

Fresno Council of Governments Monthly State Legislative Report 5/18/2016

[AB 156](#) (McCarty D) Ammunition.

Current Text: Amended: 5/17/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Last Amend: 5/17/2016

Status: 5/17/2016-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/17/2016-S. THIRD READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
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Summary: Current law requires the Attorney General to maintain records, including fingerprints, licenses to carry concealed firearms, and information from firearms dealers pertaining to firearms, for purposes of assisting in the investigation of crimes and specified civil actions. In regard to certain of those records, current law authorizes specified peace officers to disseminate the name of the subject of the record, the number of firearms listed in the record, the description of any firearm, and other information reported to the Department of Justice, as specified, if the subject of the record has been arraigned, is being prosecuted, or is serving a sentence for domestic violence or is the subject of specified protective orders. This bill would require the Attorney General to also maintain information about ammunition transactions and ammunition vendor licenses for those purposes.

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. Conc.	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. Conc.	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](#) (Cooper D) Firearms: identifying information.

Current Text: Amended: 5/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 5/11/2016

Status: 5/17/2016-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/17/2016-S. THIRD READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2018, and subject to exceptions, require a person who manufactures or assembles a firearm to first apply to the Department of Justice for a unique serial number or other identifying mark, as provided. The bill would, by January 1, 2019, and subject to exceptions, require any person who, as of July 1, 2018, owns a firearm that does not bear a serial number to likewise apply to the department for a unique serial number or other mark of identification.

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	Fiscal	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.

Position

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

Dead	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 (Cooper D) Theft: firearms.

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

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 5/4/2016

Status: 5/17/2016-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/17/2016-S. THIRD READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The current Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of property that does not exceed \$950 in value petty theft, and makes that crime punishable as a misdemeanor, with certain exceptions. This bill would amend that initiative statute by making the theft of a firearm grand theft in all cases and punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

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: 5/4/2016- Re-referred to Com. on BUDGET. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96. (Set for hearing on 5/11/2016)

Location: 5/4/2016-A. BUDGET

Desk	Policy	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: 5/6/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/5/2016)

Location: 5/6/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	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: 5/2/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Last Amend: 5/2/2016

Status: 5/11/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/11/2016-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 the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the state 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: 5/11/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/11/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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: Amended: 5/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Last Amend: 5/11/2016

Status: 5/12/2016-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/12/2016-A. THIRD READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: CEQA provides for limited CEQA review or 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, for a transit priority project to meet the requirements for limited CEQA review, 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: 5/12/2016-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/12/2016-S. RLS.

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.

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: 5/5/2016-Referred to Com. on T. & H.

Location: 5/5/2016-S. T. & H.

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: 4/28/2016-Referred to Com. on T. & H.

Location: 4/28/2016-S. T. & H.

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.

Position

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

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

Introduced: 6/23/2015

Status: 6/24/2015-From printer.

Location: 6/23/2015-A. PRINT

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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

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

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

bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 39

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

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

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 4/8/2015

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

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

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

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.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

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.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

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: 5/9/2016-May 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/9/2016-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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

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: 5/9/2016-Referred to Com. on TRANS.

Location: 5/9/2016-A. TRANS.

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 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

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

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	
1st House				2nd House								

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

Position

SBX1 2 (Huff R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

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

Introduced: 6/30/2015

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

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

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

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
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 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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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

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
1st House				2nd House							

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.

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

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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.

Position

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It's good to see the House and Senate working together in a bit more bipartisan manner, especially in the face of a real crisis like opioids or a potential one like Zika. Those two developments, along with a sit-down with one of the great United States Senators, were the best parts of a very interesting week, with all its highlights for your review below.

House Passes Opioid Legislation

This week, the House passed 17 bills to combat the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic as a companion package to the Senate's *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act* (S. 524). Among the bills passed by the House was the *Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act* (H.R. 5046), a bipartisan bill that combats the opioid epidemic by establishing a streamlined, comprehensive **opioid abuse grant program** that would be administered by DOJ and HHS, funded at \$103 million annually for five years. The Senate's bill would authorize about \$83 million annually for the program. The grant program would encompass a variety of new and existing purposes, such as: vital training and resources for first responders and law enforcement, criminal investigations for the unlawful distribution of opioids, drug courts, and residential substance abuse treatment. Today, the House is expected to vote to begin Conference Committee negotiations with the Senate to resolve the differences between their opioid legislative packages. On Thursday, we participated in a White House teleconference with Office of National Drug Control Policy Director **Michael Botticelli**, who updated us on the legislative action in Congress and the work of the President's Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force. For more, click on [Summary of House Bill](#), [Summary of Senate Bill](#), or [Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force](#).

Bipartisan \$1.1 Billion Proposal to Combat Zika

On Tuesday, May 17, the Senate is expected to vote on three competing measures to prepare for and respond to the Zika virus, the most promising of which is a bipartisan proposal from Senators **Roy Blunt** and **Patty Murray** to provide \$1.1 billion in emergency funding to combat Zika. Though the White House has requested \$1.9 billion to respond to the virus, Press Secretary **Josh Earnest** said the White House will "take a close look" at the Blunt-Murray

bill. The text of the Blunt-Murray proposal has not yet been made public. For more, click on [\\$1.1 Billion Zika Bill](#).

While Congress continues to debate the appropriate funding level to respond to Zika, CDC reports that there are now more than 1,200 cases of the Zika virus in the U.S., including its territories. On Thursday, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. **Vivek Murthy** released a video with three things you can do to protect yourself from the virus: (1) If you travel to an area with Zika, take steps to prevent mosquito bites, (2) If you are pregnant, you should avoid traveling to areas with Zika, and (3) If you are pregnant, and your partner has traveled to an area with Zika, certain precautions should be taken for the remainder of the pregnancy. For more, click on [Surgeon General's Message](#), [White House Zika Website](#), or [CDC Zika Website](#).

Transgender Student Access to School Facilities

Today, the Justice and Education Departments, acting under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, released guidance requiring public schools to allow transgender students to access facilities and programs consistent with their gender identity, including restrooms, participation in athletics, single-sex classes, and housing and overnight accommodations. They also released best practices to assist localities in this regard. For more, click on [Federal Agencies on Transgender Students' Civil Rights](#).

A Great Mayor in the U.S. Senate



It is always a privilege to sit down with the great Senator **Dianne Feinstein** of California, who we have known since her days as Mayor of San Francisco. With her position as a senior appropriator and her vice chairmanship of the Intelligence Committee, she is one of the most effective and influential members of the Senate. But after 24 years in that body, her experiences as Mayor are still very much the prism through which she analyzes issues and makes critical judgements. *It was good to talk with her about the state of our national and world affairs, water legislation, the appropriations process, and the likely outlook for the rest of the legislative year.*

Social Impact Partnerships and TANF Reform

On Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee approved several bills aimed at improving the Temporary assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and reducing

poverty in the U.S. Among the bills approved was the *Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act* (SIPA, H.R. 5170), an effort by Congressmen **Todd Young** and **John Delaney** to empower states, local governments, nonprofits, and the private sector to scale up evidence-based interventions that address the nation's most pressing challenges. It fosters the creation of public-private partnerships that harness philanthropic and other private-sector investments to expand and replicate scientifically-proven social and public health programs. For more, click on [Rep. Todd Young Press Release](#) or [Committee Markup Summary](#).

Madison's Lead Pipe Solution



The front page of the *Washington Post* on Wednesday recognized the foresight and efforts of Madison, Wisconsin with a headline noting that "In Madison, 'Safe Level of Lead is Zero.'" From 2001 to 2011, the Madison Water Utility removed every lead pipe it owned and required some 5,500 of its customers to do the same. For more, click on [Madison's Water Infrastructure](#).

Examining Social Welfare Programs

On Tuesday, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing titled, "Can Evidence Based Practices Improve Outcomes for Vulnerable Individuals and Families?" The purpose of the hearing was to examine the role of outcomes and evidence standards in shaping social policies and how they can be best applied to program delivery financing models. For more, click on [Examining Social Welfare Programs](#).

Leveraging Science and Technology Enterprise

On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held a hearing titled, "Leveraging the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise." Witnesses were asked to testify about ways to improve the roles of the federal government, private sector, and academia in science and technology research and development, STEM education and workforce opportunities, and the application of research and development to commercial uses.

Committee Chairman **John Thune** said, "Tough budget realities underscore the importance of developing policy solutions that maximize our federal investments so we can stay competitive, get the biggest bang for our buck, and leverage even more private sector resources to expand the reach of our R&D." For more, click on [Leveraging Science and Technology Enterprise](#).

Trade Facilitation and Enforcement

On Wednesday, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing titled, "Oversight of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency." The purpose of the hearing was to examine CBP's efforts to enhance trade facilitation and enforce U.S. trade laws, including the implementation of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015*. For more, click on [Trade Facilitation and Enforcement](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [NEA FY17 Our Town Grant Program](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

Postal Service Reform

The U.S. Postal Service's financial condition continues to deteriorate as a result of trends including: (1) Declining mail volume and (2) Growing expenses. A stark GAO report says bluntly, "The status quo is not sustainable," and shows that Congress faces difficult choices and tradeoffs in addressing USPS's financial challenges, including the possibility of needing to close low-volume Post Offices. For more, click on [Postal Service Reform](#).

Secretary Foxx on "Every Place Counts"

On Wednesday, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** hosted a Town Hall about the *Every Place Counts Design Challenge* and presented it in the context of his *Principles for Connecting People to Opportunity*. On **May 18**, DOT will host an informational webinar on *Every Place Counts*. For more, click on [Opportunities Town Hall](#), [Every Place Counts](#), or [Principles for Connecting People to Opportunity](#).

Transit Update

We participated in a meeting hosted by the **American Public Transportation Association** to speak with transportation staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee who discussed provisions of their FY17 spending bill, and FTA implementation of the FAST Act transit provisions. As we've noted previously, while the FY17 appropriations process has *started* earlier than ever before, with subcommittee, full committee, and floor action on several bills ongoing at a rapid pace, it is not yet clear how it will *end* this year.

Appropriations staff acknowledged that "odds are" we will see at least another short-term Continuing Resolution to keep the federal government functioning after September 30 during this election year. *The Senate Transportation-HUD bill is slated for floor action next week. No word yet on when the House might take comparable action.*

Metro Year of 'SafeTrack'

For those of you planning to travel to Washington, DC in the coming months, the Washington region's Metrorail system has announced a draft 'SafeTrack' plan to condense three years' worth of track maintenance into one year, which will cause significant disruptions and delays throughout the system until at least March 2017. On Wednesday, FTA directed the agency to accelerate its efforts by focusing on three segments of the rail system, before implementing SafeTrack. For more, click on [SafeTrack Plan](#) or [FTA Order to Rearrange Maintenance](#).

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

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The long-awaited Housing Trust Fund finally released and lots of action from the White House and key departments – all this and more in a busy week, including the sad passing of a fine U.S. Senator – for your review below.

HUD Disburses \$174 Million from Housing Trust Fund

On Wednesday, for the first time ever, HUD allocated nearly \$174 million through the **Housing Trust Fund**, a new affordable housing program to complement existing efforts 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. The HTF is funded by a portion of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac profits, and was championed by Rep. **Barney Frank** when he was House Financial Services Chairman in 2007. It took getting through the recession for Fannie and Freddie to generate profits to fund the HTF. By law, each state is allocated a minimum of \$3 million. State affordable housing planners will use these funds for the following eligible activities: (1) Real property acquisition, (2) Site improvements and development hard costs, (3) Related soft costs, (4) Demolition, (5) Financing costs, (6) Relocation assistance, (7) Operating cost assistance for rental housing (up to 30% of each grant), and (8) Reasonable administrative and planning costs. For more, including a table showing the state-by-state allocations, click on [Housing Trust Fund Press Release](#) or [Housing Trust Fund Website](#).

The President in Flint



because that's part of the basic responsibilities of a government in

On Wednesday, President Obama traveled to Flint, Michigan in a show of support for the residents who continue to cope with a contaminated municipal water system. The President told the residents of Flint, *"I'm going to make sure that the leaders, at every level of government, don't rest until every drop of water that flows into your homes is safe to drink and safe to cook with, and safe to bathe in –*

the United States of America." The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been designated as the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating Federal support for response and recovery efforts in Flint. FEMA has distributed over 9.3 million liters of water and 50,000 filters so far. EPA continues to conduct lead sampling upon request to monitor restoration of the city's water system and results show the system is recovering. The White House emphasized that the federal government will continue to offer expertise and technical assistance to state and local agencies for as long as needed to support in the community's recovery and resilience. For more, click on [Federal Support Fact Sheet](#) or [President Obama in Flint](#).

On a related note, GAO released a report titled, *"Municipal freshwater scarcity: Using technology to improve distribution system efficiency and tap nontraditional water sources."* It examines technologies that could reduce demand on freshwater supplies by improving distribution system efficiency and technologies that could increase water supplies by using nontraditional water sources. For more, click on [Technologies to Improve Municipal Water Systems](#).

Reducing Gun Violence

The White House announced progress in implementing President Obama's Executive Actions to reduce gun violence in January. This month, the White House will host a 50-State Gun Violence Prevention Convening. The agenda will focus on state and local efforts to prevent gun violence through legislative and executive actions, including those focused on reducing gun violence in domestic abuse incidents and furthering research and development of smart gun technologies. Federal agencies also released a report on to expediting deployment of smart gun technology. For more, click on [Reducing Gun Violence](#).

Update on Zika Virus

On Thursday, we participated in a White House teleconference to learn more about federal efforts to combat the evolving threat of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. The Administration continues to request that Congress fully-fund an emergency supplemental appropriation of \$1.9 billion to help the United States prepare and respond to Zika. In early April, the Administration redirected \$589 million to be spent on time-critical activities such as mosquito control, lab capacity, and the development of diagnostics and vaccines, and other uses. The Centers for Disease Control continues to be the lead federal agency responding to the threat, and the most up-to-date information on the virus can be found at the website www.cdc.gov/zika. For more, click on [CDC Zika Website](#) or [Administration Redirects \\$589 Million Against Zika](#).

National Reentry Week

As part of National Reentry week, April 24-30, the Administration took a series of steps to reform the federal approach to the reentry of formerly-incarcerated individuals into society by addressing barriers to reentry, supporting state and local efforts to do the same, and engaging the private sector to provide individuals who have earned a second chance the opportunity to participate in the American economy. In addition, Senators **Chuck Grassley** and **Dick Durbin**, the authors of the *Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act* (S. 2123), announced revisions to the legislation that broaden bipartisan support for criminal justice reform. For more, click on [National Reentry Week Fact Sheet](#) or [Senate Sentencing Reform Bill](#).

Every Place Counts Design Challenge

On Wednesday, DOT launched the *Every Place Counts* Design Challenge, which aims to raise awareness about existing transportation infrastructure barriers and identify innovative solutions to reconnect communities to jobs, healthcare, education, and other essential services. Applicants will compete for a two-day “community vision” design session in their city to support Mayors and their local colleagues in identifying these solutions. DOT will select four communities to receive on-site technical assistance from DOT and other experts in July 2016. Applicants must register their interest in participating by **May 20**. Final Applications are due by **June 3**, at 5:00pm Eastern Time. Secretary **Anthony Foxx** will host a national virtual town hall on May 11 to discuss the integral role that transportation plays in connecting people to opportunity. For more, click on [Every Place Counts](#).

FTA Mobility on Demand Sandbox Program

The Federal Transit Administration released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the *Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox Demonstration Program*. The purpose is to support research on new service options and available technologies that allow for greater individual mobility in order to improve transportation efficiency, to increase effectiveness, and to enhance the customer experience. FTA will award up to \$8 million in total funding for this demonstration, with a nonfederal cost share requirement of at least 20 percent. Applicants must identify at least one strategic project partner who will have substantial interest and involvement throughout the process. The application deadline is **July 5, 2016**. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or our [Grant Memo](#).

FAA Policy on PFC Funding for Airport Rail Projects



The Federal Aviation Administration is seeking public comment on proposed changes in the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program. Currently, PFC funds may support rail projects that are on airport property only if they are for the exclusive use of airport patrons and employees. The proposed change would expand the funding eligibility to include selected additional elements of airport rail projects meeting certain criteria, even if they are not solely for the exclusive use of airport patrons and employees. Comments are due by **June 2**. For more, click on [FAA Proposes PFC Policy Change for Rail Projects](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [FTA Mobility on Demand \(MOD\) Sandbox Demonstration Program](#).

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

EPA Highlights the DERA Program

EPA reports that since its start in 2008, the *Diesel Emission Reduction Act* (DERA) program has helped clean up approximately 335,200 tons of nitrogen oxides and 14,700 tons of particulate matter, which are linked to a range of respiratory ailments and premature death. The program has also saved 450 million gallons of fuel and prevented 4.8 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to the annual CO2 emissions from more than 900,000 cars. 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 [EPA Highlights DERA](#).

Champions of Change Fighting Opioid Abuse

The White House honored ten individuals from across the country as “*Champions of Change*” for their leadership in preventing prescription drug abuse and heroin use, increasing access to treatment, and supporting the millions of Americans in recovery. For more, click on [Champions of Change](#).

Public Service Recognition Week

This week was *Public Service Recognition Week*, which has been organized annually since May 1985 to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees. For more, including a Presidential Proclamation, click on [Recognizing Public Service](#).

In Memoriam - Senator Robert Bennett of Utah



He was a fascinating man. Former Utah Senator **Bob Bennett**, who passed away Wednesday at the age of 82, was kind and ever gracious to visiting Utahns we brought to his Dirksen Building office.

Once there, a meeting that might have been 20 minutes would often stretch to an hour - he was interested in your priorities, but he was also *interesting!* He was the son of a former U.S. Senator, a Nixon Administration staffer who for decades was suspected of being “*Deep Throat*,” a successful businessman, an avid appropriator, a member of Senate leadership, a three term Senator who revered the institution, and the first victim of Tea Party politics. Senator Bennett was the greatest legislative friend you could imagine when it came to big things: light rail for Salt Lake City and federal investments to ensure the safety and success of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, the first large world gathering after 9/11, are two great examples. *It was a privilege to listen and learn in his presence. He'll be remembered well.*

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

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The COPS hiring grants round opening is always one of the important highlights of the year. We've got that for you below, along with big other developments across the federal spectrum, as you'll see in our summary for your review.

2016 COPS Hiring Program Solicitation Opens



On Monday, the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) released a solicitation of applications for the FY16 **COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**. The COPS Office will award approximately \$137 million in total CHP funding. The purpose of CHP is to provide assistance to hire and re-hire entry level career law enforcement officers in order to preserve jobs, increase community policing capacities, and support crime prevention efforts. Eligible applicants are state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary authority. The application deadline is **Thursday, June 23, 2016** at 7:59 pm. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

This year, CHP grants will fund the number of officer positions equal to five percent of actual sworn force strength, totaling a maximum of 15 officers with a service population of less than 1 million or a maximum of 25 officers for agencies serving over 1 million. CHP funding will cover 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer, up to \$125,000 per position. There is a 25 percent local match requirement. The grant period is 36 months, and grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded through CHP funding for a minimum of 12 months thereafter. For more, click on [FY16 COPS Hiring Program](#).

Senate's Water Resources Development Act of 2016

On Thursday, by a vote of 19-1, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved the *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016 (S. 2848)*. The bill authorizes 25 U.S. Army Corps of Engineer projects in 17 states, in order to dredge, maintain, and modernize ports and waterways that keep freight moving. It authorizes flood control and coastal hurricane protection projects, and authorizes FEMA to provide assistance to

rehabilitate "high hazard potential" dams. The bill promotes restoration of nationally-significant water bodies and ecosystems, including the Great Lakes, Puget Sound, and Lake Tahoe, among others.

WRDA 2016 streamlines the process for approval of modifications to existing Corps projects and for new water withdrawals from Corps reservoirs. It expands the role of local partners in the implementation of water resource projects, allowing non-Federal interests to contribute goods and services for a Corps project. To address the ongoing drought in the western United States, the bill requires the Corps to update the operation of its reservoirs to incorporate new technologies and better meet project purposes, including water supply needs. It allows non-Federal interests to provide funding to the Corps to update or modify project operations to improve water supply.

In response to the Flint water crisis, WRDA 2016 authorizes \$60 million to be spent annually from FY2017-2021 on a grant program for replacement of lead service lines, testing, planning, corrosion control, and education. The bill authorizes a total of \$1.4 billion from FY17-21 to assist small and disadvantaged communities in complying with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. It provides \$70 million for credit subsidies to allow EPA to make secured loans for infrastructure investments under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program, along with \$100 million in Drinking Water SRF assistance to "states with emergency drinking water situations." For more, click on [WRDA 2016](#).

Two Years of My Brother's Keeper

We participated in a White House teleconference to recognize two years of progress on the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative with Education Secretary **John King**, Cabinet Secretary and MBK Task Force Chairman **Broderick Johnson**, and Special Assistance to the President **Michael Smith**, who oversees the MBK initiative's day-to-day work. Since February 2014, nearly 250 communities have accepted the MBK Community Challenge, and more than \$600 million in private sector and philanthropic grants and in-kind resources and \$1 billion in low-interest finance have been committed in alignment with MBK. For more, click on [White House Fact Sheet](#) or [MBK 2016 Progress Report](#).

House Committees Approve Opioid Bills

On Wednesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved nine bills to help address the opioid and drug abuse crisis. One bill, H.R. 4981, amends the Controlled Substances Act to expand access to medication-assisted treatment and another bill, H.R. 4599, clarifies when a prescription for a

Schedule II drug may be partially filled. On Thursday, the Committee approved three more bills to fight opioid abuse. For more, click on [House E&C Committee Wednesday Bills](#) or [House E&C Committee Thursday Bills](#).

On Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee approved the *Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act*, which would combat the opioid epidemic by establishing a streamlined, comprehensive opioid abuse grant program that encompasses a variety of new and existing programs. The bill authorizes \$103 million in already-appropriated funding for the program. The Committee also approved the *Opioid Program Evaluation (OPEN) Act*. For more, click on [House Judiciary Committee Bills](#).

Department of Labor's ApprenticeshipUSA

The Department of Labor announced that it is making \$90 million available this year to double and diversify the number of apprenticeships by 2018 through its *ApprenticeshipUSA* initiative. Of that amount, \$9.5 million will be allocated for State Accelerator Grants, \$50 million will be announced this spring through the State Expansion Grants Competition, and \$30 million will be provided for industry partnerships, innovations to enhance diversity, and access to apprenticeships. For more, click on [Fact Sheet](#).

Federal Financing for Active Transportation Networks

On Wednesday, we participated in a DOT webinar to learn more about how the *FAST Act* reformed the TIFIA loan program to make it easier to secure federal funding for active transportation networks that promote walking and bicycling. For instance, although TIFIA has never been used to finance any of the capital costs of a bikeshare program before, we learned during the webinar that this is possible due to the *FAST Act* reforms. For more, including a video recording, click on [Federal Financing for Active Transportation](#) or [Webinar Slides](#). Please contact us if you have questions about applying for a loan through the TIFIA Program.

FCC Modernizes the Lifeline Program



On Wednesday, the Federal Communications Commission, chaired by **Tom Wheeler**, officially issued its order to modernize the Lifeline program to increase broadband access for low-income consumers, which we also covered in the April 8 edition of the *Washington Friday Report*. For more, including statements from the Commissioners, click on [FCC Modernizes Lifeline](#).

Medicaid Access for the Formerly-Incarcerated

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued new guidance on Thursday to update decades-old Medicaid policy to strengthen access to health care for individuals transitioning from incarceration back to their communities. The guidance clarifies that individuals who are currently on probation, parole, or in-home confinement are not considered inmates of a public institution. The guidance also extends coverage to Medicaid-eligible individuals living in community halfway houses where they have freedom of movement, improving access to care for as

many as 96,000 individuals in Medicaid expansion states over the course of the year. For more, click on [Medicaid for the Formerly-Incarcerated](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [FY16 COPS Hiring Program](#), the [EPA FY16 Targeted Air Shed Grant Program](#), the [FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning](#), the [ED Investing in Innovation \(i3\) Development Grant Program](#), the [OJJDP FY16 Juvenile Justice Emergency Planning Demonstration Program](#), and the [EDA FY16 Regional Innovation Strategies Program](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

Moving to Work Advisory Committee

HUD is establishing a Moving to Work Research Federal Advisory Committee, which will advise HUD on specific policy proposals and methods of research and evaluation for expansion of the Moving to Work demonstration, as provided by Congress in the FY16 omnibus appropriations bill. The 100 additional public housing agencies that will be selected by HUD as part of the MTW expansion over seven years must be high performers, meet certain site selection requirements, and represent geographic diversity across the country. Public comments about the Committee are due to HUD by **May 11**. For more, click on [MTW Research Federal Advisory Committee](#) or [HUD's MTW Website](#).

Nominate a Champion of Change for Climate Equity

The White House is calling on the public to nominate *Champions of Change* who are working within vulnerable communities to help ensure that those most at-risk of the negative impacts of climate change have ample opportunities to adapt and thrive in a changing future. The White House notes that climate change exacerbates existing health and socioeconomic inequities, placing children, the elderly, the sick, the low income, and communities of color at particular risk. Nominations are due by Friday, **June 10**. For more, click on [Champions of Change for Climate Equity](#).

Mayors Survey on Infrastructure

We thought you might be interested in some of the results of *Politico Magazine's* fifth national Mayors Survey of 55 mayors, showing that 33% of them are worried that a cost-saving decision they made on infrastructure could lead to a threat in public safety or health for their residents. Nearly half of the respondents said that their city's infrastructure had either "deteriorated" or "slightly deteriorated" over the past 10 years. For more, click on [Mayors Survey on Infrastructure](#).

♪♪ Music of the Month ♪♪

Our telephone's hold music for the month of May is from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Call us and enjoy!

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