

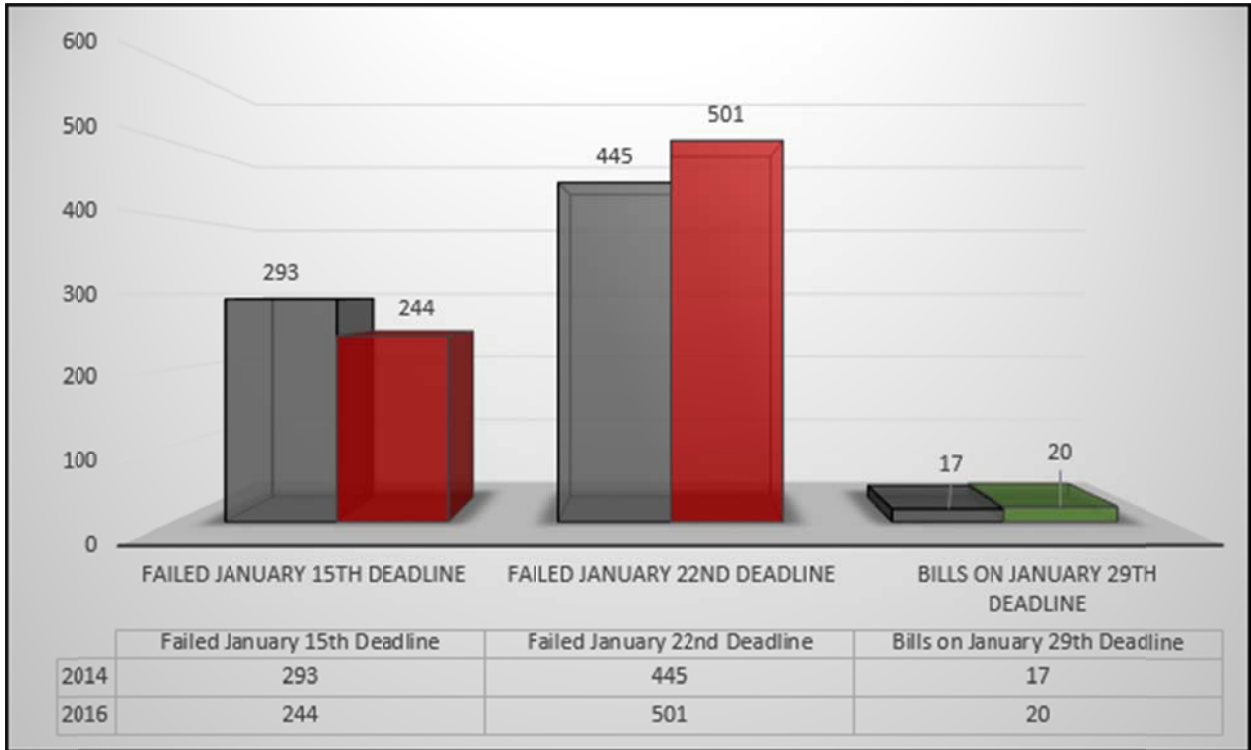
February 2016 Legislative Update
Fresno COG

February 19th is the last day for bills to be introduced. Under normal circumstances, a bill cannot be heard in committee for 30 days after its introduction. This means throughout February, committees will begin to hear bills introduced in January.

All Bills introduced last year had to make it to their second house by the end of January

Below is a comparison of the number of total bills in the legislature which failed deadlines this year (red), with the number of bills that failed the same deadlines in 2014 (grey).

On the end is the number of bills on the January 29th deadline (green) compared to how many bills failed this deadline in 2014.



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[AB 6](#)

(Wilk R) Bonds: transportation: school facilities.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/31/2016-Died pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Location: 1/31/2016-A. DEAD

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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 1 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. These provisions would become effective only upon approval by the voters at the next statewide election.

Position

[AB 23](#)

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

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/31/2016-Died pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Location: 1/31/2016-A. DEAD

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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 would instead exempt those 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 through December 31, 2020.

Position

[AB 156](#)

(Perea D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.

Current Text: Amended: 8/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Last Amend: 8/18/2015

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Location: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

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Summary: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and any other relevant state agency, to develop, as specified, a 3-year investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Current law requires the 3-year investment plan to allocate a minimum of 25% of the available moneys in the fund to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities. This bill would require the state board to prepare and post on its Internet Web site a specified report on the projects funded to benefit disadvantaged communities.

Position

Support

Notes 1: Fresno Chamber of Commerce supported in February

[AB 212](#)

(Achadjian R) State highways.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/2/2015

Status: 1/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 5/15/2015)

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Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission and provides that the department has full possession and control of all state highways and all property and rights in property acquired for state highway purposes and authorizes and directs the department to lay out and construct all state highways between the termini designated by law and on the locations as determined by the commission. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position

[AB 448](#) ([Brown D](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-In committee: Held under submission.

Location: 8/27/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Current property tax law requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally provides that each jurisdiction shall be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Position

[AB 779](#) ([Garcia, Cristina D](#)) Transportation: congestion management program.

Current Text: Amended: 8/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 8/19/2015

Status: 8/25/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 8/24/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Would revise the definition of "infill opportunity zone" to not require that it be within a specified distance of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor. The bill would revise the requirements for a congestion management program by removing traffic level of service standards established for a system of highways and roadways as a required element and instead requiring measures of effectiveness for a system of highways and roadways.

Position

[AB 857](#) ([Perea D](#)) California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.

Current Text: Amended: 8/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 8/18/2015

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Location: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

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Summary: Would, between January 2, 2018, and January 1, 2023, inclusive, annually require no less than 50% or \$100,000,000, whichever is greater, of the moneys allocated for technology development, demonstration, precommercial pilots, and early commercial deployments of zero- and near-zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty truck technology be allocated and spent to support the commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology that meets or exceeds a specified emission standard. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

AB 904 (Perea D) Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Reused Vehicle Rebate Project.

Current Text: Amended: 7/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 7/13/2015

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

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Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board to establish the Clean Reused Vehicle Rebate Project, as a part of the Air Quality Improvement Program, to provide rebates or other incentives for the acquisition of an eligible used vehicle, as defined; the replacement or refurbishment of a battery and related components for an eligible used vehicle or an extended warranty for the battery or related components; or an extended service warranty to cover unexpected vehicle repairs not covered by the manufacturer's warranty related to unique problems in eligible used vehicles, as specified.

Position

AB 922 (Gallagher R) Sales and use taxes: exemption manufacturing.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 1/31/2016-Died pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Location: 1/31/2016-A. DEAD

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Summary: Current law exempts from sales and use taxes, on and after July 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2022, the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, qualified tangible personal property purchased by a qualified person for use primarily in manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of property, as specified; qualified tangible personal property purchased for use by a contractor for specified purposes, as provided; and qualified tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in research and development, as provided. This bill would delete that repeal date, thereby extending the application of the exemption indefinitely. The bill, on or after January 1, 2023, would limit the exemption to a qualified person that is located in a county, city and county, or metropolitan statistical area that had an unemployment rate of 10% or more in the previous calendar quarter.

Position

AB 1009 (Garcia, Cristina D) Local government: redevelopment: revenues from property tax override rates.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 1/31/2016-Died pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Location: 1/31/2016-A. DEAD

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Summary: Would authorize a city or county that levies a property tax rate, approved by the voters of a city or county to make payments in support of pension programs and levied in addition to the general property tax rate, to make a request to an oversight board to prohibit revenues derived from that property tax rate from being deposited into a Redevelopment Property Tax Fund. This bill would authorize an oversight board to deny this request based on substantial evidence that a former redevelopment agency made a pledge of revenues that specifically included revenues derived from the imposition of that property tax rate.

Position

AB 1030 (Ridley-Thomas D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 7/7/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 7/7/2015

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Location: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

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Summary: Current law requires moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be used to facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and, where applicable and to the extent feasible, to foster job creation by promoting in-state greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects carried out by California workers and businesses. This bill would require priority be given to projects involving hiring that support the targeted training and hiring of workers from disadvantaged communities for career-track jobs.

Position

[AB 1043](#) (Salas D) Highways: State Highway Route 43.

Current Text: Vetoed: 10/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 10/9/2015-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 10/9/2015-A. VETOED

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Summary: Current law requires certain transportation funds made available for transportation capital improvement projects to be programmed and expended in specified amounts for interregional improvements and regional improvements. Current law specifies the state highway routes that are included in the interregional road system and the state highway routes that are eligible interregional and intercounty routes. This bill would include State Highway Route 43 as an eligible interregional and intercounty route.

Position

Support

[AB 1176](#) (Perea D) Vehicular air pollution.

Current Text: Amended: 8/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 8/18/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-In committee: Held under submission.

Location: 8/27/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Would establish the Advanced Low-Carbon Diesel Fuels Access Program, to be administered by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, for the purpose of reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of diesel motor vehicles by providing capital assistance for projects that expand advanced low-carbon diesel fueling infrastructure in communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards and additionally where the greatest air quality impacts can be identified. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

[AB 1482](#) (Gordon D) Climate adaptation.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 9/1/2015

Status: 10/8/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 603, Statutes of 2015.

Location: 10/8/2015-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary: Would require the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to update the state's climate adaptation strategy, as provided. The bill would require the agency, by January 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to release a draft climate adaptation strategy, as provided. The bill would require state agencies to maximize specified objectives, including, among others, promoting the use of the climate adaptation strategy to inform planning decisions and ensure that state investments consider climate change impacts, as well as promote the use of natural systems and natural infrastructure, as defined, when developing physical infrastructure to address adaptation.

Position

[AB 1591](#) (Frazier D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 2/1/2016-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and REV. & TAX.

Location: 2/1/2016-A. TRANS.

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Summary: Would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria to ensure efficient use of the funds available for the program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

[ABX1 1](#) (Alejo D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Introduced: 6/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 6/23/2015

Status: 6/24/2015-From printer.

Location: 6/23/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Current law provides for loans of revenues from various transportation funds and accounts to the General Fund, with various repayment dates specified. This bill, with respect to any loans made to the General Fund from specified transportation funds and accounts with a repayment date of January 1, 2019, or later, would require the loans to be repaid by December 31, 2018. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

[ABX1 3](#) (Frazier D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 9/3/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/9/2015

Last Amend: 9/3/2015

Status: 9/24/2015-Senators Beall (Co-Chair), Allen, Leyva, Cannella, and Gaines appointed to Conference Committee.

Location: 9/24/2015-A. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Transportation to improve and maintain the state's highways, and establishes various programs to fund the development, construction, and repair of local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure in the state. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to maintain and repair highways, local roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure.

Position

[ABX1 4](#) (Frazier D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Introduced: 7/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/9/2015

Status: 9/3/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 9/3/2015-S. RLS.

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Summary: Current law establishes various programs to fund the development, construction, and repair of local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure in the state. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to improve the state's key trade corridors and support efforts by local governments to repair and improve local transportation infrastructure.

Position

ABX1 13 (Grove R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: streets and highways.

Current Text: Introduced: 8/31/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would reduce the continuous appropriation to the Strategic Growth Council for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program by half. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

ABX1 15 (Patterson R) State Highway Operation and Protection Program: local streets and roads: appropriation.

Current Text: Introduced: 8/31/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

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Summary: Would reduce the \$663,287,000 appropriation for Capital Outlay Support by \$500 million, and would appropriate \$500 million from the State Highway Account for the 2015-16 fiscal year, with 50% to be made available to the Department of Transportation for maintenance of the state highway system or for purposes of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and 50% to be made available to the Controller for apportionment to cities and counties by formula for street and road purposes. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

ACA 4 (Frazier D) Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.

Current Text: Amended: 8/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 8/17/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 8/19/2015-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary: Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or a transactions and use tax imposed in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law by a county, city, city and county, or special district for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects, as defined, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position

SB 1 (Gaines R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 2/1/2016-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Location: 2/1/2016-S. DEAD

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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.

Position

SB 5

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

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 2/1/2016-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Location: 2/1/2016-S. DEAD

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Summary: Under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, current State Air Resources 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 through December 31, 2020.

Position

SB 16

(Beall D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 6/1/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 6/1/2015

Status: 2/1/2016-Died on file pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Location: 2/1/2016-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the program to be authorized every 5 years by the Legislature, and would provide that authorization for the 2015-16 through 2019-20 fiscal years. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to identify the estimated funds to be available for the program and adopt performance criteria to ensure efficient use of the funds.

Position

SB 25

(Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Vetoed: 9/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 8/28/2015

Status: 9/22/2015-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/22/2015-S. VETOED

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Summary: Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2014-15 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 32

(Pavley D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Current Text: Amended: 9/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 9/10/2015

Status: 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 9/10/2015)

Location: 9/11/2015-A. 2 YEAR

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Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to 40% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2030. The bill also would state the intent of the Legislature for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary policies that ensure the long-term emissions reductions advance specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 39

(Pavley D) Vehicles: high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 4/8/2015

Status: 5/22/2015-Referred to Com. on TRANS.

Location: 5/22/2015-A. TRANS.

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Summary: Current federal law, until September 30, 2017, authorizes a state to allow specified labeled vehicles to use lanes designated for high-occupancy vehicles (HOVs). Current law authorizes the DMV to issue no more than 70,000 of those identifiers. This bill would increase the number of those identifiers that the DMV is authorized to issue to an unspecified amount. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

SB 189

(Hueso D) Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee.

Current Text: Amended: 8/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Last Amend: 8/17/2015

Status: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/26/2015)

Location: 8/28/2015-A. 2 YEAR

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Summary: Would create the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee in the California Environmental Protection Agency, comprising 7 members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules, as provided. The bill would prescribe the terms and qualifications of committee members and would require the committee to hold its first meeting on or before December 1, 2016.

Position

SB 321

(Beall D) Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 8/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Last Amend: 8/18/2015

Status: 9/11/2015-Ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Beall.

Location: 9/11/2015-S. INACTIVE FILE

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Summary: Would, for the 2016- 17 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, require the State Board of Equalization on March 1 of the fiscal year immediately preceding the applicable fiscal year, as specified, to adjust the rate in a manner as to generate an amount of revenue equal to the amount of revenue loss attributable to the exemption, based on estimates made by the board that reflect the combined average of the actual fuel price over the previous 4 fiscal years and the estimated fuel price for the current fiscal year, and continuing to take into account adjustments required by existing law to maintain revenue neutrality for each year. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

SB 357

(Hall D) Private railroad car tax.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/1/2016-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Location: 2/1/2016-S. DEAD

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Summary: Under the Private Railroad Car Tax Law, the State Board of Equalization assesses and taxes private railroad cars operated upon railroads in this state. In making an assessment, the board is required to determine the average number of each class of private railroad cars physically present in the state in the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the tax is imposed upon the basis of car days. This bill would instead require the board, in making the assessment, to determine the physical presence of private railroad cars in the state in the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the tax is imposed upon the basis of mileage.

Position

SBX1 1

(Beall D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 9/1/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 6/22/2015

Last Amend: 9/1/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 9/1/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system and for other specified purposes. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund.

Position

SBX1 2

(Huff R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 6/30/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 6/30/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-September 1 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 3. Noes 9. Page 56.) Reconsideration granted.

Location: 6/30/2015-S. T. & I.D.

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Summary: Would provide that those annual proceeds shall be appropriated by the Legislature for transportation infrastructure, including public streets and highways, but excluding high-speed rail. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

SBX1 3

(Vidak R) Transportation bonds: highway, street, and road projects.

Current Text: Amended: 8/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/1/2015

Last Amend: 8/17/2015

Status: 9/14/2015-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

Location: 9/14/2015-S. DEAD

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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 1 blended system. The bill, subject to the above exception, would require redirection of the unspent proceeds 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

SBX1 4

(Beall D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 9/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/7/2015

Last Amend: 9/4/2015

Status: 9/24/2015-Senators Beall (Co-Chair), Allen, Leyva, Cannella and Gaines appointed to Conference Committee.

Location: 9/24/2015-S. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Transportation to improve and maintain the state's highways, and establishes various programs to fund the development, construction, and repair of local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure in the state. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to maintain and repair the state's highways, local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure.

Position

SBX1 5

(Beall D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Introduced: 7/7/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/7/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 9/1/2015-A. DESK

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Summary: Current law establishes various programs to fund the development, construction, and repair of local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure in the state. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to improve the state's key trade corridors and support efforts by local governments to repair and improve local transportation infrastructure.

Position

SBX1 6

(Runner R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: transportation expenditures.

Current Text: Introduced: 7/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/13/2015

Status: 9/14/2015-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

Location: 9/14/2015-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would delete the continuous appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the high-speed rail project, and would prohibit any of the proceeds from the fund from being used for that project. The bill would continuously appropriate the remaining 65% of annual proceeds of the fund to the California Transportation Commission for allocation to high-priority transportation projects, as determined by the commission, with 40% of those moneys to be allocated to state highway projects, 40% to local street and road projects divided equally between cities and counties, and 20% to public transit projects.

Position

SBX1 10

(Bates R) Regional transportation capital improvement funds.

Current Text: Introduced: 7/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Status: 9/9/2015-September 8 hearing: Testimony taken. Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 7/16/2015-S. T. & I.D.

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Summary: Current law requires funds available for regional projects to be programmed by the California Transportation Commission pursuant to the county shares formula, under which a certain amount of funding is available for programming in each county, based on population and miles of state highway. Current law specifies the various types of projects that may be funded with the regional share of funds to include state highways, local roads, transit, and others. This bill would revise the process for programming and allocating the 75% share of state and federal funds available for regional transportation improvement projects.

Position

SBX1 13 (Vidak R) Office of the Transportation Inspector General.

Current Text: Amended: 9/3/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 9/3/2015

Status: 9/3/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 9/3/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Would create the Office of the Transportation Inspector General in state government, as an independent office that would not be a subdivision of any other government entity, to build capacity for self-correction into the government itself and to ensure that all state agencies expending state transportation funds are operating efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with federal and state laws.

Position

SCR 45 (Berryhill R) Joe Levy Memorial Highway.

Current Text: Chaptered: 2/1/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 4/21/2015

Last Amend: 7/6/2015

Status: 2/1/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 1

Location: 2/1/2016-S. CHAPTERED

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Summary: This measure would redesignate a portion of State Highway Route 41 in the County of Fresno as the Joe Levy Memorial Highway, instead of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Freeway, and would adjust the portion of State Highway Route 41 designated as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Freeway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Position

Total Measures: 39

Total Tracking Forms: 39

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A busy week in anticipation of the President's FY17 budget rollout next week, and lots more to report as well. Here's the highlights.

Increasing Youth Employment

On Thursday, we participated in a White House teleconference where we learned more about the President's proposed investments to help more than one million young people find a first job. We also learned about a new \$20 million Department of Labor grant competition that will award approximately 10 grants to communities to implement innovative approaches that connect young people to jobs and career pathways. The application deadline for the DOL grant is **March 25**. The President's FY17 budget proposal, which will be released on Tuesday, February 9, will include: \$3.5 billion to create new partnerships with companies and communities, \$2 billion to connect young Americans to opportunity, and \$200 million to support the development and expansion of youth apprenticeships. On **February 26**, the White House will launch a summer opportunity project and host a workshop bringing together state and local leaders, community-based organizations, private sector and philanthropic leaders, and schools. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Youth Employment](#) or our grant memo on [DOL Career Pathways for Youth Demonstration Grants](#).

Addressing the Epidemic of Opioid Abuse

On Tuesday, we participated in a White House teleconference with ONDCP Director **Michael Botticelli** where we learned more about the President's nearly \$1.1 billion proposal to address to opioid overdose epidemic affecting communities throughout the country. The President's FY17 budget will take a two-pronged approach to address the epidemic: (1) It will include \$1 billion in new mandatory funding over two years to expand access to treatment for prescription drug abuse and heroin use, (2) It will include approximately \$500 million, a roughly \$90 million increase from FY16 levels, to continue and build on current federal efforts to expand state-level prescription drug overdose prevention strategies, improve access to naloxone, and support targeted enforcement activities. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Opioid Abuse](#).

Congress Debates Tragic Water Situation in Flint

This week, as part of a larger debate over a Senate energy bill, the Senate debated amendments to federally address the tragic situation in Flint, Michigan, where for months, due to poor decisions made at multiple levels of government, lead has entered the city's water supply, affecting the health thousands of residents. Michigan Senators **Debbie Stabenow** and **Gary Peters** initially proposed \$400 million in federal funding, matched equally with state dollars, to fix Flint's water infrastructure, as well as another \$200 million to address the long-term health concerns of the people who were exposed to lead poisoning. In response, an amendment by Senator **Lisa Murkowski** would have provided \$50 million in direct federal aid, and a \$500 million loan funneled through EPA's new Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA) fund. Democrats objected to the counter-proposal, which has at least temporarily stalled the Senate energy bill. We remain hopeful that both sides will reach a compromise on the issue. For more, click on [Senator Stabenow Statement](#), [EPA Response to the Flint Crisis](#), or [EPA Advice to Flint Residents](#).

Criminal Justice Reform Efforts

On Monday, we participated in a meeting at the U.S. Conference of Mayors with **Elias Alcantara** from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs where we learned more about legislative efforts to move forward on criminal justice reform. For more, click on [USCM Mayors' Letter](#), [Senate Bill Summary](#), or [Senate Bill Talking Points](#).

Privatizing Air Traffic Control

On Wednesday, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman **Bill Shuster** introduced the *AIRR Act* (H.R. 4411), a controversial six-year reauthorization of the FAA that would establish an independent, not-for-profit corporation, outside of the federal government, to provide U.S. air traffic control services. For more, click on [AIRR Act](#).

Salt Lake County Innovation Summit



Mayors Ben McAdams (L) and Jim Brainard (R) discuss innovation at the Summit.

It was an amazing gathering of leaders around the country in the civic, finance, foundation, university, technology, and data fields, all brought together by Salt Lake County Mayor **Ben McAdams** January 27-30, to focus on what is new and working in innovation. The several hundred who convened

in Salt Lake City for the meeting included representatives of the White House and local governments from around the country, and many others, who discussed breakthrough approaches, such as Social Innovation Bonds or Pay for Success programs. Carmel Mayor **Jim Brainard** talked to the attendees about how focused planning and public-private partnerships have led to award winning progress in his City. **Theresa Reno-Weber**, Louisville Metro Government Chief of Performance and Technology made an outstanding presentation on how data helps drive her city forward. Click on [Salt Lake County Innovation Summit](#) for more information on the topics and speakers in Salt Lake City.

FAST Act Freight Program

Many of you are excited about the new freight provisions in the *FAST Act*. As we heard in a meeting with Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** two weeks ago, we should be expecting more guidance on the competitive and formula freight programs from DOT later this month. For now, we have prepared a memo for you summarizing the *FAST Act* provisions. For more, click on [FAST Act Freight Program](#).

Housing Program Flexibility and Income

On Tuesday, by a vote of 427-0, the House passed the *Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act*, which would give state and local housing agencies and private owners more flexibility to meet key housing program objectives. Among its reforms, the bill eliminated federal housing subsidies for over-income families. In related news, HUD is considering a new and seeking public comment on methods to address over-income public housing residents. Comments to HUD are due by **March 4**. For more, click on [Housing Bill](#) or [HUD Considers 'Over-Income' Rule](#).

Sanctuary Cities Targeted

On Monday, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, Rep. **John Culberson**, sent a letter to Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** expressing his opposition to sending Federal funding to so-called "sanctuary cities." Specifically, he asked the Attorney General to only send federal law enforcement grants to communities that certify in their applications that they are fully cooperating with DHS to enforce immigration laws. For more, click on [Rep. Culberson Statement on Sanctuary Cities](#).

FY17 Budget Preview

Next week, we will have a full overview of the President's proposed budget for FY17, which he will release on Tuesday, **February 9**. The White House was busy this week though, rolling out some of the individual proposals which will be in that budget, in addition to the opioid use and youth employment issues previously mentioned. These include: (1) a 21st Century "Clean Transportation" System, including a new \$10-per-barrel fee on oil paid by oil companies to pay for transportation infrastructure, which would be gradually phased in over five years, providing an incentive to reduce our reliance on oil and invest in clean energy technologies; (2) a \$1 billion investment in the new national "Moonshot" initiative to eliminate cancer as we know it, led by Vice President **Joe Biden**, (3) an Executive Order already-signed

by the President, not in the FY17 budget, which will improve the capability of federal buildings to function after an earthquake by making sure that when new buildings are constructed or existing buildings are altered, that agencies use the earthquake-resistant design provisions in the most current building codes; and (4) a plan to give every student in the country a chance to learn computer science in school, with \$4 billion in FY17 funding provided to the Department of Education for states to increase access to computer science in classrooms. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Transportation](#), [Fact Sheet: Cancer Moonshot](#), [First Meeting of the White House Cancer Moonshot Task Force](#), [Fact Sheet: Earthquake Resilience](#), [Secretary Jewell at the White House Summit on Earthquake Resilience](#), or [Fact Sheet: Computer Science](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [CDFI Fund's Capital Magnet Fund \(CMF\) Program](#) and [DOL Career Pathways for Youth Demonstration Grants](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Bill on Municipal Bonds Passes House

On Monday, by voice vote, the House passed a bill requiring federal banking agencies to treat municipal bonds as high-quality liquid assets, making them more attractive to investors. For more, click on [Municipal Bonds Bill](#).

Busy Week in Hearings

There were several hearings this week on a wide variety of important topics. On Tuesday: (1) the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing titled, "*The Failures and Future of the EB-5 Regional Center Program: Can it be Fixed?*", (2) the Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing titled, "*Status of the Public Safety Broadband Network*.", (3) the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing titled, "*Roundtable: Building Upon Success: Priorities for the Water Resources Development Act of 2016*.", (4) the Nutrition Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing titled, "*Reviewing incentive programs aimed at increasing low-income families' purchasing power for fruits and vegetables*." For more, click on [EB-5 Regional Center Program](#), [Public Safety Broadband Network](#), [Water Resources Development Act \(WRDA\) of 2016](#), or [Improving Access to Fruits and Vegetables for Low-Income Families](#).

U.S. Department of Transportation 50th Anniversary



This year marks the 50th Anniversary of U.S. DOT. The *Department of Transportation Act* was signed into law by **President Johnson** on October 15, 1966. For more, click on [50th Anniversary Announcement](#).

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

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The Great Blizzard of 2016 – Snowstorm Jonas – shortened the federal workweek, with the House out of session all week, the Senate for two days, and all federal agencies closed for Monday and Tuesday. All that, and it still managed to be a pretty busy week! Here's the latest for your review.

Special Report: USCM 84th Winter Meeting Part II



On Thursday, last week, **President Obama** hosted over 250 Mayors at the White House during the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting. He highlighted the recent announcement that HUD will award 13 cities, states, and counties \$1 billion under the National Disaster Resilience Competition to better prepare for future extreme weather and other climate change impacts. The President thanked the Mayors for their steadfast partnerships over the past seven years and outlined his Administration's priorities for cities in the year ahead. He applauded the progress being made in cities on issues such as raising the minimum wage, increasing coverage under the Affordable Care Act, implementing Paid Leave policies, and boosting energy efficiency in buildings. He said, "*Mayors understand that the services and effectiveness of local government and government generally is something that we can't take for granted, that we have to work for and fight for and invest in every single day.*"

The President discussed the partnerships being made with local leaders across the country to reform the criminal justice system and improve relationships between law enforcement and communities. He highlighted the recommendations of the 21st Century Policing Task Force and efforts being made in communities to reduce gun violence. In his remarks, he touched on several other issues important to local government, including: advanced manufacturing and tech innovation, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, improving education for children and for students entering college, veterans' homelessness, working families, climate and energy, transportation and infrastructure, the Smart City Challenge, My Brother's Keeper, and immigration. For

more, click on [Fact Sheet](#), [President's Remarks](#), or [White House Video and Summary](#).

As we mentioned in last week's *Friday Report*, First Lady **Michelle Obama** spoke to Mayors on the issue of ending veteran homelessness and commended communities for their progress so far. For more, click on the [First Lady's Written Remarks](#) or [Video of Her Speech](#).

Deputy Secretary of Commerce **Bruce Andrews** addressed the Metro Economies Standing Committee and highlighted key areas of collaboration between the Department and local governments across the country. Those areas include: innovation and entrepreneurship, advanced manufacturing, trade and investment, SelectUSA, and economic development. For more, click on [Commerce Department Collaboration](#).

At the Immigration Reform Task Force, we heard from several key Administration officials to learn more about actions being taken regarding immigration and refugees, including Special Assistant to the President for Immigration Policy **Felicia Escobar**. Since efforts to pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill stalled in Congress in 2014, the Administration has been taking executive actions to make immigrants' lives easier. The Supreme Court will hear the Administration's appeal of an injunction against implementation of the DAPA and DACA programs sometime this spring, with a decision likely coming in June. Ms. Escobar said that her Task Force on New Americans has now partnered with 48 communities throughout the U.S. who have signed on to the *Building Welcoming Communities Campaign*, which was launched in September. We also heard from officials with the State Department, DHS, and HHS, who outlined the refugee resettlement process. For more, click on [Immigration Reform Task Force Agenda](#) or [USCM 84th Winter Meeting Website](#).

Reducing Child Hunger

Although the President's FY17 budget proposal is not set to be released until February 9, the White House is previewing some of the budget's upcoming policy provisions. The President's budget will propose \$12 billion to be spent over ten years to reduce child hunger during the summer through a permanent Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (**Summer EBT**) program to provide supplemental food benefits during the summer months for all families with children eligible for free and reduced price school meals. In addition, USDA will announce a new initiative to reduce paperwork by allowing interested State agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program to use Medicaid data to certify students for free and reduced-priced lunches. For more, click on [Reducing Child Hunger](#).

Retirement Savings

The President's FY17 budget will include provisions to ensure near-universal access to workplace retirement savings accounts. Proposals include: enabling small businesses to come together to create pooled 401(k) plans, automatically enrolling workers without access to a workplace plan in an IRA, and piloting innovative, more portable approaches to provide retirement benefits. For more, click on [Retirement Savings Proposals](#).

The Zika Virus

On Tuesday, President Obama met with leaders of his health and national security teams to discuss the spread of Zika and other mosquito-borne viruses in the Americas as well as steps being taken to protect the American public. For more, click on [The Zika Virus: What You Need to Know](#).

Heroin and Opioid Abuse

On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing titled "*Attacking America's Epidemic of Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse*," featuring witnesses such as ONDCP Director **Michael Botticelli** and SAMHSA Acting Administrator **Kana Enomoto**. They discussed the ongoing epidemic, the role of Oxycontin and other opioid painkillers, the need to equip more first responders with naloxone, and steps that the FDA and federal government can take. For more, click on [Heroin and Opioids](#).

Deficits Set to Increase

The Congressional Budget Office projects that, under current law, the federal budget deficit will increase, in relation to the size of the economy, for the first time since 2009. Primarily due to the package of "tax extenders" legislation Congress passed at the end of 2015. Over the next 10 years, the cumulative national deficit will be \$1.5 trillion higher than the \$7 trillion CBO forecast just five months ago. For more, click on [10-Year Budget Outlook](#).

Senator Feinstein's Water Bill



Senator **Dianne Feinstein** has released a discussion draft of the *California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act*. The legislation includes a wide range of provisions to address both long-term water supply needs (storage, desalination, and recycling) as well as short-term, temporary solutions to make the water-delivery system more efficient during the drought. For more, click on [Senator Feinstein's Discussion Draft](#).

ADA Compliance

FTA is hosting a series of six webinars on the new ADA Circular for FTA Grantees. These hour-long webinars include useful information on relevant ADA topics, tips and suggestions for compliance and accessible service, and opportunities to ask questions. The next one, on *ADA and Paratransit* will be held on **February 3**. For more, click on [FTA's ADA Circular Webinar Series](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on [HUD Supportive Services Demonstration for Elderly Households](#).

Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

DHS Final Rule on Highly Skilled Foreign Workers

The Department of Homeland Security published a final rule, effective **February 16**, that revises regulations affecting highly skilled foreign workers in the H-1B1, E-3, CW-1, and EB-1 visa classifications. For more, click on [Foreign Worker Regs](#).

EPA Toxics Release Inventory Report for 2014

EPA posted its annual Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) report for 2014, showing a six percent decrease in total disposal or other releases to the environment from 2013 to 2014. Toxic air releases from industrial facilities decreased by four percent during this period. For more, click on [EPA TRI Report 2014](#).

2015 Menino Survey of Mayors Results Released

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, in partnership with The Boston University Initiative on Cities, with the support of Citi, released the *2015 Menino Survey on Mayors*, which details the most pressing needs and policy priorities of Mayors across the country. A total of 89 Mayors were interviewed in person at the 83rd Annual Conference of Mayors in San Francisco, and over the phone or by email in the months that followed. They cited the need to fix crumbling roads, grow mass transit, and repair water infrastructure, as well as a desire to improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure, while raising concerns about receiving too little financial support from federal and state government. For more, click on [2015 Menino Survey of Mayors](#).

Corrections System Reforms

On Tuesday, the Chuck Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections released its final report, urging Congress to reduce some "*extremely long*" mandatory sentences for drug offenses to reduce prison overcrowding. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [Final Report](#).

Prospects for Secretary Castro



One of the most frequent questions we get from colleagues around the country is, "*Will HUD Secretary Julian Castro be selected as the Vice Presidential candidate by Hillary Clinton?*" We thought you would be interested in reading this thoughtful analysis of the prospects. For more, click on [Prospects for Secretary Castro](#).

♪ Music of the Month ♪

Our telephone's hold music for the month of February is from the movie version of **West Side Story**. *Call us and enjoy!*

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

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Special Report: USCM 84th Winter Meeting Part I



Greetings from the soon-to-be Blizzard of 2016! This week, we participated in the 84th Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. In this *Special Report*, we cover the meetings from Wednesday to Thursday afternoon, just prior to

the Mayors' trip to the White House to meet with **President Barack Obama** and other senior White House officials. Next week, we'll send you Part II, covering the rest of the meeting.

On Thursday, First Lady **Michelle Obama** spoke to the Mayors, praising their experience dealing with the most important policy issues on the ground, saying, *"You all are often the first people we call."* She thanked many Mayors for their support of the Joining Forces initiative, led by the First Lady and Second Lady Dr. **Jill Biden**, which showcases the needs of military families. The First Lady devoted most of her speech to the issue of **ending veteran homelessness**, calling it a *"horrifying stain on our nation."* She said she was, *"blown away by what you [the Mayors] have achieved"* by taking up the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. She said that because so many communities have already achieved the goal of providing stable housing to every veteran in their jurisdiction, now *"Every community in America can achieve an end to veterans' homelessness."* Although many communities have met the goal, she said that no one is ever truly finished with the challenge, and that we must remain vigilant to ensure that our veterans always have a place to call home. For more, click on [Remarks by the First Lady on Ending Veteran Homelessness](#).

On Wednesday, a roundtable discussion was held during the opening plenary luncheon on *Reducing Violence and Strengthening Police/Community Trust*, moderated by USCM President and Baltimore Mayor **Stephanie Rawlings-Blake** and featuring Chicago Mayor **Rahm Emanuel**, New Orleans Mayor **Mitch Landrieu**, National Urban League President and former New Orleans Mayor **Marc Morial**, and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Col. **Samuel Dotson**. Mayor **Emanuel** said that the two root causes of violence in America's cities are *"guns and gangs."* He is concerned about the rise of gangs becoming a replacement for the traditional family structure for many young people and said that two most powerful antidotes against violence is education and a stable job. Mayor **Landrieu** encouraged other Mayors to *"run into these issues"* concerning violence. He said that more state and federal resources are needed to address the problem, and framed cities not as a Washington

"special interest group" but as partners with the state and federal governments to solve these issues. Chief **Dotson** responded to a question about what police departments can do to strengthen police-community relationships and he said that having a public commitment to diversify the police force to *"make it look more like the community it serves"* helps very much to build public trust. **Marc Morial** said that diversity policies alone can help, but they *"don't do the trick."* Actively training police forces in the principles of **community policing** is not a cliché, he said, and he agreed with Mayor Landrieu that Mayors and other local leaders should spend more time focusing on the details of issues relating to community policing.

Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx**, a former Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, told Mayors that his Department was moving ahead this year to implement provisions in the new 5-year surface transportation reauthorization, the *FAST Act*. He spoke briefly about the coming 2016 round of **TIGER** grants, saying that details about the grant application process may be released in February, and awards may be announced in the summer. The Secretary said that details about the \$1 billion **National Freight Program** will be released in the spring and details on the \$300 million discretionary **bus and bus facilities program** will be released soon. He reminded Mayors about the \$50 billion **Smart City Challenge** targeting mid-sized cities, with concept papers due to DOT by **February 4, 2016**. Five finalists will be selected with a winner announced in June or July. The Secretary thanked Mayors for their support on **climate change** and thanked the more than 200 Mayors who have signed on to **Vision Zero**, expanding bicycling and pedestrian options and improving safety. DOT plans to issue a **Design Challenge** for infrastructure later in 2016.

HUD Secretary **Julian Castro**, a former Mayor of San Antonio, Texas, began his remarks to the Mayors with, *"It's good to be with my tribe!"* He said that America is better off economically now than it was a few years ago but many of our residents are still suffering under a *"rental affordability crisis."* He highlighted programs like **CDBG** and **HOME** as flexible tools for communities to use to address these housing challenges. He said he is particularly excited to be able to distribute money from the **National Housing Trust Fund**, which will target resources toward people with extremely low incomes. HUD is committed to supporting a **Housing First** approach to permanent housing for the homeless. As this is the Obama Administration's last year, the Secretary said that one of its greatest accomplishments was forging a partnership directly with Mayors. He hopes to set a legacy for the next Administration to continue this relationship.

Labor Secretary **Tom Perez**, a former Montgomery County, Maryland Councilmember, spoke to the Mayors about the

importance of **apprenticeships** as a tool for workers to gain access to specific skills geared toward the 21st century economy. He said that, “*We need to work on a skills superhighway with dedicated on-ramps.*” Speaking about access to **job training**, he said that in America, “*A zip code will never determine your destiny.*” Remarking on the last year of the Obama Administration, the Secretary said, “*You don’t count the days, you make the days count*” and called for local governments to continue partnering with the federal government to increase employment opportunities for American workers.



Acting Secretary of Education **John King**, a former high school social studies teacher, spoke to Mayors at the Jobs, Education, and the Workforce Standing Committee, where Tacoma Mayor **Marilyn Strickland** serves as Vice Chair. Dr. King spoke about education as a pathway to opportunity for kids from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, emphasizing, “*I believe in second chances.*” He acknowledged the ongoing challenges associated with closing the **achievement gap** between students of different races and economic backgrounds. The Secretary characterized the original *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* as an important piece of civil rights legislation, placing it in the context of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* and the *Fair Housing Act of 1968*. He thanked Congress for recently passing the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) and said that the Administration is working to implement its new regulations. He thanked Mayors for providing **summer opportunities** for students around the country, such as summer jobs, noting that many students often fall behind on their education and access to reliable food sources during that season. He acknowledged the efforts in many cities to implement local **College Promise** efforts aimed at guaranteeing a certain amount of free college education to eligible students, mirroring the Administration’s **America’s College Promise** proposal to provide two years of free community college education for nearly every graduating high school senior in the country.

Former Kentucky Governor **Steve Beshear** was introduced on-stage during the Conference by Louisville Mayor **Greg Fischer**, who called Mr. Beshear a “*great leader with a big heart.*” Governor Beshear highlighted his state’s booming economy, particularly in the fields of healthcare and manufacturing. He said that even with the influx of new available employment opportunities in Kentucky, “*Companies can’t find enough people for these 21st century jobs.*” The Governor highlighted efforts such as the Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME), which trains workers with the skills they need in the new economy.

U.S. Senator **Heidi Heitkamp** of North Dakota spoke to Mayors at the Metro Economies Standing Committee about ongoing efforts to pass the *Marketplace Fairness Act* or its companion legislation, the *Remote Transactions Parity Act (RTPA)*. This bill would give states and local governments the ability to more effectively enforce the collection of sales taxes owed to them by “remote sellers” such as online retailers. The Senator said that there are three reasons she is optimistic that Congress will pass a bill in 2016 on what she likes to call, “*Main Street Fairness:*” (1) A great political coalition has

formed including online retail giant Amazon, which seeks to expand its physical footprint throughout the U.S., (2) A large vote in the Senate in 2013 for Marketplace Fairness, and more recent efforts by some members of the House, indicate large bipartisan support for a bill, and (3) Supreme Court Justice **Anthony Kennedy**, who is considered the critical swing vote on the legal issue of online sales tax collection has said, “*Quill [the Supreme Court case that established the current status quo] was wrongly decided and should be reversed.*”

U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador **Michael Froman** spoke to Mayors at the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City, which is Chaired by Louisville Mayor **Greg Fischer**. The Ambassador thanked Mayors for their support to push passage by Congress of Trade Promotion Authority legislation and he encourages Congress to approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement soon. **David Iaia**, with IHS Economics, spoke about the coming release of the 2016 Metro Economies report, saying 363 out of 381 metro economies are expected to see real GNP growth in 2016. Brookings Institution Scholar **Bruce Katz** spoke about the three values that will continue to drive the growth of urban centers in the 21st century: (1) Density, (2) Proximity, and (3) Networking.

COPS Office Director **Ron Davis** spoke to Mayors at the Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee about ongoing efforts to implement the recommendations of the *21st Century Policing Report* and encouraged every Mayor to review the highlights and work towards their implementation. He believes that the ideas of **community policing** and **increasing public safety** are not mutually exclusive but instead go hand-in-hand. While the **COPS Hiring Program** remains an important resource to support staffing in police departments, he said that the COPS and Office of Justice Programs (OJP) **Technical Assistance** programs remain underutilized, and that in many cases, technical assistance provides more long-term value than CHP funding. Assistant Attorney General for OJP **Karol Mason** echoed Director Davis’s point about technical assistance programs, calling on Mayors to “*maintain the discipline*” of implementing **evidence-based** policies. She highlighted OJP’s **Diagnostic Center** and the **Violence Reduction Network** as highly effective free tools that communities can use.

Deputy Director of State, Local, and Tribal Affairs for the Office on National Drug Control Policy **Mary Lou Leary** spoke to Mayors at the Substance Abuse, Prevention, and Recovery Services Task Force, which is chaired by Boston Mayor **Martin Walsh**. She said that the federal government is committed to help people with addiction to opiates, such as heroin, to get better access to treatment. They are also stepping up efforts to equip more emergency personnel with Naloxone, an antidote used to counteract the effects of an opioid overdose. SAMHSA Chief of Staff **Tom Coderre** told the Mayors that in September 2016, a “*groundbreaking*” report will be released by the Surgeon General concerning opioid addiction. His agency stands ready to provide technical assistance to communities dealing with this drug crisis. For more, including videos, press releases, and an agenda, click on [USCM 84th Winter Meeting](#). *More to come next week with USCM Winter Meeting: Part II.*

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The official kick-off of the legislative and policy year is the President's State of the Union address. Here's a report on that event and other highlights of a busy week.

State of the Union 2016



On Tuesday evening, **President Barack Obama** delivered his seventh and final State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Earlier that day, we participated in a teleconference with a White House Speechwriter, **David Litt**, who said that

the President directed his speechwriting staff to “*actually keep it short this year.*” The speech focused on addressing four big questions that the country needs to answer in the years to come:

- (1) How do we give everyone a fair shot at opportunity and security in the **new economy**?
- (2) How do we make **technology** work for us, and not against us, as we solve our biggest challenges?
- (3) How do we keep America **safe** and lead the world without becoming its policeman?
- (4) How can we make our **politics** reflect the best in us, and not the worst?

President Obama called the question of politics, “*the fourth, and maybe the most important thing I want to say tonight.*” He called on Congress and the members of both political parties to come together to work for the good of the country in the years ahead noting that democracy only works when there is a basic bond of trust between citizens who are willing to compromise and accept the most basic facts. He said, “*It’s one of the few regrets of my presidency – that the rancor and suspicion between the parties has gotten worse instead of better.*” The President called for campaign finance reform, acknowledging that changes in the political process will only come when they are demanded by the American people as a whole. He described the America he knows as “*Clear-eyed. Big-hearted. Undaunted by challenge.*”

During the address, President Obama announced a new national effort, a “*moonshot*” to cure cancer, with Vice President **Joe Biden** taking the lead on this new effort. The Vice President’s metric for success: Double the rate of progress to cure cancer and make a decade worth of advances in five years. He plans to do this by (1) Increasing resources – both private and public – to fight cancer and (2) Breaking down silos and bringing all the cancer fighters together – to work together, share information, and end cancer as we know it. For more, click on [Moonshot to Cure Cancer](#).

On the economy, the President touted that the U.S. has experienced the longest streak of private-sector job creation in history, since he took office in 2009. Over the past 70 months, businesses have added 14.1 million jobs, according to the White House. Against the backdrop of this good news for the economy, the President acknowledged the problem of income inequality, saying, “*Companies have less loyalty to their communities. And more and more wealth and income is concentrated at the very top.*” He applauded Congress’s recent bipartisan effort to replace the *No Child Left Behind* education law with the *Every Student Succeeds Act*.

On Wednesday, we participated in a follow-up teleconference with White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs **Jerry Abramson**. He said that this year’s State of the Union address was focused on a much bigger picture than previous speeches. He said that both the President and the White House are energized going into the President’s final year. Calls to reform the criminal justice system will remain a top priority, along with economic issues such as raising the minimum wage, equal pay, and paid leave for employees. He said, “*We’re deeply involved with the intergovernmental affairs crowd and we’re here to help: me, Rohan, Elias, and Bridget.*” For more, click on [Text of the State of the Union Address](#), [Video of the Address](#), [White House State of the Union Website](#), or [Guests of the First Lady at the State of the Union Address](#).

Countering Violent Extremism Task Force

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) have come together to form the permanent interagency *Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Task Force*. The overarching mission of the new Task Force is to strengthen federal government efforts to prevent extremists from radicalizing and mobilizing recruits, especially in the United States. The Task Force will organize federal efforts into several areas, including: (1) Research and Analysis, (2) Engagements and Technical Assistance to CVE stakeholders, including state and local governments, (3) Communications, and (4) Interventions. For more, click on [CVE Task Force](#).

DOT Proposes \$3.9 Billion for Self-Driving Cars



Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** was busy this week giving speeches at the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Annual Meeting in DC and at the Detroit Auto Show. In Detroit, the

Secretary announced that as part of the coming FY17 budget proposal, the President will request that Congress approve a 10-year, \$3.9 billion investment to accelerate the development and adoption of safe vehicle automation through real-world pilot projects. These pilot projects would test connected vehicle systems in designated corridors throughout the country, and DOT will work with industry leaders to ensure a common multistate framework for connected and autonomous vehicles. DOT also plans to remove potential roadblocks to the integration of innovative, transformational automotive technology. Secretary Foxx unveiled policy guidance that updates the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 2013 preliminary policy statement on autonomous vehicles. For more, click on [DOT Press Release on Self-Driving Cars](#), [Secretary's Speech at TRB](#), or [Secretary's Speech in Detroit](#).

Bikeshare Transit Act



Representatives **Earl Blumenauer** and **Vern Buchanan**, co-chairs of the Congressional Bike Caucus, introduced the *Bikeshare Transit Act* (H.R. 4343), bipartisan legislation that would provide local communities additional flexibility

to use funds for bikeshare programs. The bill clarifies that bikeshare projects are eligible for existing federal funding through CMAQ, and defines bikeshare in federal transportation law, giving much-needed certainty to business owners, city and local officials, and commuters alike. The measure has been referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. For more, click on [Bikeshare Transit Act](#).

Wrapping Up Open Enrollment

On Thursday, we participated in a teleconference to learn more about efforts being made around the country to promote health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act. The current third round of open enrollment closes on **January 31**. HHS Secretary **Sylvia Mathews Burwell** said that we are now observing the lowest levels of uninsured individuals on record, thanks to the ACA. She encouraged local leaders to communicate with their HHS Regional Offices about their enrollment efforts, to share best practices. White House IGA Director **Jerry Abramson** pointed to communities that are making a difference through the *Healthy Communities Challenge*, making specific references to the work being done by the new Mayor of Philadelphia, and collaborative efforts between King County, Washington and its Taxicab Association.

Oakland, California Mayor **Libby Schaaf** spoke on the call to highlight her city's efforts. A conference room in Oakland City Hall has been converted into an enrollment center, where they

have signed up more than 4,000 people to get coverage. Advocates are going to BART stations and local farmer's markets to educate consumers about health insurance options under Covered California. Tomorrow is HHS's "Day of Action" for coverage under the ACA, and the HHS Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA) encourages participants to use the hashtag #GetCovered. You can email HHS IEA at hhsiea@hhs.gov. For more, click on [Recent HHS Coverage Statistics](#) or [Healthy Communities Challenge](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [Fish and Wildlife Service U.S. Standard Grants Program](#) and the [HHS Accountable Health Community Grant Program](#).

Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

County Issues Update

On Tuesday, we participated in a National Association of Counties (NACo) "Washington Reps" meeting to receive an update from the office of Senator **Mike Enzi** about the *Marketplace Fairness Act*. Members of Congress and their staffs are still in the early stages of discussing strategies and evaluating their options about how to move forward on both MFA and the *Remote Transactions Parity Act*. NACo staff also discussed their web-based *County Explorer* as a useful tool for sound economic data and information. The County Economies 2015 Report found that only 67% of county economies had rising adjusted wages in 2014. For more, click on [NACo County Explorer January Update](#). *Please contact us if you have any more questions!*

White House Year in Social Innovation

The White House has put together a useful summary of efforts at all levels of government to promote social innovation initiatives such as Pay-For-Success and Impact Investing. **Salt Lake County's** late-January *Social Innovation Summit* was highlighted in it. For more, click on [Year in Social Innovation](#) or [Social Innovation Summit](#).

New Technology in Law Enforcement

On Sunday, the *Washington Post* featured an article on how the **Fresno Police Department** and police departments around the country are using new technology to react more appropriately to crime in real time. For more, click on [Law Enforcement Tech](#).

USCM 84th Winter Meeting

We'll be at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 84th Winter Meeting next week, covering all the relevant Committees and Task Force meetings for you! For more, click on [Meeting Agenda](#) or [Meeting Website](#). We'll report back to you on the highlights.

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The new year is upon us and the White House and Congress are gearing up for a critical year ahead with the State of the Union and FY17 budget looming ahead and many other developments as well. Here's the highlights.

Executive Actions to Reduce Gun Violence

On Tuesday, **President Obama** and the White House announced a series of new executive actions designed to (1) keep guns out of the wrong hands through background checks; (2) make communities safer from gun violence; (3) increase mental health treatment and reporting to the background check system; and (4) shape the future of gun safety technology. The President directed the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to clarify that a person can be engaged in the "business of dealing in firearms" regardless of the location in which firearm transactions are conducted, requiring people who sell firearms at a gun show or over the internet to be licensed and conduct background checks on their customers. The FBI will hire more than 230 additional examiners to staff the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

As part of this effort, Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** directed U.S. Attorneys across the country to continue to focus their resources on the most impactful cases, including those targeting violent offenders and illegal firearms traffickers. The President will request that Congress provide funding for 200 new ATF agents and investigators, as well as funding for all the President's Executive Actions to reduce gun violence. The President issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the Department of Defense, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security to promote "smart gun" technology.

Finally, the President will request a new \$500 million investment to help engage individuals with serious mental illness in care, improve access to care by increasing service capacity and the behavior health workforce, and ensure that behavioral health care systems work for everyone. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Executive Actions to Reduce Gun Violence](#), [Memorandum on Smart Gun Technology](#), [Video of President Obama's Remarks on Reducing Gun Violence](#), [President's Written Remarks](#), [President's Weekly Address on Making America Safer](#), or [Live Updates from the White House on the Executive Actions](#).

Strategies Adopted to Prevent and End Homelessness



The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) convened in December to review progress on ending family homelessness and to propose an additional set of strategies that would help set a path to ending all types of homelessness. USICH and its member agencies have committed to: (1) Increase mainstream programs' awareness and understanding of families experiencing homelessness; (2) Provide federal guidance and technical assistance to strengthen coordination between homelessness assistance and mainstream programs; and (3) Build the capacity of local communities to provide the appropriate level of services tailored to the varying needs of families. Chaired by USICH, HUD, and HHS, the Federal Interagency Working Group to End Family Homelessness and its subgroups, have stated that they are committed to advancing these strategies. Over the course of 2016, they will release further guidance and tools in all of these action areas. For more, click on [New Strategies Adopted to Prevent and End Family Homelessness](#). We will keep you updated.

Acting Secretary of Education John King



Earlier this month, **John B. King, Jr.** became the Acting Secretary of Education, taking over for Former Secretary **Arne Duncan** for the remainder of President Obama's term. He is a former high school social studies teacher, beginning his career teaching in San Juan, Puerto Rico and then Boston. Dr. King has also served as the commissioner of education for the state of New York. In that role, he served as chief executive officer of the State Education Department and as president of the University of the State of New York. In January 2015, he began working at the U.S. Department of Education as the Senior Advisor Delegated Duties of Deputy Secretary. For more, click on [Meet John King](#) or his [Official Bio](#).

Attorney General on Efforts to Stop Domestic Violence

On Monday, Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** sent a memorandum to U.S. Attorneys outlining enforcement steps that have been taken to end the scourge of violence against women. The memo encourages them to continue building partnerships with state, local, and tribal law enforcement and community groups to stop domestic violence. For more, click on [Stopping Domestic Violence](#).

State of the Union Next Week and FY17 Budget Date

Just a reminder, Tuesday night is the **State of the Union** address, in which the President will lay out his legislative agenda and goals for his last year in the White House. For more, click on [White House Previews State of the Union](#) or [Short Video by the President](#). Also, the White House announced it will release the President's FY17 budget proposal on Tuesday, **February 9**. We'll update you on both.

2016 Presidential Caucus and Primary Dates

We've been getting lots of questions about the Presidential Caucus (c) and Primary (p) dates. Here is the current breakdown:

Feb 1–Iowa(c)
Feb 9–New Hampshire(p)
Feb 20–Nevada(c-dems), South Carolina(p-reps), Washington(c-reps)
Feb 23–Nevada(c-reps)
Feb 27–South Carolina (p-dems)
March 1–Alaska(c-reps), Arkansas(p), Colorado(c), Georgia(p), Massachusetts(p), Minnesota(p), Oklahoma(p), Tennessee(p), Texas(p), Vermont(p), Virginia(p) ← “Super Tuesday”
March 5–Kansas(c), Kentucky(c-reps), Louisiana(p), Maine(c-reps), Nebraska(c-dems)
March 6–Maine(c-reps), Puerto Rico(p-reps)
March 8–Hawaii(c-reps), Idaho(p), Michigan(p), Mississippi(p)
March 15–Florida(p), Illinois(p), Missouri(p), North Carolina(p), Ohio(p)
March 22–Arizona(p), Idaho(c-dems), Utah(c)
March 26–Alaska(c-dems), Hawaii(c-dems), Washington(c-dems)
April 5–Wisconsin(p)
April 19–New York(p)
April 26–Connecticut(p), Delaware(p), Maryland(p), Pennsylvania(p), Rhode Island(p)
May 3–Indiana(p)
May 10–Nebraska(p), West Virginia(p)
May 17–Kentucky(p), Oregon(p)
May 24–Washington(p)
June 5–Puerto Rico(p-dems)
June 7–California(p), Montana(p), New Jersey(p), New Mexico(p), North Dakota(c-dems), South Dakota(p)
June 14–DC(p)

DOT Smart City Challenge Update



In a busy week for the Smart City Challenge, DOT Secretary **Anthony Foxx** announced yesterday that the winning city's public bus system will receive the installation of Mobileye's Shield+ technology on every bus. This is in addition to DOT's award of up to \$40 million and an award of up to \$10 million from Vulcan Philanthropy. Mobileye's Shield + driver assistance safety technology is designed to enable bus drivers in the selected city to avoid and mitigate imminent collisions and protect road users including cyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists. For more, click on [New Incentive to Apply](#).

On Wednesday, we participated in a DOT Information Session on the Smart City Challenge focusing on Urban Freight Delivery and Logistics. The presenters explained how cities can anticipate challenges and adapt potential solutions, which should be outlined in their application for the Smart City Challenge. To view this webcast or past webcasts, or learn more about the new Information Sessions coming up on **January 14, January 19,**

and **January 21**, click on [Information Sessions](#). To see the updated Q&A Section, click on [Q&A Part 1](#) or [Q&A Part 2](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on [IMLS FY2016 Grant Opportunities for Libraries](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

The Drone Policy

On Wednesday, FAA Administrator **Michael Huerta** spoke about the implementation his agency's new drone registration rules. For more, click on [FAA Drones](#).

Climate Change Implications

On Thursday, EPA Administrator **Gina McCarthy** participated in a discussion the implications of the Paris Climate agreement. For more, click on [EPA Climate](#).

Measuring Broadband America

FCC released the results of its ongoing nationwide performance study of consumers' fixed broadband internet access service in its fifth "Measuring Broadband America" report. The study found that actual internet speeds experienced by most ISP's subscribers are close to or exceed the advertised speeds. For more, click on [Measuring Broadband America](#).

Vacancies in Cabinet-Level Federal Agencies

As often happens late in an Administration, appointees move on and vacancies occur. Currently, many Obama Administration positions are empty or been taken over by an "interim" replacement because of the reluctance of the Senate to vote on confirmations. More than a quarter of the administration's most senior jobs, more than 100 overall, are missing permanent occupants. For more, click on [President Obama's Emptying Cabinet](#).

2016 SelectUSA Investment Summit – Registration Opens

Registration opened yesterday for the third SelectUSA Investment Summit, to be held **June 19-21** in Washington, DC. SelectUSA brings together thousands of participants from more than 70 international markets seeking investment opportunities in the United States. For more, click on [SelectUSA 2016](#).

EDA National Conference

The Economic Development Administration will host a National Conference from **April 7-8** in Washington, DC focusing on the future of economic development, including panel discussions with administration and congressional officials. For more, click on [EDA National Conference](#).

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