

Fresno Council of Governments Monthly State Legislative Report ^{V C.} 4/28/2016

[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Status: 4/25/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 4/25/2016-S. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

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 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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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: 4/25/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

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Location: 4/25/2016-S. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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: 4/25/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 4/25/2016-S. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	2 year	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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.

[AB 1098](#) (Bloom D) Transportation: congestion management.**Current Text:** Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/27/2015**Last Amend:** 3/26/2015**Status:** 1/15/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 5/1/2015)**Location:** 1/15/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires a congestion management program to be developed, adopted, and updated biennially by a designated agency for every county that includes an urbanized area. This bill would delete the traffic level of service standards as an element of a congestion management program and would delete related requirements, including the requirement that a city or county prepare a deficiency plan when highway or roadway level of service standards are not maintained. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position**[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:** 4/25/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.**Location:** 4/25/2016-S. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 1233](#) (Levine D) Public works: public subsidies.****Current Text:** Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/27/2015**Last Amend:** 1/4/2016**Status:** 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on L. & I.R.**Location:** 2/4/2016-S. L. & I.R.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would provide that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than \$250,000 and less than 2% of the total project cost. The bill would specify that those provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded, before July 1, 2017.

Position**[AB 1555](#) (Gomez D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 1/4/2016**Last Amend:** 3/28/2016**Status:** 4/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was A. BUDGET on 4/14/2016)**Location:** 4/22/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would appropriate \$800,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2016-17 fiscal year to various state agencies in specified amounts for various purposes including, among other

things, low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to reserve \$150,000,000 from the fund to fund future legislative priorities.

Position

[AB 1586](#) (Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: Temperance Flat Reservoir.

Current Text: Amended: 3/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Last Amend: 3/28/2016

Status: 4/4/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

Location: 4/5/2016-A. NAT. RES.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to the act. This bill would prohibit the court, in an action or proceeding alleging a violation of the act, from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the Temperance Flat Reservoir unless the court makes certain findings. This bill contains other related provisions.

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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

[AB 1649](#) (Salas D) State water policy: priority: surface water storage projects and joint powers authorities.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/12/2016

Last Amend: 4/5/2016

Status: 4/27/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/27/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to develop a state water policy that gives priority to the formation of joint powers authorities that are formed to address critical surface water storage needs and to funding of the joint powers authorities' surface water projects. The bill would make findings and declarations of the Legislature, including, but not limited to, that, of the water storage projects available, the Temperance Flat Dam and Sites Reservoir will meet statewide goals and provide specified public benefits to the greatest extent.

Position

[AB 1780](#) (Medina D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: trade corridors.

Current Text: Amended: 3/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2016

Last Amend: 3/28/2016

Status: 4/20/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, beginning in the 2016-17 fiscal year, continuously appropriate 20% of the annual

proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the California Transportation Commission to be allocated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in trade corridors consistent with specified guidelines, thereby making an appropriation.

Position

[AB 1815](#) (Alejo D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: disadvantaged communities.

Current Text: Amended: 4/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Last Amend: 4/11/2016

Status: 4/12/2016-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/12/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 agency to establish a comprehensive technical assistance program, upon the appropriation of moneys from the fund, for eligible applicants, as specified, assisting eligible communities, as defined.

Position

Support

[AB 1833](#) (Linder R) Transportation projects: environmental mitigation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/25/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2016

Last Amend: 4/25/2016

Status: 4/26/2016-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/26/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would create the Advanced Mitigation Program in the Department of Transportation to implement environmental mitigation measures in advance of future transportation projects. The bill, by February 1, 2017, would require the department to establish a steering committee to advise the department in that regard.

Position

[AB 1886](#) (McCarty D) California Environmental Quality Act: transit priority projects.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/25/2016-A. NAT. RES.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: CEQA exempts from its requirements transit priority projects meeting certain requirements, including the requirement that the project be within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor included in a regional transportation plan. CEQA specifies that a project is considered to be within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor if, among other things, all parcels within the project have no more than 25% of their area farther than 1/2 mile from the stop or corridor. This bill would increase that percentage to 50%.

Position

[AB 1919](#) (Quirk D) Local transportation authorities: bonds.

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Last Amend: 4/4/2016

Status: 4/18/2016-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 4/11/2016-A. L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act provides for the creation in any county of a local transportation authority and authorizes the imposition of a retail transactions and use tax by ordinance, subject to approval of the ordinance by 2/3 of the voters. Current law requires the bond proceeds to be placed in the treasury of the local transportation authority and to be used for allowable transportation purposes, except that accrued interest and premiums received on the sale of the bonds are required to be placed in a fund to be used for the payment of bond debt service. This bill would require the premiums received on the sale of the bonds to be placed in the treasury of the local transportation authority to be used for allowable transportation purposes.

Position

[AB 1982](#) (Bloom D) California Transportation Commission: membership.

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2016

Last Amend: 4/12/2016

Status: 4/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was A. TRANS. on 4/13/2016)

Location: 4/22/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would expand the membership of the California Transportation Commission to 15 members by providing for the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly to each appoint an additional member, who shall be a person who works directly with communities that are most significantly burdened by, and vulnerable to, high levels of pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with diverse racial and ethnic populations and communities with low-income populations.

Position

[AB 2170](#) (Frazier D) Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: federal funds.

Current Text: Amended: 3/15/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 3/15/2016

Status: 4/20/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require revenues apportioned to the state from the National Highway Freight Program established by the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act to be allocated for trade corridor improvement projects approved pursuant to specified provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

[AB 2181](#) (Brown D) Public contracts: contract specifications.

Current Text: Amended: 4/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 4/11/2016

Status: 4/13/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/13/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The California State University Contract Law governs contracting for building and improvement projects by the California State University and imposes specific competitive bidding requirements for the Trustees of the California State University, including the preparation of specifications for a project. This bill would require an awarding department, on or before January 1, 2018, to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report on the greenhouse gas emissions that are associated with emissions-intensive products, as defined, in projects within the jurisdiction of the department.

Position

AB 2222 (Holden D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit Pass Program.

IV C

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/18/2016**Last Amend:** 4/6/2016**Status:** 4/27/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.**Location:** 4/27/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would continuously appropriate \$50,000,000 annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Transit Pass Program, to be administered by the Department of Transportation. The bill would require that funding be allocated by the Controller, as specified, upon a determination by the Department of Transportation, that transit pass programs of public agencies to provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to public school students and community college, California State University, and University of California meet certain requirements.

Position**AB 2289 (Frazier D) Department of Transportation: capital improvement projects.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/18/2016**Status:** 4/28/2016-Action From CONSENT CALENDAR: Read third time.Passed Assembly to SENATE.**Location:** 4/28/2016-S. SENATE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Transportation to prepare a state highway operation and protection program for the expenditure of transportation funds for major capital improvements that are necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system and that include capital projects relative to maintenance, safety, and rehabilitation of state highways and bridges that do not add a new traffic lane to the system. This bill would add to the program capital projects relative to the operation of those state highways and bridges.

Position**AB 2332 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Transportation funding: complete streets.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/5/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/18/2016**Last Amend:** 4/5/2016**Status:** 4/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was A. TRANS. on 4/5/2016)**Location:** 4/22/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Department of Transportation to increase the annual number of complete street projects undertaken by the department by 20% over the 2016 baseline by the year 2020 and increase accessibility for low-income and disadvantaged communities by increasing multimodal transportation proximity to employment, jobs, housing, and recreation areas. The bill would establish department goals to reduce by 10% based on the 2016 baseline the number of transit, pedestrian, and bicyclist fatalities, and reduce by 15% statewide per capita the vehicle miles traveled by the year 2020, and to increase travel by nonautomobile modes of travel, as specified.

Position**AB 2374 (Chiu D) Construction Manager/General Contractor method: regional transportation agencies: ramps.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/18/2016**Status:** 4/11/2016-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.**Location:** 4/11/2016-S. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law authorizes regional transportation agencies to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method, as specified, to design and construct certain expressways that are not on the state highway system if: (1) the expressways are developed in

accordance with an expenditure plan approved by voters, (2) there is an evaluation of the traditional design-bid-build method of construction and of the Construction Manager/General Contractor method, and (3) the board of the regional transportation agency adopts the method in a public meeting. This bill would authorize regional transportation agencies also to use this authority on ramps that are not on the state highway system, as specified.

Position

AB 2411 (Frazier D) Transportation revenues.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 4/20/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/20/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires certain miscellaneous revenues deposited in the State Highway Account that are not restricted as to expenditure by Article XIX of the California Constitution to be transferred to the Transportation Debt Service Fund in the State Transportation Fund, as specified, and requires the Controller to transfer from the fund to the General Fund an amount of those revenues necessary to offset the current year debt service made from the General Fund on general obligation transportation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 116 of 1990. This bill would delete the transfer of these miscellaneous revenues to the Transportation Debt Service Fund, thereby eliminating the offsetting transfer to the General Fund for debt service on general obligation transportation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 116 of 1990.

Position

AB 2630 (Salas D) San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy and Jobs Act.

Current Text: Amended: 4/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 4/13/2016

Status: 4/19/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 18). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/19/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Public Utilities Commission and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to evaluate, while taking into consideration ratepayer costs and benefits, potential renewable energy projects in the San Joaquin Valley, as specified, and, on or before January 31, 2017, using that evaluation, to recommend to the Independent System Operator an amount of renewable energy production in the San Joaquin Valley that reasonably maximizes, consistent with the state's overall need for renewable energy, the amount of renewable energy produced in the San Joaquin Valley.

Position

AB 2796 (Bloom D) Active Transportation Program.

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 4/4/2016

Status: 4/27/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/27/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law creates the Active Transportation Program in the Department of Transportation for the purpose of encouraging increased use of active modes of transportation. Current law requires the California Transportation Commission to award 50% and 10% of available funds to projects statewide and to projects in small urban and rural regions, respectively, with the remaining 40% of available funds to be awarded to projects by metropolitan planning organizations, with the funds available for distribution by each metropolitan planning organization based on its relative population. This bill would require a minimum of 5% of available funds in each of the 3 distribution categories to be awarded for planning and community engagement for active transportation in disadvantaged communities and a minimum of 10% of all available Active Transportation Program funds to be programmed for noninfrastructure purposes, except as provided.

[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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

ABX1 16 (Patterson R) State highways: transfer to local agencies: pilot program.

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

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Department of Transportation to participate in a pilot program over a 5-year period under which 2 counties, one in northern California and one in southern California, are selected to operate, maintain, and make improvements to all state highways, including freeways, in the affected county. The bill would require the department, with respect to those counties, for the duration of the pilot program, to convey all of its authority and responsibility over state highways in the county to a county, or a regional transportation agency that has jurisdiction in the county.

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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 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

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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	2 year	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 1000****(Leyva D) Land use: general plans: environmental justice.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/10/2016**Last Amend:** 4/12/2016**Status:** 4/21/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.**Location:** 4/21/2016-S. APPR.

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Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and of any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning. This bill would add to the required elements of the general plan an environmental justice element that identifies disadvantaged communities, as defined, within the area covered by the general plan of the city, county, or city and county.

Position

SB 1066 (Beall D) Transportation funds: fund estimates.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2016

Status: 4/28/2016-Action From CONSENT CALENDAR: Read third time.Passed Senate to ASSEMBLY.

Location: 4/28/2016-A. ASSEMBLY

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Transportation to submit to the California Transportation Commission an estimate of state and federal funds reasonably expected to be available for future programming over the 5-year period in each state transportation improvement program, and requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt a fund estimate in that regard. This bill would require the fund estimates prepared by the department and the commission to identify and include federal funds derived from apportionments made to the state under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015.

Position

SB 1320 (Runner R) California Transportation Commission.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 4/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was S. T. & H. on 3/3/2016)

Location: 4/22/2016-S. DEAD

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Summary: Would exclude the California Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency, establish it as an entity in state government, and require it to act in an independent oversight role. The bill would also make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SBX1 1 (Beall D) Transportation funding: environmental mitigation: oversight.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 6/22/2015

Last Amend: 4/21/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
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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.)

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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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 11 (Berryhill R) Environmental quality: transportation infrastructure.****Current Text:** Amended: 9/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 9/4/2015

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Status: 9/4/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on T. & I.D.

Location: 9/4/2015-S. T. & I.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would exempt from these CEQA provisions a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of existing transportation infrastructure if certain conditions are met, and would require the person undertaking these projects to take certain actions

Position

SBX1 12 (Runner R) California Transportation Commission.

Current Text: Amended: 8/20/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 8/20/2015

Status: 8/20/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 8/20/2015-S. APPR.

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Summary: Would exclude the California Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency, establish it as an entity in state government, and require it to act in an independent oversight role. The bill would also make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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

SCA 7 (Huff R) Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures.

Current Text: Amended: 5/28/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 4/9/2015

Last Amend: 5/28/2015

Status: 1/12/2016-Set for hearing January 19 in E. & C.A. pending receipt.

Location: 5/28/2015-S. E. & C.A.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the state on vehicles or their use or operation, and from using those revenues other than as specifically permitted by Article XIX. The measure would also provide that none of those revenues may be pledged or used for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other indebtedness.

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The biggest movement of the year so far for appropriations bills highlights the week. Here's the wrap-up on that action and more for your review.

FY17 Senate Transportation-HUD Appropriations



On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved, by a vote of 30-0, its FY17 spending bill (S. 2844) on Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (THUD). The \$56.5 billion bill represents an overall decrease of \$827 million from FY16 levels.

The **Department of Transportation** would receive \$16.9 billion in FY17, which is a \$1.7 billion decrease from FY16. **TIGER Grants** would receive \$525 million in FY17, a \$25 million increase from FY16. The bill appropriates \$44 billion to be spent from the **Highway Trust Fund** on the Federal-aid Highways Program, consistent with the *FAST Act*. The **Federal Transit Administration** would receive \$12.3 billion in FY17, an increase of \$575 million from FY16. This includes \$9.3 billion for **Transit Formula Grants**, an increase of \$753 million from *MAP-21* levels. The **Capital Investment Grant Program**, which includes New Starts, would receive \$2.3 billion in FY17, a \$161 million increase from FY16. Within the Capital Investment Grant program, the bill allocates \$333 million for **Core Capacity Projects**, \$241 million for **Small Starts**, \$20 million for the **Expedited Delivery Pilot Program**, and \$23 million for oversight activities.

The **Federal Railroad Administration** would receive \$1.7 billion in FY17, an increase of \$76 million from FY16. Of this amount, **Amtrak** would receive \$1.42 billion in FY17, an increase of \$30 million from FY16, but about \$82 million less than the amount authorized by the *FAST Act*. The bill provides \$50 million for **rail safety activities**, \$20 million for the Federal-State Partnership for **State of Good Repair Grants**, and \$15 million for **Restoration and Enhancement Grants**.

The **Federal Aviation Administration** would receive \$16.4 billion in FY17, an increase of \$131.6 million from FY16. The bill also would provide \$1 billion for **NextGen** and fully funds the **Contract Towers Program**.

The **Department of Housing and Urban Development** would receive a total of \$39.2 billion in FY17, an increase of \$891 million from FY16. The Committee level-funds the **CDBG** program with \$3 billion for FY17. The **HOME Investment Partnerships** program would be level-funded with \$950 million for FY17. The **Homeless Assistance Grants** program would receive \$2.33 billion in FY17, an increase of \$80 million from FY16. **HUD-VASH** vouchers would receive \$50 million in FY17, a decrease of \$10 million from FY16.

The **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative** would receive \$80 million in FY16, a decrease of \$45 million from FY16. **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** would receive \$20.4 billion in FY17, an increase of \$803 million from FY16. **Project-Based Rental Assistance** would receive \$10.9 billion in FY17, an increase of \$281 million from FY16. The **Public Housing Capital Fund** would receive \$1.925 billion in FY17, an increase of \$25 million from FY16. The **Public Housing Operating Fund** would receive \$4.675 billion in FY17, an increase of \$175 million from FY16. The **Rental Assistance Demonstration** would receive a first-time appropriation of \$4 million in FY17, and the Committee recommends increasing the current unit cap on Public Housing Conversions to 250,000. For more, click on [FY17 Senate THUD Summary](#), [FY17 Senate THUD Full Committee Markup](#), or [FY17 Senate THUD Committee Report](#).

In related news, during his opening statement at the Full Committee markup, Senate Appropriations Chairman **Thad Cochran** said that Senators **Roy Blunt** and **Lindsey Graham** are working with Senators **Patty Murray** and **Patrick Leahy** to develop a bipartisan supplemental appropriations package to help combat the **Zika Virus**. The Chairman said, *"It is my expectation that this proposal will be offered to an appropriations measure on the Senate floor in the near future."* For more, click on [Senate Chairman Cochran's Thursday Statement](#) or [House Chairman Rogers' Wednesday Statement](#).

FY17 Senate Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations

On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved, by a vote of 30-0, its FY17 spending bill (S. 2837) on Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS). The \$56.3 billion bill represents an overall increase of \$563 million from FY16 levels. The bill would provide \$1.18 billion for **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**, a decrease of \$225 million from FY16. The **COPS Office** would receive a total appropriation of \$215 million in FY17, an increase of \$3 million from FY16. The **COPS Hiring Program** would receive level-funding in FY17 of \$187 million. Of the \$187 million, \$30 million would be set-aside as a transfer to the **Tribal Resources Grant Program**, \$10 million would be set-aside for **Community Policing Development/Training and Technical Assistance**, and \$10

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million would be set-aside for the **Collaborative Reform Model**.

The **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)** would receive \$100 million in FY17, a decrease of \$110 million from FY16. The **Community Trust Initiative** would receive \$70 million in FY17, which includes \$22.5 million for the **Body-Worn Camera Partnership Program** and \$17.5 million for the **Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program**. The **Byrne-JAG Program**, excluding set-asides, would receive \$348.1 million in FY17, an increase of \$1 million from FY16. The **Bulletproof Vests Partnership** program would receive level-funding of \$22.5 million in FY17, with \$1.5 million of that amount set-aside for the NIST Office of Law Enforcement Standards.

The **Economic Development Administration** would receive an overall FY17 appropriation of \$254 million, a decrease of \$7 million from FY16. This includes \$20 million in FY17 for the **Regional Innovation Program**. For more, click on [FY17 Senate CJS Summary](#), [FY17 Senate CJS Full Committee Markup](#), or [FY17 Senate CJS Committee Report](#).

FY17 Energy-Water Appropriations

On Tuesday, the full House Appropriations Committee approved, by voice vote, its FY17 Energy-Water spending bill. The House bill bans EPA from implementing its **Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)** rule. On Thursday, the Senate voted on several amendments to its FY17 Energy-Water bill (H.R. 2028). By a vote of 56-42, the Senate did not adopt an amendment that would ban EPA from implementing its WOTUS rule. Previously, the White House had issued a veto threat against the Senate's entire bill, largely due to this possible WOTUS rider. Senator **Lamar Alexander** said the bill could be passed by the Senate as early as Monday or Tuesday. For more, click on [FY17 House Energy-Water](#), [FY17 Senate Energy-Water](#), or [White House Veto Threat](#).

Secretary Jewell on Conservation

On Tuesday, in remarks at the National Geographic Society, Interior Secretary **Sally Jewell** laid out a vision for actions the nation can take to build upon America's rich conservation legacy and pass on healthy public lands and waters to the next generation. On Monday, the Secretary announced that nearly \$95 million will be distributed from the **Land and Water Conservation Fund** throughout the country. For more, click on [FY16 LWCF Announcement](#) or [Vision for Conservation](#).

Moving to Work Agreements

HUD announced that the existing agreements under its *Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration* program for 39 public housing authorities will now continue in effect until 2028. For more, including the list of participating agencies, click on [MTW to 2028](#).

Highway Performance Measures

On Monday, the Federal Highway Administration announced a proposed rulemaking outlining new performance measures to assess travel reliability, congestion, and emissions at a national level. The proposed regulation calls for an increased level of transparency and accountability in establishing and achieving

targets for performance impacting commuters and truck drivers. Webinars on the rule are currently planned for **April 25**, **April 26**, and **May 3**. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [National Performance Measures Rule Website](#).

Grants This Month



Since April 8, we sent many of you grant notices on [HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#), [DOL Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth Grants](#), the [ED Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program](#), [NEH Digital Projects for the Public Grant Program](#), [OJJDP FY16 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs](#), and the [HUD FY16 Jobs Plus Initiative](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

Regional Innovation Strategies

EDA plans to release details and begin accepting applications for the 2016 round of the *Regional Innovation Strategies Program* on Monday, **April 25**. For more, click on [EDA RIS](#).

Cable Box Competition

The White House is calling on the FCC to open up set-top cable boxes to competition. This will allow for companies to create new, innovative, higher-quality, lower-cost products. For more, click on [Spurring Competition for Set-Top Cable Boxes](#).

Reducing Test-Taking

The Department of Education released a series of case studies with examples of work states and districts are doing to ensure fewer, better, and fairer tests for students. The Department also outlined proposed priorities for applicants of the *Enhanced Assessment Grant* program. For more, click on [Test-Taking](#).

National Strategy on Child Exploitation

On Tuesday, Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** announced that the Department of Justice released the 2016 National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction. The strategy provides a comprehensive threat assessment of the nature and scope of the current dangers facing our nation's children. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [AG Lynch's Remarks](#).

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

EPA released its 21st annual Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, showing a nine percent drop in emissions since 2005. For more, click on [Greenhouse Gases](#).

Happy Passover



To our friends and colleagues celebrating Passover this week, we wish you a very Happy Passover 5776!

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

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A dynamic and early start to the appropriations process highlights the week, though the swift beginning does not come with any great confidence on what the conclusion will be. Lots more to talk about in the review below of a very busy week in Washington.

Appropriations Mark-ups Begin



The appropriations process for federal fiscal year 2017 (FY17) began in earnest this week with subcommittees of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees marking-up their respective spending bills to fund specific sections of the federal government. Even though neither chamber has adopted its own overall FY17 budget framework, the Committees are moving forward under the top-line discretionary spending caps set by the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015* (PL 114-74). The law allows for a total of \$551.068 billion to be spent on defense programs and a total of \$518.531 billion to be spent on domestic programs in FY17. For more, click on [Section-by-Section Summary of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015](#).

This week, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees considered their FY17 **Energy-Water** bills. The House bill would spend a total of \$37.4 billion, an increase of \$259 million from the FY16 level. **Renewable energy** programs would receive \$1.8 billion in FY17 in the House bill, a decrease of \$248 million from FY16 levels. The House bill funds the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** with \$6.1 billion, an increase of \$100 million from FY16 levels. It also includes legislative text from Rep. **David Valadao's** *Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015* (H.R. 2898), which seeks to provide relief for California communities that have suffered under more than five years of drought. The bill prohibits EPA from changing federal jurisdiction under the **Clean Water Act**, which would block the Administration's **Waters of the United States** rule. For more, click on [FY17 House Energy-Water](#).

The Senate's FY17 **Energy-Water** bill would spend a total of \$37.5 billion, an increase of \$261 million from the FY16 level. **Renewable energy** programs would be level-funded in the Senate bill at \$2.073 billion in FY17. The Senate bill funds the **U.S. Army**

Corps of Engineers with \$6 billion, an increase of \$11 million from FY16 levels. It prohibits any changes to the definition of "fill material" under the **Clean Water Act**. For more, click on [FY17 Senate Energy-Water](#).

The House FY17 **Agriculture** subcommittee bill would receive a total of \$21.3 billion in discretionary funding, a decrease of \$451 million from the FY16 level. The **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP) would receive \$79.7 billion in mandatory spending, a decrease of \$1.2 billion from FY16, which the Committee says is due to declining enrollment. The **Women, Infants, and Children** (WIC) Program would receive level discretionary funding of \$6.35 billion in FY17. For more, click on [FY17 House Agriculture](#).

Both the House and Senate have announced their FY17 **Military Construction-VA** bills. The House bill provides a total of \$81.6 billion for FY17, an increase of \$1.8 billion from FY16, while the Senate bill provides a total of \$83 billion for FY17, an increase of \$3.1 billion from FY16. For more, click on [FY17 House MilCon-VA](#) or [FY17 Senate MilCon-VA](#).

Combatting Religious Discrimination

From **April 12** through **May 6**, U.S. Attorneys throughout the country will join forces with local law enforcement and community leaders for a series of 14 events to address backlash against Muslim, Arab, Sikh, and South Asian Americans following the tragic terrorist attacks in Brussels, Paris, and San Bernardino, California. The aim is to reaffirm the Department of Justice's commitment to protecting civil rights and preventing and prosecuting hate crimes. For more, click on [Combatting Religious Discrimination](#).

2016 EDA National Conference



Fresno Mayor Ashley Swarengin and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan speak about economic and community development.

We were privileged to attend the 2016 National Conference of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), courtesy of Fresno Mayor **Ashley Swarengin**. The event focused on the future of economic development, including high-level conversations about how we can create the conditions for economic growth for decades to come. The Conference brought together hundreds of regional and local economic development professionals, non-profit and private partners, and federal, state, tribal, and local officials. For more, click on [EDA National Conference](#).

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Assessing FEMA's Performance and Preparedness

On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Oversight and Emergency Management held a hearing titled, "*FEMA: Assessing Progress, Performance, and Preparedness.*" The purpose of this hearing was to examine FEMA's overall efforts to assist states in preparing for terrorism and natural disasters, to evaluate its progress in improving the management and coordination of grants, training and exercises, and to better understand the metrics used by the agency to measure overall progress toward the National Preparedness Goal. For more, click on [Assessing FEMA's Performance and Preparedness](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [NEH Digital Projects for the Public Grant Program](#), [OJJDP FY16 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs](#), and the [HUD FY16 Jobs Plus Initiative](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies



On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing to examine the status of innovative technologies in advanced manufacturing. Committee Chairman **Lisa Murkowski** noted the importance of encouraging innovation and highlighted some of the work taking place at the Department of Energy, including research and development in critical minerals and additive manufacturing that has already advanced to the point where fully-functional Shelby Cobras can be created via a 3D printer. For more, click on [Advanced Manufacturing](#).

FAST Act Environmental Guidance

FHWA, FTA, and FRA have issued joint guidance on the applicability of certain *FAST Act* environmental provisions. The agencies are developing additional guidance that will be announced as it is developed. For more, click on [FAST Act Environmental Guidance](#).

Fair Chance Business Pledge

The White House hosted an event with Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** and Senior Advisor **Valerie Jarrett** along with representatives from 19 companies as founding pledge takers of the *Fair Chance Business Pledge*. The pledge represents a call-to-action for all members of the private sector to improve their communities by eliminating barriers for those with a criminal record and creating a pathway for a second chance. Around 70 million Americans have some sort of criminal record – almost one in three Americans of working age. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: White House Launches the Fair Chance Business Pledge](#) or [Fair Chance Business Pledge Website](#).

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

Lessons Learned from the Flint Water Crisis

On Wednesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing titled, "*Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned.*" Members discussed the various short- and long-term public health implications related to the ongoing drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan. They also examined what has been done to combat the effects of lead exposure, and what steps can be taken to further assist in more testing, treatment, outreach, and education on lead exposure. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [Hearing Website](#).

In related news, we learned this week that Senators **Debbie Stabenow** and **Gary Peters** have dropped their demand that the Senate's energy bill include an amendment to improve U.S. water infrastructure, with a portion of the funding going to fix water infrastructure in Flint, Michigan. Floor votes on the energy bill may come as soon as next week. For more, click on [Senator McConnell Statement](#).

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's Message to Mayors

Agriculture Secretary **Tom Vilsack**, former Mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, wrote a letter to Mayors highlighting National Nutrition Month and to share a two-part series on Growing a Healthier Future for our country. For more, click on [Agriculture Secretary's Message to Mayors](#).

Implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act

On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held its second of six planned oversight hearings on the *Every Student Succeeds Act*, featuring Education Secretary **John King** as the witness. For more, click on [Hearing Website with Video](#), [Secretary King's Statement](#), or [Chairman Alexander's Statement](#).

21st Century Task Force Implementation

Congratulations to the City of **Tacoma** for having its *Project PEACE* initiative featured on the COPS Office's map of communities across the country that are implementing the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The purpose of *Project PEACE* is to proactively address historical and present-day feelings in the community of distrust, anger, and grief to build trust and improve community and police relations. For more, click on [Task Force Recommendations Implementation Map](#) or [Project PEACE](#).

Ten Strategies to End Chronic Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness has compiled ten strategies that communities can use to drive progress toward ending chronic homelessness. These strategies can help guide your efforts to identify those experiencing chronic homelessness on the streets and in shelters, hospitals, jails, and other settings and connect them with the supporting housing, benefits, and health care they need to end their homelessness once and for all. For more, click on [Ten Strategies to End Chronic Homelessness](#).

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Action this week on so many fronts – climate, housing, transportation, broadband, education, municipal securities, and lots more. Here's the highlights for your review.

Taking Action on Climate Change



More than 50 city and county governments from 27 states have signed an amicus brief, which was filed with the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, explaining why the EPA's **Clean Power Plan** is critical to the safety and economic security of local communities across the United States. The local government signatories view the Clean Power Plan as a "legally necessary step toward addressing the extraordinary threat posed by climate change." In 2015, more than two dozen Mayors sent a letter to President Obama urging him to "provide a path forward to make meaningful reductions in carbon pollution while preparing for the impacts of climate change." More than 125 U.S. cities have already committed to the **Compact of Mayors**, a global coalition of more than 460 Mayors pledging to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, track their progress transparently, and enhance their resilience to climate change. Of the 52 local governments signed onto the brief, more than half are committed to the Compact. For more, click on [Cities and Counties Amicus Brief](#).

On Monday, the White House released a new final report titled *The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment*, which significantly advances what we know about the impacts of climate change on public health, and the confidence with which we know it. The report was developed over three years by approximately one hundred experts in climate-change science and public health. For more, click on [Climate Change and Human Health](#).

FCC Modernizes Lifeline Broadband Program

By a vote of 3-2, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved an order to modernize the Lifeline program, which helps low-income consumers afford broadband internet access. Historically, Lifeline supported broadband only if it was bundled

with a voice and data plan, but now consumers will have access to stand-alone broadband services. The rule sets a budget of \$2.25 billion, indexed to inflation, which will allow for increased participation generated by support for broadband service. A letter from local leaders to FCC Chairman **Tom Wheeler** thanking him for his leadership in modernizing the Lifeline program was sent earlier this week. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: FCC Lifeline Modernization](#) or [Local Leaders' Letter Thanking Chairman Wheeler](#).

Justice Department Equitable Sharing Program Resumes

The Justice Department announced that, effective immediately, the Department is resuming Equitable Sharing payments to State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. Through the Equitable Sharing Program, the Department distributes an equitable share of forfeited property and proceeds to participating state and local law enforcement agencies that directly participate in an investigation or prosecution that result in federal forfeiture. For more, click on [Equitable Sharing Program Website](#), [Letter from DOJ](#), or [Introduction for New Participants to the Program](#).

Municipal Securities Boosted by the Fed

The Federal Reserve Board finalized a rule, scheduled to take effect **July 1**, that allows some state and municipal securities (such as municipal bonds) to be counted as High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA), which large banking organizations must hold to meet their Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) requirements. Community banks are not subject to the LCR requirement. For more, click on [Municipal Securities Rule](#).

Improving Public Housing

On Monday, HUD announced that nearly \$174 million will soon be made available through first-ever allocations of the **National Housing Trust Fund**. HUD expects to make individual allocations to States later this spring and anticipated these funds can be drawn upon as early as this summer. This new affordable housing production program will help to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including families experiencing homelessness. For more, click on [Press Release and Video](#), [Factsheet](#), or the [Housing Trust Fund Website](#) with Published Program Rules.

Under the FY16 Omnibus Appropriations law, HUD is authorized to expand the **Moving to Work** demonstration by an additional 100 public housing authorities (PHAs) over seven years, an increase from the current number of 39 PHAs. HUD is soliciting recommendations for specific policy proposals and

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methods of research and evaluation to be implemented as part of the MTW expansion. Comments are due by **May 4**. For more, click on [MTW Expansion](#) or [HUD Request for Comments](#).

HUD announced that, three years after its launch, the **Rental Assistance Demonstration** has generated \$2 billion in private investment to make critically needed repairs and improvements to more than 30,000 units of former public housing. For more, click on [RAD Reaches \\$2 Billion Milestone](#).

Surface Transportation in the Spotlight



On Saturday, April 2, Senior Advisor **Carolyn Flowers** assumed leadership and all decision-making duties of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), succeeding former Acting FTA Administrator **Therese McMillan**. Before joining FTA, Ms. Flowers was Chief Executive Officer of the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS). For more, click on [Carolyn Flowers Bio](#) or [APTA Statement](#).

On Wednesday, FTA published proposed guidance on its implementation of the **Buy America FAST Act** amendments. The amendments to the Buy America waiver for rolling stock provide for a phased increase in the domestic content requirement for rolling stock from the current more-than-60-percent to more-than-70-percent in FY2020 and beyond. Comments are due to FTA by **April 13**. For more, click on [Buy America Proposed Guidance](#).

Also on Wednesday, the Senate Commerce Committee convened a hearing titled, "*Transportation Security: Protecting Passengers and Freight*." The oversight hearing was prompted by the ISIS attacks in Belgium on March 22, which targeted both an airport and a rapid transit system. For more, click on [Transportation Security](#).



A new report from DOT, *Bike-Share Stations in the U.S.*, shows that 46 bike-share systems in the U.S. offer a total of 2,655 bike-share stations in 65 U.S. cities, with most in close proximity to transit stops. These numbers are accurate as of February 2016. For more, click on [Bike-Share Stations in the U.S.](#)

Zika Action Plan Summit



On April 1, more than 300 local, state, and federal government officials, health experts, and non-government partners gathered at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) headquarters to prepare for the likelihood of mosquito-borne transmission of the Zika virus in some parts of the continental United States. Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa already are experiencing active Zika transmission. The ZAP Summit aimed to identify gaps in readiness and provide technical support to states in the development of Zika action plans that will allow their jurisdictions to effectively prepare for and respond to active Zika transmission they may experience. On Thursday, OMB Director **Shaun Donovan** announced that the Administration will quickly redirect \$589 million in existing federal funding to be spent on immediate, time-critical activities such as mosquito control, lab capacity, development of diagnostics and vaccines, and other

measures. The Administration continues to request that the House Appropriations Committee approve \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental FY16 funding to combat the spread of the Zika virus. For more, click on [ZAP Summit Website](#), [ZAP Summit Press Release](#), [OMB's February 9 Letter Requesting \\$1.9 Billion](#), [OMB's \\$589 Million Anti-Zika Announcement](#), or [House Appropriations Committee Statement on Zika Funding](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#), [DOL Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth Grants](#), and the [ED Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

With the Speaker's Staff

Courtesy of the National Association of Counties, we had the opportunity to meet on Wednesday with the staff of the Speaker of the House **Paul Ryan**. They discussed how under the Speaker's leadership, the House committees would take the lead on policy issues, part of his commitment to restoring "regular order" to the House. Currently, the Speaker has a number of policy task forces made up of committee leaders and members, working on cross-cutting issues. Those task forces will report in May and cumulatively their work will represent the House leadership agenda going forward. *We'll keep you updated as news and initiatives from the Speaker Ryan era emerge.*

Focusing on Education

The Education Department sent proposals to the committee working on proposed regulations for the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. The proposals focus on the issues being negotiated by the committee: (1) Title I, Part A assessments; and (2) the requirement that federal Title I-A funds supplement, not supplant, state and local resources. For more, click on [Ed Department's ESSA Regulation Proposals](#).

The White House launched the **Student Debt Challenge**, a call to action for businesses, non-profits, colleges, universities, state and local governments, and other employers to help more borrowers better understand their loan repayment options, and take action to enroll in income-based repayment plans to help them manageably repay their debt and avoid delinquency and default. Submissions for the first round of challenge takers are due by **April 18**. For more, click on [Student Debt Challenge](#).

White House on Life After Clemency

The White House hosted an historic convening of formerly incarcerated citizens, academics, private sector and foundations leaders, and Administration officials to discuss the challenges people face building a life after receiving clemency. For more, click on [White House Convening on Life After Clemency with Video](#), [President Obama Has Commuted the Sentences of 248 Individuals](#), or [President Obama's Remarks on Commutations](#).

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A historic address by Secretary Foxx, putting the past in context while articulating principles for future, and a welcomed bipartisan push to meet the opioid crisis top the list an action-packed week – here's the highlights for your review.

U.S. DOT on Connecting People to Opportunity



This week, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** put forth a vision to address the divide between low-income, minority neighborhoods and wealthier, whiter neighborhoods, that was caused, in part, by misguided infrastructure planning decisions made decades ago. He said, “*What previous decision-makers thought of poor and minority communities was reflected in where and how they built our transportation infrastructure – certain values of that time are still embedded in that infrastructure today.*” The Secretary introduced his vision to the Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina on Tuesday, where he previously served as Mayor, followed by a presentation at the Center for American Progress on Wednesday.

The Secretary called on transportation planners at the federal, state, and local levels to embrace three Fundamental Principles for Connecting People to Opportunity: (1) Transportation connects people to opportunity and can invigorate opportunity within communities. To the greatest extent possible, we should support transportation projects that do both; (2) While we cannot change the past, we can ensure that current and future transportation projects connect and strengthen communities, including areas that have, in the past, been on the wrong side of transportation decisions; and (3) Transportation facilities should be built by, for, and with the communities impacted by them. Development of transportation facilities should meaningfully reflect and incorporate the input of all the people and communities they touch. A bi-partisan group of Governors and Mayors have already signaled their support for these principles. For more, click on [Three Fundamental Principles](#), [Secretary Foxx Blog Post](#), [FTA Blog Post](#), [Washington Post Article](#), [Charlotte Observer Article](#), [Secretary Foxx Speaks at the Center for American Progress \(video\)](#), or [USCM Statement](#).

National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit



On Tuesday, we participated in a White House teleconference with ONDCP Director **Michael Botticelli** and HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Dr. **Richard Frank** to learn more about additional steps the Administration is taking to address the prescription opioid abuse and heroin epidemic. Later that day, **President Obama** spoke at the *National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit* in Atlanta, which was organized by House Appropriations Chairman **Hal Rogers**. Chairman Rogers said, “*I’m grateful that despite the many challenges confronting our nation at home and abroad, that the President has made this issue a priority and is here to talk with us today about the problem.*” The President announced that HHS is issuing a proposed rule to increase the current patient limit for qualified physicians who prescribe buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorders from 100 to 200 patients with the goal of expanding access to this evidence-based treatment while preventing diversion. Additionally, CMS is finalizing a mental health and substance use disorder parity rule for Medicaid and CHIP. For more, click on [White House Fact Sheet](#), [National Rx Summit Overview and Video](#), [President’s Remarks](#), [Chairman Rogers Statement](#), [HHS Statement on Buprenorphine](#), or [CMS Parity Rule](#).

GSA: A Local Economic Catalyst



Thanks to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, we had the opportunity to meet on Wednesday with the head of the General Services Administration, **Denise Turner Roth**, the former City Manager of Greensboro, NC. Administrator Roth is applying her experience and sensitivity as a local government leader to GSA, and working to ensure that GSA actions and initiatives, as the landlord of the federal government, work towards supporting local government efforts. She encourages us to bring issues regarding federal facilities to her and her staff. [Click on GSA Presentation](#) for the power point presentation she provided to us on GSA as an economic catalyst.

Repurposing Old Transportation Earmarks



The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released guidance giving state DOTs the option of repurposing certain earmarked federal funds if the original earmark was over 10 years old and if one of the following conditions apply:

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(1) less than 10 percent of project funds have been obligated, or (2) more than 10 percent of project funds have been obligated and the project is closed.

Through September 30, 2016, state DOTs have the option of re-designating these dollars to other projects within 50 miles of the originally intended use. A state opting to do so must work with their FHWA Division office to ensure that US DOT is notified of the repurposing by August 29th or earlier in the case of some projects. Obligations for requests received in FY16 must be obligated by September 30, 2019.

For more, click on [FHWA Earmark Repurposing Guidance Memorandum](#), [Excel Spreadsheet with FHWA's Unobligated Earmarks as of 12/18/15](#), [FHWA Earmark Repurposing Website](#) (which has a very informative [FAQ section](#)), or [OMB Earmarks Database](#). We encourage you to contact your state DOT soon if you have questions about earmarks for projects that are located within a 50-mile radius of your community. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

The Affordable Care Act Turns Six

President Obama signed the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (PL 111-148) into law on March 23, 2010, and the White House used the law's sixth anniversary to highlight some of its accomplishments. Under the ACA, an estimated 20 million people have gained health insurance coverage, and the White House says that more than 90% of Americans are covered. The law prohibits coverage denials and reduced benefits for as many as 129 million Americans who have some type of pre-existing health condition. Community Health Center grantees have received \$11 billion since the law was enacted, and served 23 million patients in 2014. For more, click on [President's Statement](#) or [Fact Sheet: Health Care Accomplishments](#).

Transportation P3 Successes

DOT's Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC) released a new report, *Successful Practices for P3s*, that highlights real-world examples to describe how public sponsors have successfully addressed critical P3 issues of legislation, policy, project identification, public outreach, procurement, and oversight. BATIC developed this report to describe how government agencies can best work with the private sector to deliver transportation facilities that protect the public interest. For more, click on [BATIC Report on Successful P3 Practices](#).

White House Water Summit

As part of World Water Day, the White House hosted a Water Summit to highlight the importance of cross-cutting, creative solutions to solving today's water infrastructure challenges. The President signed a memorandum to build national capabilities for long-term drought resilience in the U.S., including by: setting drought resilience policy goals, directing specific drought resilience activities to be completed by the end of the year, and permanently establishing the National Drought Resilience Partnership as an interagency task force responsible for coordinating drought-resilience, response, and recovery efforts. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Sustainable Water Future](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [HHS Community Economic Development Projects and Healthy Food Financing Initiative Projects](#), [FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program and Low-No Program](#), [DOT FHWA Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program](#), [EPA FY16 Region 05 Wetland Program Development Grants](#), [FTA Rides to Wellness Demonstration Grants](#), [DOJ BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#), and [COPS Community Policing Development Grants](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions.

USDA Toolkit on the Economic Impact of Local Foods

USDA, in partnership with Colorado State University, released a new toolkit that will help communities and businesses evaluate the economic benefits of investing in local food systems. Titled "*The Economics of Local Food Systems: A Toolkit to Guide Community Discussions, Assessments and Choices*," the document is meant to help communities reliably evaluate the economic impact of investing in local and regional food systems. For more, click on [USDA Toolkit on Local Foods](#).

Education Department on Increasing College Access



Newly-confirmed Secretary of Education **John B. King, Jr.** spoke with student reporters from colleges across the country to explain the ways that the Administration supports college students on their path to graduation with various loan repayment options. Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans, such as Pay As You Earn (PAYE), are some of the most popular and convenient plans, with most borrowers being eligible to cap their monthly loan payments at 10 percent of their income. The Department of Education released a report highlighting the efforts of colleges and universities to promote access, opportunity, and success among low-income students, and identifying areas where improvement is needed. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Making Loans Easier to Pay](#) and [Increasing Access and Strong Outcomes for Low-Income Students](#).

Diesel Emissions Reduction

A new EPA report shows that since its start in 2008, the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) program has significantly improved air quality throughout the U.S. EPA estimates that clean diesel funding generates up to \$13 of public health benefit for every \$1 spent on diesel projects. For more, click on [Benefits of the DERA Program](#).

♪♪ Music of the Month ♪♪

Our telephone's hold music for the month of April is **Oklahoma!**, which is widely considered the first modern American musical. *Call us and enjoy!*

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It was a week that gives you pause to think about the pace of activity in our world and its inevitable clash – a celebration of new possibilities in Cuba, terrorism in Brussels, continued focus on Flint amid worries it could happen elsewhere, and lots of other activity as we detail below. Congress has left for a two week Easter recess, but it's a safe bet that it will not be a quiet time in Washington during that time. Here's the highlights of a week to remember.

Speaker Ryan on the State of American Politics



On Wednesday, House Speaker **Paul Ryan** delivered an address on the troubled state of American politics to a group of House interns from both sides of the aisle. He argued for improvement, noting that politics must be about uniting people around principles and specific ideas – not impugning motives and playing to anxieties and fear. *“Politics can be a battle of ideas, not insults. It can be about solutions. It can be about making a difference. It can be about always striving to do better,”* he said. The speech was given in the context of Speaker Ryan’s *Confident America* initiative, an attempt to create a unifying policy agenda for House Republicans. For more, click on [The State of American Politics](#) or [Confident America](#).

EPA Administrator on Drinking Water



On Monday, EPA Administrator **Gina McCarthy** delivered the keynote address at the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies’ 2016 Water Policy Conference. She discussed international climate change initiatives as well as the need for better water infrastructure nationally. She said that the White House is spearheading a national effort *“that is looking at issues of infrastructure.”* On the EPA’s responsibility in the lead-up to the water crisis in Flint, she said that, *“I think it’s safe to say that nobody at EPA ever imagined that a city would decide to trade*

treated water for untreated source water, and then fail to treat it... [Our] relationship [with our state partners] failed in this instance and we cannot be too trusting of the system.” She told the audience that she was committed to not let a tragedy like the Flint crisis happen again on her watch, and argued that water systems need to rely on more than just the money in SRF to solve the bigger infrastructure issues. For more, click on [Administrator McCarthy’s Remarks](#) or [Mayors’ Letter on Flint](#).

Tragedy in Brussels



We were horrified to learn of the ISIS terrorist attacks in Brussels, Belgium on Tuesday. For more on how leaders responded, click on [President Obama’s Remarks](#) or [U.S. Conference of Mayors Statement](#).

FY17 Appropriations Process Begins

On Wednesday, the House Military Construction-VA Subcommittee approved its FY17 spending bill by voice vote, the first FY17 appropriations measure to be approved this year. Congressional appropriators are beginning their FY17 work at the subcommittee level without a budget resolution being passed by either chamber. House Appropriations Chairman **Hal Rogers** may ultimately give his subcommittees a total national discretionary spending limit of \$1.07 trillion, which complies with the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015*. The House plans to continue consideration of its budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 125) after its members return on April 12.

While the House Budget Committee’s resolution adheres to the \$1.07 trillion level, House conservatives are demanding that it includes an amendment that would cut mandatory spending levels by \$30 billion in FY17, which would be in line with spending levels under the *Budget Control Act of 2011* (PL 112-25). Under the *Budget Act of 1974*, without a budget resolution in place to establish enforceable spending limits, the House must typically wait until after May 15 to bring spending bills to the floor, unless that rule gets waived. Waiting that long could derail the “regular” annual appropriations process in this Presidential election year. For more, click on [House FY17 MilCon-VA Summary](#) or [House FY17 MilCon-VA Markup](#).

President Obama’s Historic Trip to Cuba

Earlier this week, **President Obama** and the First Family traveled to Cuba, the first visit to the country by an American President since President **Calvin Coolidge** traveled to Cuba on a U.S. battleship in 1928. The visit marked an historic milestone since President Obama and Cuban President **Raul Castro**

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announced that the two countries would begin to normalize relations 15 months ago. The Commerce Department released a Fact Sheet showing how federal agencies have changed regulations to allow increased economic development in Cuba since then. Cuba is close, so there could be an impact in your city as engagement continues and grows. For more, click on [White House: U.S.-Cuba Relationship, Photos and Video from the Trip](#), or [Fact Sheet: Economic Development in Cuba](#).

Fighting Heroin and Opioid Abuse

On Tuesday, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a hearing titled “*America’s Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic*,” featuring witness testimony from ONDCP Director **Michael Botticelli**, among others. The purpose of the hearing was to examine the strategies of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to address opioid abuse. For more click on [House Hearing on Heroin and Opioid Abuse](#).

The President will travel to Atlanta on Tuesday, where he will speak at the *National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit*, an annual summit that is the largest national collaboration of professionals and advocates impacted by prescription drug abuse and heroin use. The President’s FY17 budget proposal includes \$1.1 billion in new funding – most of which would go directly to states – to increase the availability of treatment options for those who seek it. For more, click on [National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit](#).

The Diaper Divide

Earlier this week, we discussed the Administration’s new initiative to close the “Diaper Divide” with **Josh Miller** of the White House Office of Digital Strategy and **Luke Tate** of the Domestic Policy Council. The White House estimates that low-income families spend as much as 14 percent of their annual income, or approximately \$936 per year per child, on diapers. Nearly 1 in 3 American families struggle with this expense, which is causing serious public health concerns for both the children and their parents. Unfortunately, there is no federal assistance available for this cause, so the Administration has partnered with online merchant Jet and the National Diaper Bank Network, a nonprofit organization, to address the disparity. Jet will provide diapers to local nonprofit organizations and diaper banks at a price of 13 cents a unit, which is much lower than the retail average of 33 cents. **President Obama** announced the public-private partnership during his remarks at the South by Southwest festival last Friday. For more information, see the [White House Diaper Divide website](#) or [Medium Post](#), or visit the [National Diaper Bank Network](#) for a list of diaper banks in your community.

Transit Security



On Wednesday, Congressman **Eric Swalwell**, a former member of the House Homeland Security Committee’s Subcommittee on Transportation Security, was joined by 66 of his House colleagues in sending a letter in support of increasing FY17 funding to the Transit Security Grant Program to \$105 million. The program lets

eligible public transit agencies obtain funds to help them secure their operations in a variety of ways, from operational activities like surveillance to asset protection like tunnel hardening. For more, click on [Transit Security Grant Funding](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [EPA Region 4 FY16 Wetland Program Development Grants](#), [EPA Region 8 FY16-17 Wetland Program Development Grants](#), the [ED FY16 Carol M White Physical Education Program](#), [DOJ FY16 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#), and [CNCs FY16 Social Innovation Fund Classic Cooperative Agreements](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Transit Safety

On Tuesday, **April 12**, FTA will host a webinar from 2-3:30 p.m. EDT to discuss the *State Safety Oversight* (SSO) final rule. For more, click on [FTA Webinar: SSO Final Rule](#).

Gas Pipeline Safety

PHMSA, DOT’s pipeline safety agency, has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update critical safety requirements for natural gas pipelines. For more, click on [Gas Pipeline Regs.](#)

Zika Update

On Tuesday, we received an update from the Department of Health and Human Services with helpful resources regarding the Zika virus. For more, click on [Zika Virus Resources](#).

Honoring Community Policing

The nomination process has opened for the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing. The award recognizes individual state or local sworn police officers and deputies for exceptional efforts in innovative community policing strategies, criminal investigations, and field operations. The deadline for nominations is **April 29**. For more, click on [Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing](#).

Play Everywhere Challenge

The *Play Everywhere Challenge* is a national competition that will award \$1 million in prizes for the best replicable, scalable innovations in city redevelopment and design that help make play easy, available, and fun for kids and families. For more, and to sign up for email notifications when the Challenge opens, click on [Play Everywhere Challenge](#).

Happy Easter!



We wish you and your loved ones a warm and Happy Easter weekend!

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