net increase in state or local government costs, other than costs attributable to the issuance, sale, or repayment of bonds, from being submitted to the electors or having any effect unless and until the Legislative Analyst and the Director of Finance jointly determine that the initiative measure provides for additional revenues in an amount that meets or exceeds the net increase in costs.

Position

SCA 8

(Corbett D) Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.

Introduced: 12/14/2012

Last Amend: 5/21/2013

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. APPR. on 8/29/2013)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition , if the proposition proposing the tax includes certain requirements . The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position

SCA 9

(Corbett D) Local government: economic development: special taxes: voter approval.

Introduced: 12/18/2012

Last Amend: 5/21/2013

Status: 8/31/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was S. APPR. on 6/27/2013)

Location: 8/31/2014-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects, as specified, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition , if the proposition proposing the tax contains specified requirements . The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position

Total Measures: 52

Total Tracking Forms: 52