

Fresno Council of Governments Monthly State Legislative Report

July 2016

According to State law, August 31st of each even year is the last day for the Legislature to pass bills in a regular two-year session, except for bills that take effect immediately (such as bills with urgency clauses and tax levies) or bills in an Extraordinary Session. The Legislative deadline for policy committees to hear bills in either house is July 1st. Because this is the second year of the two-year session, any bills not heard and reported out of policy committee in their house of origin are generally considered to be “dead”. The Legislature adjourned for Summer Recess at the end of June and will not return until Monday, August 1st.

Most bills that emerge from policy committees are referred to each house’s respective Committee on Appropriations, where they will be placed on the Suspense File if anything more than minor costs are associated with them. The final Suspense hearings will likely occur the week of August 8th.

The \$167.6-billion 2016-17 Budget Bill was approved by the State Legislature on Wednesday June 22nd. It provides for an increase of approximately \$7 billion in General Fund spending over the current year budget and prepares for future economic downturn with a \$2 billion supplemental deposit in the State’s Rainy Day Fund. The new spending plan includes a \$115.4-billion general fund and takes effect July 1. However, it does not include significant transportation reforms or sustainable funding at this time and the Governor stated that he is confident that transportation funding will be addressed/resolved by the special session immediately. The special session has included discussions of possible tax increases and fees to pay for current and additional spending. Furthermore, the budget does not include a plan for using the millions of dollars generated by the cap and trade program. Lawmakers have differentiating ideas of how to use these competitive funds, which are less than originally expected.

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[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](#)) Local government: financial disclosures.

Current Text: Amended: 6/2/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 6/2/2016

Status: 6/29/2016-Action From GOV. & F.: Do pass as amended.To APPR..

Location: 6/29/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require a city, county, city and county, or special district to post a link on the homepage of its Internet Web site that contains the names, positions, and total compensation, including a breakdown of the types of compensation provided, of each elected official within that entity for the previous fiscal year and the 10 employees with the greatest total compensation, as specified. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and 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

Dead	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.

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: 5/27/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was BUDGET on 5/4/2016)

Location: 5/27/2016-A. DEAD

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

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
1st House				2nd House							

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: 5/27/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/12/2016

Last Amend: 5/27/2016

Status: 7/1/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 6/16/2016)

Location: 7/1/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	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: 5/27/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/20/2016)

Location: 5/27/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	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: 5/27/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/11/2016)

Location: 5/27/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	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: 5/27/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/11/2016)

Location: 5/27/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	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: 7/1/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/9/2016)

Location: 7/1/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	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: 6/16/2016-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 6/16/2016-S. THIRD READING

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: 6/9/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 6/9/2016

Status: 6/29/2016-Action From E.Q.: Do pass as amended.To APPR..

Location: 6/29/2016-S. APPR.

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 these 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: 5/27/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/2016)

Location: 5/27/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	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: 5/31/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 5/31/2016

Status: 6/29/2016-Action From E.Q.: Do pass as amended.To APPR..

Location: 6/29/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would establish the Transit Pass Program to be administered by the Department of Transportation with moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation, to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified pupils and students. The bill would require the department, in coordination with the state board, to develop guidelines that describe the criteria that eligible transit providers are required to use to make available free or reduced-fare transit passes to eligible participants and the methodologies that eligible participants would use to demonstrate that the proposed expenditures will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Position

[AB 2289](#) (Frazier D) Department of Transportation: capital improvement projects.

Current Text: Enrollment: 7/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 7/11/2016-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Location: 7/11/2016-A. ENROLLED

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: 6/30/2016-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 6/30/2016-S. THIRD READING

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: Amended: 5/27/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 5/27/2016

Status: 7/1/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was T. & H. on 6/9/2016)

Location: 7/1/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	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, on July 1, 2017, 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: 6/20/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 6/20/2016

Status: 6/27/2016-SEN. E.,U. & C. Vote - Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations.

Location: 6/27/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the PUC and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to evaluate, while taking into consideration ratepayer costs and benefits, potential eligible renewable energy resource projects in the San Joaquin Valley that provide specified benefits or attributes.

Position

[AB 2796](#) (Bloom D) Active Transportation Program.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 6/30/2016

Status: 6/30/2016-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/30/2016-S. APPR.

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 adopt the 2015 program of projects no later than January 31, 2016, with each subsequent program of projects to be adopted by April 1 of each odd-numbered year, and requires the commission to adopt guidelines for the program. This bill would, for a program cycle adopted on or after January 1, 2018, require a minimum of 10% of all available Active Transportation Program funds to be programmed for planning and noninfrastructure purposes, except as provided, and would require at least 50 percent of that amount to be programmed for planning activities to develop comprehensive active transportation master plans.

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

Position

ABX1 3**(Frazier D) Transportation funding.****Current Text:** Amended: 9/3/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 7/9/2015**Last Amend:** 9/3/2015**Status:** 9/24/2015-Senators Beall (Co-Chair), Allen, Leyva, Cannella, and Gaines appointed to Conference Committee.**Location:** 9/24/2015-A. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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 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
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
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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
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: emissions limit.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 6/30/2016

Status: 6/30/2016-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/30/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	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. This bill contains other related provisions.

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
1st House				2nd House							

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
1st House				2nd House							

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:** 6/27/2016-Ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Beall.**Location:** 6/27/2016-S. INACTIVE FILE

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

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: 6/20/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/10/2016**Last Amend:** 6/20/2016**Status:** 6/30/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 3.) (June 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.**Location:** 6/30/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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, or related goals, policies, and objectives integrated in other elements, that identifies disadvantaged communities, as defined, within the area covered by the general plan of the city, county, or city and county, if the city, county, or city and county has a disadvantaged community.

Position**SB 1066****(Beall D) Highway safety.****Current Text:** Amended: 6/29/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/16/2016**Last Amend:** 6/29/2016**Status:** 6/29/2016-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.**Location:** 6/29/2016-A. APPR.

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

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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
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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

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.

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
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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.

Position

Total Measures: 47

Total Tracking Forms: 47

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A Heartbreaking Week

What a heartbreaking week for our country in Baton Rouge, St. Anthony, and Dallas – the stories are different but the combined news is horrific. We all hope for better days in America. President Obama's statements on [the shooting in Dallas](#) and [the shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota](#) speak for us all about our national agony and the road ahead.

Below, for your review, are the highlights of this week's White House, agency, and congressional developments.

Funding to Reduce Opioid Abuse Debated

On Wednesday, the White House announced additional actions to expand access to treatment, strengthen prescription drug monitoring, enable safe disposal of unneeded drugs, and accelerate research on pain and opioid misuse and overdose. HHS is issuing a final rule to increase from 100 to 275, starting on August 5, the number of patients that qualified physicians who prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorders can treat. Buprenorphine is a medication used to treat heroin addiction, which acts on the same receptor targets of heroin and other opioids, but does not produce the same intense high or dangerous side effects. HUD, in partnership with HHS and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, is identifying best practices to support individuals using medication-assisted treatment in programs funded through HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants to promote replication of best practices throughout the country. For more, click on [White House Actions to Reduce Opioid Abuse](#).

House and Senate conferees met Wednesday to negotiate the provisions of the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016*. Democrats offered amendments to provide \$940 million in new spending, which were not adopted. Senator **Patty Murray** said, "I am very concerned that if we pass a bill that changes our nation's opioid policies, but completely ignores the funding that would enable cities and states to put those policies into practice, that funding might never come." Today, the House approved the Conference Report by a vote of 407 to 5. For more, click on [House-Senate Opioid Conference Report Finalized](#) or [Democrats' Statement](#).

Bills Against Sanctuary Cities Fail in the Senate

On Wednesday, the Senate failed to reach the 60 votes necessary to move forward on two bills that would have penalized so-called "Sanctuary Cities" that have adopted policies limiting information sharing with immigration offices. The *Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act* (S. 3100) would have denied CDBG and EDA funding to sanctuary cities. The *Establishing Mandatory Minimums for Illegal Reentry Act* (S. 2193) would have imposed new mandatory minimum sentences for illegal reentry offenses. For more, click on White House veto threats against [S. 3100](#) and [S. 2193](#).

House Indefinitely Postpones Gun Control Bill

On Thursday, House GOP leadership aides told reporters that they have indefinitely postponed a vote on an anti-terrorism bill (H.R. 5611), that would have included an amendment to curb gun sales to those suspected of having ties to terrorist organizations and create a new office at the Department of Homeland Security to support an anti-terrorism initiative. House Democrats continue to push for stronger gun control legislation. *We will update you with any new movement on gun control.*

Data-Driven Justice Initiative



To break the cycle of incarceration faced by millions of low-risk non-violent offenders every year, the White House is launching the Data-Driven Justice Initiative (DDJ) with a bipartisan coalition of 67 city, county, and state governments. These jurisdictions are committed to using data-driven strategies to divert low-level offenders with mental illness out of the criminal justice system and change approaches to pre-trial incarceration, so that low-risk offenders no longer stay in jail simply because they cannot afford a bond. Speaking during the announcement, Salt Lake County Mayor **Ben McAdams** said, "We joined the Data-Driven Justice Initiative because we've seen that there are people in our county jails that quite simply don't need to be there." The County has partnered with the University of Chicago to determine the best ways to solve the immediate problems, and tackle the long-term root causes. For more, click on [White House Fact Sheet](#) or [Salt Lake County's Efforts](#).

Appropriations Update

On Thursday, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education approved its \$161.6 billion FY17 spending bill. It provides \$9.78 billion to the **Employment and Training Administration**, a decrease of \$257 million. CDC would receive \$390 million specifically to fight the **Zika virus**.

Head Start would receive \$9.3 billion, an increase of \$142 million. It provides \$67 billion to the **Department of Education**, a decrease of \$1.3 billion, which includes \$12.4 billion for **IDEA** special education grants to states, a \$500 million increase. The **Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)** would receive \$1.1 billion, a decrease of \$13 million. For more, click on [House FY17 Labor-HHS-Education](#).

With the number of working legislative days dwindling in Congress to approve regular FY17 appropriations bills, discussion is rapidly intensifying on the need to pass an extension of current funding through a Continuing Resolution (CR). A group of House Republicans is pushing hard for a vote next week on a six-month CR, at the current FY16 base discretionary spending level of \$1.067 trillion, which would last until March 2017. This would effectively punt major spending negotiations to the next Congress and the next President. The FY17 discretionary spending cap is \$1.07 trillion. *We'll update you on the latest appropriations action.*

DHS Countering Violent Extremism and FY16 Preparedness

FEMA and the DHS Office for Community Partnerships announced that they are accepting applications for the FY16 Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to develop and expand efforts at the community level to counter violent extremism recruitment and radicalization to violence. DHS will award approximately \$10 million in total program funding through up to 60 grants, ranging from \$20,000 to \$1.5 million each. There is no cost share requirement and the application deadline is **September 6**. For more, click on [DHS FY16 CVE Grant Program](#).

DHS also announced final allocations of \$275 million for its six FY16 competitive Preparedness Grant programs, including the **Port Security Grant Program** and the **Transit Security Grant Program**. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [FY16 Preparedness Grants Allocation Announcement](#).

Education Department's Proposed Rules on Testing

On Wednesday, the Department of Education released two separate Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) regarding testing and assessments, as part of its ongoing implementation of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Together, they implement provisions of Title I of ESSA that seek to ensure states administer high-quality assessments that are worth taking and provide meaningful data about student success and equity. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [Fact Sheet](#).

FAA Reauthorization Through FY17

With the current authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) set to expire on July 15, on Wednesday, leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee announced that they had agreed to extend spending authority for the FAA through September 30, 2017, which is the end of FY17. The extension includes several aviation safety and security provisions, but it does not include a provision championed by House T&I Chairman **Bill Shuster** that would have spun off FAA's air traffic control responsibilities into a nonprofit entity.

Also, there is no language in the extension that pre-empts local authority over drone regulation, which the Senate had pushed. For more, click on [Press Release](#), [Bill Summary](#), or [Bill Text](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [DHS FY16 Countering Violent Extremism \(CVE\) Grant Program](#), the [HUD FY16 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#), and the [ED FY16 Promise Neighborhoods Program Implementation Grant Competition](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

Workforce Innovation (WIOA) Final Rules

The Departments of Labor and Education released final rules to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was signed into law on July 22, 2014. The regulations are intended to modernize the nation's workforce system and develop a more integrated, job-driven approach to support communities and expand job growth. For more, click on [WIOA Final Rules](#).

FASTLANE FY16 Projects List

On Wednesday, the House and Senate Transportation Committees released the first list of grants that U.S. DOT intends to award under the new FASTLANE freight grant program. U.S. DOT notified the committees, on Tuesday, of 18 projects selected to receive a total of \$759 million in FY16. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [FASTLANE FY16 Projects List](#).

DOT National Advisory Committee on Tourism

U.S. DOT announced that it is seeking 25 candidates for an appointment to the new National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure (NACTTI), which was established on June 1, 2016 and is planning to begin work in Fall 2016. The NACTTI will provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation, based on current transportation data on current and emerging priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs related to use of the nation's intermodal transportation network to facilitate travel and tourism. Nominations for NACTTI are due to DOT by **Wednesday, July 13**. For more, click on [U.S. DOT NACTTI](#).

A Great Appropriator Talks Earmarks



Maryland Senator **Barbara Mikulski**, who is retiring this fall, had some advice for her fellow appropriators at the final markup of her 30-year career on the Senate Appropriations Committee. *"If I could say one thing to all of you: Bring back congressionally directed projects. I loved the earmarks I could do!"* For more on this interesting perspective about how earmarks helped move the appropriations process along, click on [Earmarks](#).

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

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Any week in which Mayors meet with the Dalai Lama and Lady Gaga at the same time is a memorable one – and there's a lot more news as well! Here's the highlights for your review.

U.S. Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting



We attended the 84th Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana last weekend. Mayor **Jim Brainard** kicked off the Conference in style with a remarkable event at the Palladium and Center Green in Carmel on Friday. The Conference featured many notable presentations including from presumptive Democratic nominee former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton**, His Holiness the 14th **Dalai Lama**, singer and artist **Lady Gaga**, journalist **Ann Curry**, and Libertarian candidate **Gary Johnson**.

During the four-day gathering, more than 200 city leaders met to discuss a broad range of policy issues impacting America's cities and their economic health, including community policing, federal investment in America's cities, and public-private partnerships that drive innovation and efficiency. Oklahoma City Mayor **Mick Cornett** was appointed by the Conference to serve as its 74th President for the June 2016-June 2017 term. In his inaugural remarks, Mayor Cornett spoke about infrastructure investment, healthy living and wellness, criminal justice reform, technology, and the strength of U.S. cities and metropolitan economies.

At the concluding session of the Conference on Monday, the Mayors debated and voted on policy recommendations to present to the Administration. The Conference approved resolutions in support of Criminal Justice Reform, funding to combat the Zika virus, legislation to fight opioid addiction, direct funding to cities to combat poverty, comprehensive investment in rebuilding the nation's infrastructure, water infrastructure, ending the U.S. embargo against Cuba, and many other topics. Over 100 resolutions were adopted. For more, click on [2016 USCM Adopted Resolutions](#).

Orlando Mayor **Buddy Dyer** spoke to the Conference and thanked the Mayors for their support in the wake of the horrendous shooting at the Pulse Nightclub. He told the Mayors, *"It's clear to me that we live in a new world, a world that any one of our cities could be the site of this kind of intentional mass-casualty event."*

Hillary Clinton followed shortly after Mayor Dyer ended his remarks. She spoke about the ongoing problem of gun violence in America, recalling her 2015 speech to the Mayors that occurred soon after the murders in Charleston. She spoke about ending partisan gridlock, ending homelessness, improving education, support for the New Markets Tax Credit program, and other issues.

In a roundtable discussion, His Holiness the **Dalai Lama** and artist **Lady Gaga** spoke about the need for more kindness and compassion. The Dalai Lama said, *"America should be the leading nation in the world for the promotion of human compassion, and human love, in order to achieve a more compassionate world."* Lady Gaga told the Mayors, *"The most efficient way for you to act with the young people in your cities is to be a calming force in their lives."* For more, click on [U.S. Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting](#).

Appropriations Process Remains Shaky

This week, the Senate failed to move forward on approving a conference report on an FY17 appropriations measure, H.R. 2577, that bundles funding for Military Construction-VA with a bipartisan \$1.1 billion response to combat the Zika virus. The inability for Congress to move forward on this and other annual spending measures, largely due to controversial amendments added to these bills, raises serious questions about how both chambers plan to proceed once they return for two weeks of work after Independence Day. *We will continue to closely monitor progress on appropriations work.*

House GOP Policy on Tax Reform

As the sixth and final plank of his, *"A Better Way,"* policy proposals, House Speaker **Paul Ryan** unveiled a House GOP blueprint on tax reform. The plan would lower the top corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent. For individual income taxes, the current seven tax brackets would be collapsed into three, with the top individual tax rate being lowered from 39.6 percent down to 33 percent. Tax-deferred offshore cash would be subject to an 8.75 percent tax, while real estate and other "brick and mortar" overseas holdings would be taxed at 3.5 percent. The child tax credit would be expanded to \$1,500, of which \$1,000 would be refundable. For more, click on [House GOP Tax Reform Proposal](#).

HUD Choice Neighborhoods Grant Winners

On Tuesday, HUD awarded \$8 million to stimulate affordable housing and economic development in ten distressed neighborhoods through the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Congratulations to Louisville Mayor **Greg Fischer**, whose community was awarded a \$1 million Planning Action grant for the Russell neighborhood. For more, click on [Choice Neighborhoods](#).

Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation

On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held a hearing titled, “*Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation: Update from the U.S. Secretary of Education on Proposed Regulations*,” featuring Education Secretary **John King**. For more, click on [ESSA Implementation](#).

MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform

On Monday, DOT proposed rules on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform. Proposed changes include: (1) Changing the definition of a Metropolitan Planning Area to clarify that it must include the entire urbanized area, plus the contiguous area forecast to become urbanized within the 20-year planning horizon and (2) Governors and MPOs would determine whether multiple MPOs are warranted within a single planning area. The comment period closes on **August 26**. Interested parties can register for a **July 15** webinar on the proposed rules. For more, click on [MPO Proposed Rules](#) or [Webinar Registration](#).

2016 SelectUSA Investment Summit

Nearly 2,500 participants from 70 foreign markets and the United States participated in the third and final **SelectUSA Summit** of the Obama Administration, which was hosted by Commerce Secretary **Penny Pritzker**. The Summit brought together international companies, domestic economic development organizations, and a range of other stakeholders to explore job-creating investment opportunities throughout the United States. For more, click on [SelectUSA 2016 Press Release](#), [Summit Follow-Up](#), or [President Obama’s Remarks](#).

Internet of Things in Transportation

On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing titled, “*How the Internet of Things (IoT) Can Bring U.S. Transportation and Infrastructure into the 21st Century*.” The hearing focused on how transportation leaders are using internet-connected infrastructure, and what the federal government should be doing to drive innovation and keep people safe. For more, click on [IoT in Transportation](#).

Nominations for Transit Safety Advisory Committee

FTA is seeking nominations from the public transportation safety community for membership on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS). TRACS members serve two-year terms and are subject to reappointment by the Secretary. Nominations are due to FTA by **August 31**. For more, click on [Nominations to FTA Transit Safety Advisory Committee](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [HHS Early Head Start Expansion or Partnership Grants](#). Please [contact Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

National Summit on Youth Violence Prevention

Senior Justice Department officials joined mayors, police chiefs, school officials, and young people from more than 30 cities to discuss strategies for reducing youth violence and gang activity at the Fifth National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence. Many of the communities that participated have accepted President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Community Challenge. In her remarks, Attorney General **Loretta Lynch** told participants, “*I am inspired by your tireless work, your exceptional courage, your unbreakable faith and your extraordinary determination to meet the greatest tests of our time... People like you have made this country what it is today.*” For more, click on [Summit Press Release](#) or [Attorney General’s Remarks](#).

Columbus Wins DOT Smart City Challenge



Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** announced the City of Columbus, Ohio as the winner of U.S. DOT’s Smart City Challenge. Columbus will receive up to \$40 million from U.S. DOT and up to \$10 million from Vulcan, Inc. to supplement the \$90 million that the City has already raised from other private partners to carry out its plan. Columbus plans to reshape its transportation system to become part of a fully-integrated city that harnesses the power and potential of data, technology, and creativity to reimagine how people and goods move throughout their city. For more, click on [Smart City Challenge](#).

DOL TechHire Partnership Grant Winners

On Monday, the Department of Labor awarded \$150 million in TechHire Partnership grants for 39 partnerships across the U.S. Awardees plan to launch innovative training and placement models to develop tech talent, as a way to keep and create jobs in local economies. For more, click on [TechHire Partnership Grants](#).

♪ Music of the Month ♪



Our telephone’s hold music for the month of July is from the musical **Les Misérables**. *Call us and enjoy!*

Happy Independence Day!



We wish you and your family a very happy and safe 4th of July holiday weekend. America turns 240 years old on Monday.

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As you read this, we are at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in Indianapolis (with a kick-off in Carmel) with a number of key speakers, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President. We'll report on all that for you next week. Meanwhile, here's the highlights from a busy week in Washington, for your review.

Gun Control Debate Takes Center Stage



It has been an historic week in Congress as the Senate was finally able to hold four votes on gun-related measures while Democrats held a 25.6 hour-long sit-in in the House of Representatives to demand a vote on gun measures in their chamber. Senator **Chris**

Murphy's filibuster on the Senate floor last week lasted for 14.8 hours. On Monday evening, the Senate did not approve any of the two Democratic or two Republican gun-related amendments to the FY17 Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill. In the wake of the failure to win approval of those amendments, Senator **Susan Collins** has spearheaded a bipartisan amendment called the *Terrorist Firearms Prevention Act of 2016*, which would give the Attorney General the authority to deny firearms sales to individuals who appear on the No Fly List or the Selectee List, and provides a process for Americans and green card holders to appeal a denial in the U.S. Court of Appeals and to recover their reasonable attorney fees if they prevail, among other provisions. On Thursday, a motion to table Senator Collins' amendment failed by a vote of 46-52, keeping the measure viable. For more, click on [Senator Collins' Gun Amendment](#), [List of Monday's Gun Amendments](#), or Monday vote breakdowns on the amendments from Senators [Grassley](#), [Murphy](#), [Cornyn](#), or [Feinstein](#).

On Wednesday, at about 11:30am, Congressman **John Lewis** initiated a sit-in with fellow House Democrats, which lasted until about 1:00pm on Thursday. The move forced House Speaker **Paul Ryan** to cancel scheduled votes on Wednesday. Votes took place on Thursday between 1:00am and 3:11am on measures not related

to gun control. Soon after, the Speaker started a recess in the House which will last until the morning of July 5. The dramatic action by House Democrats stalled House progress on appropriations bills but drew national attention to the issue of gun regulation. For more, click on [Video of Rep. John Lewis Starting the Sit-In](#).

Supreme Court Rejects Obama Immigration Actions

On Thursday, a split 4-4 ruling from the Supreme Court left in place the lower court rulings that halted implementation of President Obama's executive actions on immigration. The one-line ruling from the Supreme Court reads, "*The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided Court.*" It is as though the Court never heard the case. **President Obama** tried to reassure the millions of undocumented immigrants left in limbo by the decision, saying, "*People who might have benefited from the expanded deferred actions policies, long-term residents raising children who are Americans or legal residents, they will remain low priorities for enforcement.*" The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), in which more than 500,000 individuals have enrolled since 2012, was not involved in the court case and remains in place. For more, click on [Statement by President Obama](#) or [Opinion of the Supreme Court in United States v. Texas](#).

FY17 Appropriations Update

With few days remaining on the Congressional calendar, and issues like gun control and the Iran deal slowing the appropriations process, lawmakers from both sides of Capitol Hill are predicting the passage of another short or long-term Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY17, to keep the federal government open after September. On Tuesday, House Democratic Whip **Steny Hoyer** said that Democrats would like a CR to last from October to December, followed by an omnibus spending bill for the rest of FY17. Some conservative House members are calling for a CR to last until March 2017. Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** said that he intends to stick to his plan of passing bills through regular order and will stack the summer schedule with regular appropriations work. The nation's debt limit is suspended until March 15, 2017.

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee approved its \$41.1 billion Homeland Security spending bill, which includes an additional \$49 million to counter violent extremism and plan for large-scale terror attacks. On Thursday at 3:10am, the House approved its FY17 Military Construction-VA spending bill by a vote of 239-171, which includes a \$1.1 billion **Zika Virus** response package. President Obama, who has long advocated for Congress to approve a \$1.9 billion FY16 emergency supplemental appropriation to combat Zika, has

threatened to veto the House bill. For more, click on [House FY17 Homeland Security, House FY17 MilCon-VA and Anti-Zika Bill](#), or [White House Statement on House Anti-Zika Bill](#).

Small Unmanned Aircraft Regulations Finalized



On Tuesday, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) finalized the first operational rules for routine commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or “drones”). Pilots will be required to keep an unmanned aircraft within visual line of sight.

Operations will be allowed during daylight and during twilight if the drone has anti-collision lights. For more, click on [FAA Final Rules](#), [Secretary Foxx Statement](#), or [White House Fact Sheet](#).

Major Chemical Safety Legislation Enacted

On Wednesday, President Obama signed into law the *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act*, which modernizes the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA). The update is intended to step up the pace of EPA’s reviews and number of chemicals it restricts. For more, click on [Summary of TSCA Modernization Bill](#).

Zika National Week of Action

The Zika National Week of Action lasts from June 20 to June 26, and the White House called on communities to raise awareness about the threat of the Zika virus this summer. For more, click on [White House Email](#), [ICYMI Document](#), or [Actions by Business Leaders](#).

National Week of Making

President Obama proclaimed June 17-23 as the National Week of Making. During the week, which marked the anniversary of the first-ever White House Maker Faire and the 2015 National Week of Making, hundreds of related events celebrating home-grown ingenuity took place around the country. For more, click on [National Week of Making](#).

FTA Updates Capital Investment Grants Guidance

FTA published updated reporting instructions and templates for applicants of proposed Capital Investment Grants projects, including New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity Improvements. Applicants who would like their projects to be considered for a funding recommendation in the President’s FY18 budget must submit information to FTA for project evaluation and rating by **September 2, 2016**. For more, click on [FTA Capital Investment Grants \(CIG\) Guidance](#).

FirstNet Implementation Oversight

On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications held a hearing titled, “*FirstNet Oversight: An Update on the Status of the Public Safety Broadband Network*.” The hearing focused on the progress made since the Committee last held an oversight hearing in March 2015. In particular, the hearing examined FirstNet’s progress in meeting benchmarks; the cost of

deployment, particularly in rural areas; and the public safety broadband network’s plans to become a self-funding entity. For more, click on [FirstNet Oversight](#).

Grants This Month



This month, we sent many of you grant notices on the [ED i3 Scale Up and Validation Grant Competitions](#), the [DOL America’s Promise Job-Driven Grant Program](#), [NEH Media Projects Development and Production Grants](#), [DOE Alternative Fuel Vehicle Community Partner Projects](#), and [NPS Historic Preservation Fund Grants](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy



On Wednesday, former New York City Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** announced that the Compact of Mayors and the Covenant of Mayors are formally merging efforts to establish a single initiative, **The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy**, which will officially launch on January 1, 2017. For more, click on [Global Covenant of Mayors](#).

FCC Plans to Increase Wireless Data Speeds

On Thursday, FCC Chairman **Tom Wheeler** circulated “*Spectrum Frontier*” rules that, if adopted, would identify and open up the high frequency airwaves known as millimeter wave spectrum. The U.S. would be the first country in the world to open high-band spectrum for new 5G networks and technologies, creating a runway for U.S. companies to launch the technologies that will harness 5G’s fiber-fast capabilities. For more, click on [Chairman Wheeler on Unleashing Next-Generation Networks](#).

Economic Benefits of National Parks

The Department of the Interior released its annual economic report for FY15, showing that the Department’s activities associated with outdoor recreation, conservation, water, and renewable energy led to \$106 billion in economic output, and supported 862,000 jobs. For more, click on [Economic Benefits of National Parks](#).

Interagency Collaboration to Promote Opportunity

In a joint letter signed by DOT Secretary **Anthony Foxx**, HUD Secretary **Julian Castro**, and Education Secretary **John King**, the agency leaders announced plans for stronger collaboration among federal agencies to promote opportunity and diversity in communities across the country. They also called on local education, transportation, and housing leaders to work together on these issues. For more, click on [DOT-HUD-Ed Collaboration](#).

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A good deal of activity on lots of fronts this week, all of which pale in light of the horrific murders in Orlando. We'll lead with that this week and follow with some of the highlights from the White House, agencies, and Congress.

Tragedy in Orlando



This week, our hearts were with the people of Orlando, who experienced the deadliest mass shooting on U.S. soil in modern times. Our friend, Orlando Mayor **Buddy Dyer**, wrote in a letter to fellow Mayors, *"This past Sunday was the most horrific day in the history of the City of Orlando. And yet, I have never been more proud of our community because of the way they have come together, united with a singular focus of supporting the families and friends of the victims."* For more, click on [Victims of the Pulse Tragedy](#), [Mayor Dyer's Letter to Mayors](#), [President Obama on the Tragic Shooting in Orlando](#), or [Vice President Biden's Statement](#).

Senate to Vote on Gun Control Amendments

On Wednesday, at 2:11am, Connecticut Senator **Chris Murphy** yielded the floor of the Senate after engaging in a nearly 15-hour long filibuster, which successfully pressured Senate leaders to allow votes to occur on two Democratic and two Republican gun-related amendments. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the amendments to the FY17 Commerce-Justice-Science bill on Monday afternoon. Senator **Murphy's** amendment would require universal background checks on every firearm sale and ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Senator **Chuck Grassley's** amendment would add additional mental health considerations to firearms background checks and boost funding for NICS. Senator **Dianne Feinstein's** amendment would block the sale of guns or explosives to known or suspected terrorists. Senator **John Cornyn's** amendment, the *SHIELD Act*, would block the sale of a weapon to a known or suspected terrorist after a judicial process has taken place. For more, click on [Senator Murphy's Statement](#), [Senator Feinstein's Amendment](#), [Senator Cornyn's Amendment](#), or [Senate's Monday Schedule with Amendment Text](#).

FY17 Interior-Environment Appropriations

On Thursday, by a party line vote of 16-14, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY17 Interior-Environment spending bill. The \$32.03 billion bill represents a decrease of \$125 million from the FY16 level. It provides \$1.35 billion for **Clean Water State Revolving Funds**, a decrease of \$44 million from FY16 levels. It provides \$1.02 billion for **Drinking Water State Revolving Funds**, an increase of \$157.5 million from FY16 levels. The bill includes \$400 million for **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** programs, a decrease of \$50 million from FY16. It includes an appropriation of \$30 million in FY17 for the new **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFIA)** program.

The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** would receive an FY17 appropriation of \$8.1 billion, a decrease of \$31.2 million from FY16. The bill prohibits EPA from implementing its **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)** rule. The **National Park Service** would receive \$2.74 billion, an increase of \$68 million from FY16. The **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** and the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** would each receive \$148 million in FY17, an increase of \$500,000 for each endowment from FY16. The bill provides \$480 million for the **Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)** program, an increase of \$28 million from FY16. For more, click on [FY17 Senate Interior-Environment](#) or [Markup](#).

On Wednesday, by a vote of 31-18, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY17 Interior-Environment spending bill, which we covered in the *May 27 Friday Report*. The House bill includes an amendment by Rep. **David Valadao** that directs the use of existing regulatory flexibility to maximize water deliveries to areas of California most hard-hit by the drought. Also on Wednesday, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees held a joint Conference Committee to officially open the process of negotiating a compromise on funding to fight the **Zika Virus**. For more, click on [FY17 House Interior-Environment](#) or [Anti-Zika Conference Committee](#).

District Court Upholds Net Neutrality Rules

On Tuesday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit voted 2-1 to uphold the FCC's Open Internet rules that preserve the principles of net neutrality. The rules allow broadband internet to be classified as a telecommunications service. This enables FCC to regulate broadband internet service as a utility. The case could be appealed to the Supreme Court. For more, click on [FCC Chairman Wheeler's Statement](#), [White House Statement](#), or [Text of Court Opinion](#).

United State of Women Summit



On Tuesday, the first-ever United State of Women Summit was held at the Washington Convention Center, featuring First Lady **Michelle Obama**, President **Barack Obama**, Vice President **Joe Biden**, **Oprah Winfrey**, **Shonda Rhimes**, **Kerry Washington**, **Meryl Streep**, and **Tina Fey**, with great participation by Tacoma Mayor **Marilyn Strickland**. The primary goal of the Summit was to build a roadmap for future policymakers, stakeholders, and advocates to continue to expand opportunities for women and girls. For more, click on [Summit Agenda](#), [United State of Women Fact Sheet](#), and [Let Girls Learn Fact Sheet](#).

House GOP Policy on Regulations and Constitution

House Speaker **Paul Ryan** released two additional policy papers this week as part of his “*A Better Way*” campaign. On Tuesday, he released a proposal on “*The Economy*,” which includes regulatory reforms. On Thursday, he released a proposal on “*The Constitution*,” including reducing executive authority. Next week, Speaker Ryan will release the last two papers on “*Health Care*” and “*Tax Reform*.” For more, click on [The Economy](#), [The Constitution](#), and [Next Week’s Rollout](#).

Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Chronic Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) released specific criteria and benchmarks for communities to use to end homelessness in this country, ensuring that it is a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence. While the criteria focus on describing essential elements and accomplishments of the community’s response, a benchmark serves as an indicator of whether and how effectively that system is working. For more, click on [Criteria and Benchmarks on Homelessness](#).

Proposed State-by-State Anti-Opioid Funding Levels

On Tuesday, the White House highlighted a \$1.1 billion measure the President proposed in his FY17 budget to help Americans with opioid use disorders who want treatment get the help they need. States would receive funding based on the severity of the epidemic in their communities and the strength of their strategy to respond to it. The final state-by-state funding amounts will depend on these factors and Congressional action in support of this proposal. For more, click on [Estimated State-by-State Anti-Opioid Funding Levels](#).

MBK Success Mentors Initiative Expands

The White House and Department of Education announced that 20 new communities, including **Fresno**, **Oakland**, **Pittsburgh**, and **Sacramento**, have joined the *My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Success Mentors Initiative* – in addition to the 10 that signed on in February. The Initiative is a groundbreaking response to challenge of chronic student absences in the U.S. It aims to reduce chronic absenteeism by connecting over one million students who are or at risk of becoming chronically absent with trained school-linked caring adults and near-peers over the next 3-5 years. For more,

click on [Fact Sheet: MBK Success Mentors Initiative Expands](#) or [Education Department on Chronic Absenteeism](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [NEH Media Projects Development and Production Grants](#), [DOE Alternative Fuel Vehicle Community Partner Projects](#), and [NPS Historic Preservation Fund Grants](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

National Healthy Homes Month



HUD declared this June as the first-ever *National Healthy Homes Month* to reinforce the connection between a family’s health and their homes. One of the goals is to educate families of potential health hazards in a home, and empower them to create the healthiest home possible for their family. For more, click on [National Healthy Homes Month](#).

White House Highlights its LGBT Support

The White House took a moment recently to highlight the progress that has been made during the course of the Obama Administration to expand opportunities and advance equality and justice for all Americans, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Americans. For more, click on [Obama Administration’s Record and the LGBT Community](#).

Patent and Trademark Advisory Committee Nominations

The USPTO is seeking nominations to fill upcoming vacancies for the Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC) and the Trademark Public Advisory Committee (TPAC). Nominations must be postmarked or electronically transmitted on or before **July 25, 2016**. Each committee has nine voting members who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Secretary of Commerce. Each member serves a three-year term. For more, click on [USPTO Advisory Committee Nominations](#).

Economic Impact of Freight Railroads

On Monday, the Association of American Railroads released a report showing that freight railroads created nearly \$274 billion in economic activity in 2014 alone. For more, click on [Economic Impact of Freight Railroads](#).

GSA Administrator With Local Government Roots



We thought you might be interested in learning more about General Services Administration (GSA) Administrator **Denise Turner Roth**, a former City Manager of Greensboro, North Carolina, who grew up in Washington, DC’s Anacostia neighborhood. For more, click on [GSA Administrator Denise Turner Roth](#).

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What a week – plans proposed, nominations gained, bills passed, and an American hero departs. Here's all the highlights for your review from a week to remember.

House GOP "A Better Way" Policy Proposals



As we previewed in last week's *Friday Report*, on Tuesday, House Speaker **Paul Ryan** released the first of six detailed policy proposals that align with the House Republican agenda, which together have been branded as "*A Better Way*." Tuesday's report on Poverty says that the federal government "*needs to build public-private partnerships to bring out the best of what each sector has to offer.*" It identifies 80 federal programs with overlapping missions that are administered by 13 federal agencies to provide food, housing, health care, job training, education, energy assistance, and cash to low-income Americans. The plan supports social impact financing and calls for stronger work requirements under the TANF program. For more, click on ["A Better Way" Press Release](#), ["A Better Way" Main Website](#), or [House GOP Anti-Poverty Plan](#).

On Thursday, House Republicans released a plan on National Security. The plan proposes that we work to close security gaps in our transportation systems to prevent Islamist militants from reaching the U.S. It calls for modernizing the military, improving intelligence-gathering for law enforcement agencies, and defeating terrorists overseas. For more, click on [House GOP National Security Plan](#).

Appropriations Update

On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriation Committee's Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee approved its \$161.9 billion FY17 spending bill, an overall decrease of \$270 million from FY16. **Head Start** would receive \$9.2 billion, an increase of \$35 million. **LIHEAP** would receive level-funding of \$3.39 billion. **CCDBG** would receive \$2.8 billion, an increase of \$25 million. **Community Health Centers (CHC)** would receive level-funding of \$1.49 billion. The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services**

Administration (SAMHSA) would receive \$261 million, an increase of \$126 million, targeted to programs that combat opioid abuse.

The bill provides level-funding of \$100 million for DOL's **Apprenticeship** program. **YouthBuild** would receive level-funding of \$84.5 million. Under **ESSA, Title I Grants** to Local Education Agencies would receive \$15.4 billion, a \$500 million increase. **Charter School** grants would receive \$343 million, an increase of \$10 million. The **Promise Neighborhoods** program would receive level-funding of \$73.2 million. The **Corporation for National and Community Service**, which runs AmeriCorps, would receive \$1.03 billion, a decrease of \$65 million. For more, click on [FY17 Senate Labor-HHS-Education](#).

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee's Homeland Security Subcommittee released its \$41.1 billion FY17 spending bill, an overall increase of \$100 million from FY16. The bill provides level-funding of FEMA's **Preparedness Grants** at \$2.6 billion, including \$1.3 billion for **State and Local Grants**, \$690 million for **Firefighter Assistance Grants** (with equal amounts of \$345 million for **SAFER** and **AFG**), and \$350 million for **Emergency Management Performance Grants**. For more, click on [FY17 House Homeland Security](#).

Champ Leaves the Ring



The sadness of **Muhammad Ali's** departure from among us is lessened somewhat by the enormous legacy he leaves behind and the knowledge that his suffering is concluded. Since the Champ's passing, it has also been awe-inspiring to see how his

hometown, the City of Louisville, led by Mayor **Greg Fischer**, has stepped up to the great challenge of sending him off with grace, splendor, and love. Click on [Mayor Fischer's Statement](#), [AliLouisville.com](#), [White House Statement](#), [U.S. Conference of Mayors Resolution](#), and [Muhammad Ali Center](#) for more.

DOL America's Promise Grant Competition

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the **America's Promise Job-Driven Grant Program**. The purpose of the program is to support the creation or expansion of 21st century regional workforce partnerships between community colleges, other training providers, employers, and the public workforce system seeking to jointly strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers within prioritized industry sectors in an economic region. DOL will

award approximately \$100 million in total funding through up to 40 grants, ranging from \$1 million to \$6 million each. The application deadline is **August 25, 2016** at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. For more, click on [America's Promise Job-Driven Grants](#).

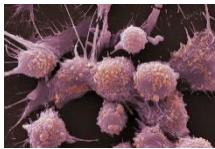
TIGER and FAST Act Implementation

U.S. DOT announced that, for the 2016 round of the TIGER program, it has received 585 applications from across the country totaling \$9.3 billion in requested funding – over 18 times more than the \$500 million that will be awarded. During this eighth year of the program, the Department received 337 applications from urban areas and 248 applications from rural communities. On Wednesday, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** testified to the Senate Commerce Committee on implementation of the *FAST Act's* provisions. For more, click on [TIGER 2016 Applications](#) or [FAST Act Implementation](#).

Reducing Opioid and Heroin Abuse

On Wednesday, we participated in a White House teleconference with National Drug Policy Director **Michael Botticelli** for an update on actions the Administration is taking to address the prescription opioid abuse and heroin epidemic. He emphasized the striking magnitude of the problem and called on Congress to approve the President's \$1.1 billion FY17 budget proposal to reduce opioid abuse. Currently, only an estimated 12% of people who need services are receiving them. For more, click on [White House Fact Sheet on Opioid Abuse](#).

Public Data Platform Launched to Fight Cancer



On Monday, as part of the **Cancer Moonshot** initiative, Vice President **Joe Biden** visited the University of Chicago to mark the public release of the National Cancer Institute's Genomic Data Commons (GDC), a first-of-its-kind public data platform for storing, analyzing, and sharing genomic and associated clinical data on cancer. For more, click on [Anti-Cancer Database](#).

\$100 Million MacArthur Foundation Competition

A new competition launched by the MacArthur Foundation, called *100&Change*, will award a \$100 million grant to a single proposal designed to help solve a critical problem affecting people, places, or the planet. It is open to organizations working in any field of endeavor anywhere. Applicants must register on the website by **September 2** and proposals are due by **October 3**. For more, click on [100&Change](#).

Reviewing the H-2B Visa Program

On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest held a hearing titled, "*The H-2B Temporary Foreign Worker Program: Examining the Effects on Americans' Job Opportunities and Wages*." The program allows U.S. employers to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary nonagricultural jobs. For more, click on [Reviewing the H-2B Visa Program](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [DOL America's Promise Job-Driven Grant Program](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Oversight of EPA Unfunded Mandates

On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing titled, "*Oversight of EPA Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Governments*." For more, click on [Unfunded Mandates](#).

Improving Education and Safety for Young People

On Wednesday, Education Secretary **John King** participated in a congressional briefing to discuss the opportunity for increased diversity in schools and communities, and met later in the day with HUD Secretary **Julian Castro** to explore strategies for closing racial and socioeconomic gaps through better education, housing, and transportation. Data from the 2013-2014 school year show gaps that still remain too wide in key areas affecting education equity and opportunity for students. In related news, the COPS Office, in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, released a report with data gathered from 30 cities on how to combat youth violence in American cities. For more, click on [School Diversity](#), [Educational Opportunity Report](#), or [Youth Violence Report](#).

Preparing Local Governments for Cyber Threats



According to the Homeland Security Advisory Council, state and local governments are unprepared to deal with cyberattacks on their networks. Their report offers recommendations to ensure that interdependent partners can work together to restore critical services after a cyberattack. For more, click on [Preparing for Cyber Threats](#).

Pay for Success and CDFIs

The Nonprofit Finance Fund, a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), will host a webinar on **June 22** to explore the various roles that CDFIs have played in the first ten Pay for Success projects to launch in the United States. For more, click on [Pay for Success and CDFIs Webinar](#).

Regulating Homelessness

We thought you might be interested in a recent *Washington Post* article highlighting the policies and regulations that cities are adopting to reduce homelessness in their communities. For more, click on [Regulating Homelessness](#).

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Though it was the week of the Congressional Memorial Day Recess, there was still lots of activity on both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Here's the highlights for your review.

Deal for 50% Jump in LIHTC

On Wednesday, we learned that Senator **Maria Cantwell** had cut a deal with Senate Finance Chairman **Orrin Hatch** on a proposal to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), by increasing state allocations by 50%, at an estimated cost of \$4.1 billion over 10 years. No state would receive less than \$4 million. Senator Cantwell's bill could move as part of the larger "miscellaneous tax bill" being considered in the House. For more, click on [Cantwell-Hatch LIHTC Bill \(S. 2962\) Press Release](#).

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman **Kevin Brady** previously told reporters that he and other top House tax-writers are considering crafting a "miscellaneous tax bill" that would bundle stand-alone tax measures to benefits businesses, individuals, and local governments. No decisions have been made on the timing or content of such legislation, but the overall idea has gotten approval from Senate Finance Committee Chairman **Orrin Hatch**. The LIHTC deal would be part of this package.

Throughout June, House Speaker **Paul Ryan** plans to release six detailed policy papers focused on poverty, taxes, healthcare, national security, regulations, and constitutional authority. For more, click on [Speaker Ryan: A Better Way](#).

Army Corps WOTUS Decisions Can Be Challenged



On Tuesday, by a vote of 8-0, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that wetlands determinations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be challenged in court. More specifically, the Supreme Court clarified that landowners and other interested

parties can go to the federal courts to challenge the Corps' jurisdictional determinations under the Clean Water Act.

The government had argued that an Army Corps' determination that a tract contains "waters of the United States" is not reviewable by the courts. For more, click on [Supreme Court Opinion: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers v. Hawkes Co., Inc.](#) or [NACo Amicus Brief](#).

Challenges of Zika Virus Testing



On Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a report highlighting the challenges of using testing to reliably diagnose a person with the Zika Virus.

For example, a positive rRT-PCE test confirms Zika, but a negative one doesn't rule it out. More testing is required, and even that can not necessarily sort out Zika antibodies from antibodies related to previous infection with, or vaccination against, dengue or related flaviviruses, which also include West Nile, Japanese encephalitis and yellow fever. For more, click on [CDC Zika Virus Website](#) or [Interim Guidance for Interpretation of Zika Virus Antibody Test Results](#).

Veterans Legacy Program

On Tuesday, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of the Veterans Legacy Program to memorialize Veterans' service and sacrifice through educational programming. The program uses the rich resources found throughout VA national cemeteries, Soldiers' lots, and monument sites. Using online educational products such as lesson plans, interactive maps, and short video vignettes, VA will engage the general public, students, and educators. For more, click in [Veterans Legacy Program](#).

Key Dates in Washington

As Congress wraps up its Memorial Day recess this week, we note that there are not many working days left in the 114th Congress this year. For the remainder of 2016, beginning on Monday, the House is scheduled to be in-session for 54 days, and the Senate is scheduled to be in-session for 69 days. Both chambers are scheduled to be in-session simultaneously for 52 days for the rest of the year.

On page 2, we compiled a chart with "Key Dates in Washington" that you might find helpful. For more, click on [2016 Congressional Calendar](#). Please contact us if you have any questions about the Congressional Calendar.

Key Dates in Washington	Date
“August Recess 2016” (both chambers out-of-session)	July 18-September 2
Republican National Convention in Cleveland	July 18-21
Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia	July 25-28
Federal Fiscal Year 2016 ends at midnight	September 30
Federal Fiscal Year 2017 begins	October 1
115 th Congress of the United States	January 3, 2017-January 3, 2019
Inauguration of the 45 th President of the United States	January 20, 2017
*Note: It is anticipated that Congress will return after the elections for a post-election “lame-duck” session. The dates and agenda items will be set in the fall.	

FHWA/FTA Final Rule on Transportation Planning

On Friday, May 27, FHWA and FTA officially published their final rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning. The rule implements certain planning and environmental provisions of *MAP-21* and the *FAST Act* changes to the transportation planning process. The final rule is the sixth in a series of rules that FHWA and FTA are issuing to establish the performance management framework introduced by *MAP-21* and continued by the *FAST Act*. To learn more, register to attend an FHWA/FTA-hosted webinar on **June 14**, at 1-2pm EDT. For more, click on [Final Rule Press Release](#), [Final Rule Text](#), or [Register for Final Rule Webinar](#).

FTA Webinar to Discuss Transit Worker Assaults



The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is hosting a webinar on **June 15** to discuss the launch of a National Online Dialogue to address preventing and mitigating assaults on transit workers. The webinar will serve as a brief introduction to the National Online Dialogue to help interested individuals navigate the conversation, and will provide an overview of some of the topics to be discussed. The feedback received during the dialogue will help shape best practice risk control strategies that will be mandated as part of the Transit Worker Assault Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

FTA plans to issue the NPRM on Transit Worker Assaults in accordance with a requirement in the *FAST Act* to establish “rail and bus safety standards, practices, or protocols” for “protecting rail and bus operators from the risk of assault.” Both the dialogue and the webinar will be open to the public, but FTA anticipates significant interest and encourages participation from unions, transit employees, state Departments of Transportation and State Safety Oversight Agencies. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [Register for the June 15 Webinar](#).

National Traffic Volume Trends

New data from U.S. DOT show that U.S. driving reached 746 billion miles in the first three months of 2016, beating the previous record of 720.1 billion miles set last year. In fact, Americans as a

whole drive twice as far on any given day before noon as the International Space Station has ever flown. In March, traffic in the Northeast region – stretching from Maine to Pennsylvania – led the nation with a 6.4 percent increase in traffic, as measured by unadjusted vehicle-miles-traveled. For more, click on [FHWA Traffic Volume Trends](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [ED i3 Scale Up and Validation Grant Competitions](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Dedicated Tax for DC Region’s Metro System



We thought you would be interested in efforts on the part of the Washington region to achieve a dedicated tax for the Metro system. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) and the Greater Washington

Board of Trade have teamed up to organize several “summits” for this spring and summer to bring regional stakeholders together to reach a consensus on a dedicated funding plan for Metro by the fall. Any permanent funding plan would ultimately need to be approved by the District of Columbia’s City Council as well as state legislatures in Annapolis, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia. D.C. Councilmember **Jack Evans**, who is Metro’s board chairman, believes the best solution would be for Virginia, Maryland, and the District to raise their sales taxes to 7 percent to create a dedicated funding stream. For more, click on [Push for Dedicated Funding for Metro](#).

President Obama Returns to Elkhart



In 2009, just weeks into his first term, President Obama visited the City of Elkhart, Indiana, which was struggling in the wake of the Great Recession. On Wednesday, President Obama returned to Elkhart to deliver an address on the economy and hold a town hall with the city’s residents to highlight the economic progress made since 2009. In 2009, the unemployment rate in Elkhart had climbed to a staggering 19.6%. Today, the unemployment rate is 4.3%, which is lower than the national average of 5%. The number of vehicular manufacturing jobs in Elkhart has more than doubled, from 12,000 to 26,000. The President remarked, “*Elkhart would not have come this far if we hadn’t made a series of smart decisions, my administration, a cooperative Congress – decisions we made together early on in my administration.*” For more, click on [President Obama Returns to Elkhart](#), [President’s Remarks](#), or [Elkhart Town Hall Event](#). *It was a great honor for us to work for Elkhart during this period of economic recovery.*

♪♪ Music of the Month ♪♪

Our telephone’s hold music for the month of June is **John Denver**. Call us and enjoy!

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