

Fresno Council of Governments Monthly State Legislative Report 10/6/2016

[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: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

Location: 8/31/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Dead	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: Vetoed: 9/24/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 8/3/2016

Status: 9/24/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/24/2016-A. VETOED

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, on or before April 30 of each year, to post compensation information in a conspicuous location on 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 calendar year. 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: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was RLS. on 4/25/2016)

Location: 8/12/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	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: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 8/28/2015)

Location: 8/12/2016-S. DEAD

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

Position

AB 1550 (Gomez D) Greenhouse gases: investment plan: disadvantaged communities.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/14/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/4/2016

Last Amend: 8/23/2016

Status: 9/14/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 365, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/14/2016-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and any other relevant state agency, to develop, as specified, a 3-year investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This bill would require the investment plan to allocate (1) a minimum of 25% of the available moneys in the fund to projects located within, and benefiting individuals living in, disadvantaged communities, (2) an additional minimum of 5% to projects that benefit low-income households or to projects located within, and benefiting individuals living in, low-income communities located anywhere in the state, and (3) an additional minimum of 5% either to projects that benefit low-income households that are outside of, but within a 1/2 mile of, disadvantaged communities, or to projects located within the boundaries of, and benefiting individuals living in, low-income communities that are outside of, but within a 1/2 mile of, disadvantaged communities.

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
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Summary: Would appropriate \$800,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2016-17

fiscal year to various state agencies in specified amounts for various purposes including, among other things, low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to reserve \$150,000,000 from the fund to fund future legislative priorities.

Position

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

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

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Last Amend: 3/28/2016

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

Location: 5/6/2016-A. DEAD

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

Position

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

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

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was TRANS. on 2/1/2016)

Location: 8/31/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Dead	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 1610](#) (Committee on Budget) Transportation.

Current Text: Amended: 6/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2016

Last Amend: 6/13/2016

Status: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 8/24/2016)

Location: 8/31/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The net proceeds of the sale of the compact assets are required to be deposited into certain transportation funds in a specified order. This bill would provide that after the amounts described have been fully paid to the transportation funds named, or in any year during which any portion of these amounts are repaid from the General Fund pursuant to specified provisions of the California Constitution in an amount greater than or equal to the amount of tribal gaming revenues remitted pursuant to the amended tribal compacts in that year, the revenues received by the state from the compact would be required to be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund. 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: Chaptered: 9/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Last Amend: 4/4/2016

Status: 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 745, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/28/2016-A. CHAPTERED

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: Vetoed: 9/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 8/17/2016

Status: 9/28/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/28/2016-A. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) created the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and provided for allocation by the California Transportation Commission of \$2 billion in bond funds for infrastructure improvements on highway and rail corridors that have a high volume of freight movement, and specified categories of projects eligible to receive these funds. Current law continues the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund in existence in order to receive revenues from sources other than the bond act for these purposes. This bill 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.

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) Transit Pass Program: free or reduced-fare transit passes.

Current Text: Amended: 8/2/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 8/2/2016

Status: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. on 8/11/2016)

Location: 8/12/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Dead	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 made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified pupils and students. The bill would require the department 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. The bill would exempt those guidelines from the Administrative Procedure Act.

Position

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

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/22/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 7/22/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 76, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 7/22/2016-A. CHAPTERED

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 agency: County of Placer: bridges.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/28/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 8/17/2016

Status: 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 753, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/28/2016-A. CHAPTERED

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 the use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor method for the construction of 2 specified bridges that are not on the state highway system. For the purposes only of this authorization, the bill would include the County of Placer within the definition of a regional transportation agency.

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) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: electrical transmission planning.

Current Text: Amended: 8/2/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 8/2/2016

Status: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/11/2016)

Location: 8/12/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Dead	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Independent System Operator, when undertaking transmission planning activities, to take into account a specified report relating to solar photovoltaic system development in the San Joaquin Valley and specified principles of transmission corridor planning developed by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission). The bill would require the Energy Commission, the PUC, and the Independent System Operator, when undertaking activities as part of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative, to take into account the above-specified report and principles.

Position

AB 2722 (Burke D) Transformative Climate Communities Program.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/14/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 8/31/2016

Status: 9/14/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 371, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/14/2016-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would create the Transformative Climate Communities Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council. The bill would require the council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities, as defined. The bill would require the council to develop guidelines and selection criteria for the implementation of the program.

Position

AB 2741 (Salas D) Long-range transportation planning: California Transportation Plan.

Current Text: Vetoed: 9/26/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 6/8/2016

Status: 9/26/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

Location: 9/26/2016-A. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, beginning in 2020, require updates to the California Transportation Plan to be approved by the California Transportation Commission prior to submission to the Legislature and the Governor. The bill would require the department to submit a draft of its proposed update to the commission for its comments by June 30, 2020, and every 5 years thereafter.

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: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. on 8/11/2016)

Location: 8/12/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Dead	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
1st House				2nd House							

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

Position

[ABX1 4](#)

(Frazier D) Transportation funding.

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

Introduced: 7/9/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

[ABX1 13](#)

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

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

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

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

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

Position

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

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

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

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

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

Position

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

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

Introduced: 8/31/2015

Status: 9/1/2015-From printer.

Location: 8/31/2015-A. PRINT

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

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

Position

[ABX1 26](#) (Frazier D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 8/30/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 8/24/2016

Last Amend: 8/30/2016

Status: 8/31/2016-Re-referred to Com. on T. & I.D.

Location: 8/31/2016-A. TRANS.

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. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria, consistent with a specified asset management plan, to ensure efficient use of certain funds available for the program.

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: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/19/2015)

Location: 8/31/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Dead	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: Chaptered: 9/8/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 8/19/2016

Status: 9/8/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/8/2016-S. CHAPTERED

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 ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to 40% below the 1990 level 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: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was TRANS. on 5/22/2015)

Location: 8/31/2016-A. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	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: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 8/28/2015)

Location: 8/12/2016-A. DEAD

Dead	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	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: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/27/2016)

Location: 8/31/2016-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Dead	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 838](#)

(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Transportation.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2016

Last Amend: 6/10/2016

Status: 9/13/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 339, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/13/2016-S. CHAPTERED

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

Summary: The net proceeds of the sale of the compact assets are required to be deposited into certain transportation funds in a specified order. This bill would instead provide that after the amounts described have been fully paid to the transportation funds named, or in any year during which any portion of these amounts are repaid from the General Fund pursuant to specified provisions of the California Constitution in an amount greater than or equal to the amount of tribal gaming revenues remitted pursuant to the amended tribal compacts in that year, the revenues received by the state from the compact would be required to be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund.

Position

[SB 1000](#)

(Leyva D) Land use: general plans: safety and environmental justice.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/24/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/10/2016

Last Amend: 8/29/2016

Status: 9/24/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 587, Statutes of 2016.

Location: 9/24/2016-S. CHAPTERED

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

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law requires, after the initial revision of the safety element to address flooding, fires, and climate adaptation and resilience strategies, that for each subsequent revision the planning agency review and, if necessary, revise the safety element to identify new information that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element. This bill would instead require a planning agency to review and revise the safety element to identify new information, as described above, only to address flooding and fires.

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: 8/12/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. on 8/11/2016)

Location: 8/12/2016-A. DEAD

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

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Transportation to submit to the California Transportation Commission an estimate of state and federal funds reasonably expected to be available for future programming over the 5-year period in each state transportation improvement program, and requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt a fund estimate in that regard. This bill

would require the fund estimates prepared by the department and the commission to identify and include federal funds derived from apportionments made to the state under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015.

Position

[SB 1320](#) (Runner R) California Transportation Commission.

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

Introduced: 2/19/2016

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

Location: 4/22/2016-S. DEAD

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

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

Position

[SBX1 1](#) (Beall D) Transportation funding.

Current Text: Amended: 8/29/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 6/22/2015

Last Amend: 8/29/2016

Status: 8/29/2016-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 8/29/2016-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. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria, consistent with a specified asset management plan, to ensure efficient use of certain funds available for the program.

Position

[SBX1 2](#) (Huff R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

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

Introduced: 6/30/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

[SBX1 4](#) (Beall D) Transportation funding.

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

Introduced: 7/7/2015

Last Amend: 9/4/2015

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

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

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

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

intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to maintain and repair the state's highways, local roads, bridges, and other critical transportation infrastructure.

Position

SBX1 5 (Beall D) Transportation funding.

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

Introduced: 7/7/2015

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

Location: 9/1/2015-A. DESK

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

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

Position

SBX1 10 (Bates R) Regional transportation capital improvement funds.

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

Introduced: 7/16/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

SBX1 11 (Berryhill R) Environmental quality: transportation infrastructure.

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

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 9/4/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

SBX1 12 (Runner R) California Transportation Commission.

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

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 8/20/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

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

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

Introduced: 7/16/2015

Last Amend: 9/3/2015

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

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

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

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

Position

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

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

Introduced: 4/9/2015

Last Amend: 5/28/2015

Status: 8/31/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Joint Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was E. & C.A. on 5/28/2015)

Location: 8/31/2016-S. DEAD

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

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

Position

SJR 24 (Beall D) Federal transportation funding.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/9/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 8/2/2016

Status: 9/9/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 188, Statutes of 2016

Location: 9/9/2016-S. CHAPTERED

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

Summary: Would urge Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program at a level of \$525 million in the 2017 fiscal year to provide additional critical investment in California and elsewhere, and to work together to finally find a long-term, sustainable funding solution to restore the lost purchasing power of the federal fuel excise tax, provide California and the rest of the country with the resources needed to rebuild its infrastructure, invest in its people through good, well-paying jobs, and restore our economy.

Position

Total Measures: 54
Total Tracking Forms: 54

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With a short-term federal spending plan in place, and only 39 days until election day, Congress is on election recess until they return to Washington for the lame duck session on November 14. We have that and much more this week, for your review!

Congress Approves 10-Week FY17 Continuing Resolution

On Thursday, President Obama signed a Continuing Resolution (H.R. 5325) into law, which will maintain current federal spending levels for the first 10 weeks of Fiscal Year 2017, from October 1 through December 9, 2016. There were no amendments made by either chamber to the measure that was unilaterally released by Senate Republicans last week. However, late on Tuesday night, Republican and Democratic leaders from both chambers finally agreed to provide water infrastructure aid for Flint, Michigan during a lame-duck session following the November elections. The aid will come as part of a *Water Resources Development Act* (WRDA) bill, either at the \$170 million level the House has approved or, more likely, at the \$220 million level approved by the Senate.

After the leadership agreement regarding Flint was reached, votes in both chambers rapidly followed. On Wednesday, at 2:39pm, the Senate voted to end debate on the FY17 CR by a vote of 77-21, followed soon thereafter by a final passage vote of 72-26. At 8:49pm, the House approved a special rule that barred any floor amendments to the CR, and then at 9:57pm, the House approved the CR by a vote of 342-85. For more, click on [Senate Cloture Vote Breakdown](#), [House Passage Vote Breakdown](#), [Senate Appropriations Statement](#), [House Appropriations Statement](#), or [White House Signing Statement](#).

On Thursday, we learned more about Congress's lame duck agenda, beyond the planned WRDA vote. Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** endorsed House Speaker **Paul Ryan**'s plan to pass several full-year FY17 "minibus" packages of appropriations bills rather than one large "omnibus" package that combines all twelve regular annual bills. The Majority Leader said, "I don't like omnibuses and I don't like CRs either. And the only other place you could go with this amount of limited time left would be several minibuses." Lawmakers and staff have not yet decided which remaining FY17 spending bills would go into each minibus.

Welcome Silvana Caldera



Please join us in welcoming **Silvana Caldera** to our professional family as our new *Intergovernmental Affairs Associate*. Silvana will start with us on October 17th after several years of service in the office of Congressman John Sarbanes of Maryland. A native of Florida, Silvana holds an undergraduate

degree from Florida State University and a Master's Degree from the George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. Silvana will be working, along with Jen Covino, Stephanie McIntosh, and me, on all aspects of your federal affairs program here in Washington. You will be hearing from her regularly and we know you will be as impressed as we have been by her experience and ability. We look forward to you getting to meet her in person on your next trip to DC. We are very grateful to Silvana for signing on with our team and look forward, as we know you do, to a great professional collaboration with her in the years to come. – *Len Simon*

House Approves WRDA Bill

On Wednesday, by a vote of 399 to 25, the House approved its WRDA bill (H.R. 5303). The Senate approved its bill (S. 2848) on September 15. The two-year bill authorizes \$9 billion for 31 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects that have been submitted to Congress since the enactment of the 2014 WRRDA law. The 2016 House WRDA bill utilizes the new process reforms established under the 2014 law that allow for greater local government participation in project selection.

One of the bill's most important amendments, which helped Congress move beyond its impasse over the FY17 CR, would authorize \$170 million to be spent on Flint and other municipalities dealing with water infrastructure problems, and the money could be spent over several fiscal years. The Senate WRDA bill would not require subsequent appropriations for the \$220 million it proposes to spend on Flint and similar municipalities. The Senate bill also specifies that the majority of the aid would be routed through two revolving loan funds. Statements from prominent lawmakers in both chambers indicate that there is a preference to include the Senate's more generous provision when the differences are ironed out in the lame duck conference committee. For more, click on [House WRDA Vote Breakdown](#) or [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Press Release](#).

Ending Veteran Homelessness in Tight Rental Markets

On Wednesday, we participated in a teleconference with VA Secretary **Bob McDonald**, HUD Secretary **Julian Castro**, San Francisco Mayor **Ed Lee**, and NLC Executive Director **Clarence Anthony** to discuss how mayors can work to end veteran homelessness in tight rental markets. Even veterans with HUD-VASH vouchers in-hand often face challenges finding housing in high-rent cities. One best practice is for cities to engage directly with landlords as cities such as **Madison, Charleston, and Tucson** have done so recently in partnership with NLC. For more resources, click on [Veterans' Housing](#) or [Engaging Landlords](#).

White House "First Job" Company Compact

The White House is calling on businesses to sign onto the "First Job" Company Compact by **October 5**. The goal is to spread best practices that business leaders are already implementing to connect more out-of-school, out-of-work "Opportunity Youth" ages 16 to 24 to jobs to support those young people and regional economies. For more, click on [First Job Company Compact](#) or [President Obama: Why My First Job Mattered](#).

White House Calls for Local Zoning Reform

On Monday, the White House released a *Housing Development Toolkit*, which calls on communities to loosen zoning regulations that inhibit new housing development. For more, click on [Cecilia Munoz Blog Post](#) or [Housing Development Toolkit](#).

EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities

EPA requests Letters of Interest from communities by **5:00pm Eastern Time on October 12** for its *Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program*. The purpose of the program is to provide quick, targeted technical assistance to selected communities to implement smart growth strategies and the resources to educate local stakeholders about the environmental, economic, health, and quality of life benefits these approaches can bring. EPA expects to select 25 recipients by November 2016 and provide all technical assistance by July 2017. For more, click on [Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities 2016-2017](#).

EPA National Port Strategy Assessment

An EPA report finds that air pollution at the nation's ports can be reduced significantly at all types and sizes of ports through a variety of strategies and cleaner technologies. It examines current and future emission trends from diesel engines and explores the emissions reduction potential of strategies like replacing older, dirtier engines and deploying zero emissions technologies. For more, click on [National Port Strategy Assessment](#).

FTA Guidance on Implementing EEO Requirements

On Thursday, FTA published the first revision of guidance since 1988 to transit agencies on how to comply with federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) guidelines. It also spells out new reporting requirements; agencies with more than 100 employees now need to submit EEO programs to FTA every four years, rather than every three. For more, click on [FTA EEO Guidance](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [CNCS FY17 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Program](#). Please [contact Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Urban Agriculture Act

On Wednesday, Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member **Debbie Stabenow** introduced the *Urban Agriculture Act of 2016* (S. 3420), which would expand USDA authority to support farm cooperatives in urban areas, create a new Urban Agriculture Office at USDA, and invest \$5 million in community gardens, among other provisions. The current 2014 farm bill (PL 113-79) expires on September 30, 2018. For more, click on [Urban Agriculture Act](#).

Compare Cities' Education Results Online

The George W. Bush Institute released *State of Our Cities: Profiles of Education Performance Around the Nation*, a new website that provides comparable education data on more than 100 cities across the country. The interactive resource allows users to make comparisons at the state, national, and even global level so that city leaders, policymakers, parents, and educators can compare their community's scores with global competitors. For more, click on [State of Our Cities](#) or [Edweek Article](#).

Creating a 21st Century Immigration System

On Monday, the National Immigration Forum released a new report, "*Creating a 21st Century Immigration System*," which addresses the need for broad immigration reform. For more, click on [21st Century Immigration System](#).

Congressman Blumenauer on Raising the Gas Tax

Congressman **Earl Blumenauer** wants to keep the drumbeat going on renewed calls for additional infrastructure investment. Responding to a front-page story in the *New York Times*, the Congressman offered a Letter to the Editor in support of raising the gas tax, which he thinks would, "*stimulate the economy, and at the same time fix the bottlenecks stifling freight movement and commuters alike. There is no better time to act.*" For more, click on [NYTimes Article](#) or [Rep. Blumenauer's Letter to the Editor](#).

National Museum of African American History & Culture



We are very excited to welcome the newest addition to our National Mall, the *Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture* (NMAAHC), which opened last Saturday. **President Obama** and thousands of others participated in the opening ceremonies. For more, click on [Press Release](#) or [NMAAHC Website](#).

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Brandon Key Heads to Local Government



With great pride in his accomplishments and gratitude for his tireless work on your behalf, I am excited to announce that **Brandon Key**, who has been a vital member of our team here for over five years, will join the Prince George's County, MD Office of Management and Budget next month.

Most of you know Brandon well from receiving this weekly report, which he has captained since his start with us in 2011. But he has also been deeply involved in our legislative analysis, advocacy efforts with Congress and the Executive Branch, management of your visits to Washington, and working as our lead on technology issues. He will be missed here for sure.

Brandon, who holds a Masters of Public Administration from the George Washington University, will now take his talents to Prince George's, a fast growing county bordering DC, where his policy expertise and analytical skills will help guide the development of the County's annual budget and ensure effective implementation of its programs. They are fortunate indeed to have him.

We will have an announcement for you next week on who will be joining our professional family to assist your federal affairs efforts in the challenging period ahead. Brandon's last day here will be October 7. *We know you join us in thanking him for his service and wishing him great success as he embarks on what we know will be a career of distinction in local government. – Len Simon*

Senate Republicans' FY17 Continuing Resolution

The Senate has postponed its vote on an FY17 CR until the afternoon of Tuesday, September 27. The federal government will shut down a little over a week from today, without an enacted spending plan in place. On Thursday, Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell unveiled the Senate Republicans' CR proposal (Senate Amendment 5082 to H.R. 5325), which would fund the government at an annual discretionary spending rate of \$1.067 trillion through December 9, 2016. It provides \$1.1 billion in supplemental funding to combat the Zika virus, and \$500 million to address immediate disaster recovery needs in Louisiana and other states, in the wake of flooding that occurred there in August. It includes language that allows Planned Parenthood's Puerto Rico affiliate Profamilias to seek reimbursement from a new \$75 million HHS fund that provides "health care for health conditions related to the Zika virus." The CR would boost funding rates from DOJ and HHS to reduce opioid abuse through programs that were authorized by the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act*, and directs VA to implement that act using FY17 funds.

The bill does not include nearly \$200 million in supplemental water infrastructure spending that Senate Democrats have been pushing to include as part of either the CR or a WRDA bill. It also does not include language to bring the Export-Import Bank back to full capacity. With major policy priorities such as these still in play, as well as ongoing disputes about oversight of internet domain name registration and the resettlement of Syrian refugees, passage of an FY17 Continuing Resolution in its current form, by both chambers of Congress, remains far from uncertain. For more, click on [Senate Republicans FY17 CR Press Release](#) or [Text of the Senate Republicans FY17 CR](#).

Responding to Terrorism

On Monday, we participated in a teleconference with the FBI's Assistant Director for Counterterrorism **Carl Ghattas** and the Department of Homeland Security's Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis **General Frank Taylor** to learn more about the federal response to last weekend's New York and New Jersey bombing incidents, as well as the stabbing attack in Minnesota. Federal government security agencies remain in a heightened posture in the wake of the attacks, and are committed to being transparent with the public about the ongoing investigations. To contact your regional FBI office, click on [Interactive Map of FBI Field Offices](#).

Police-Community Relations

On Thursday, we participated in a teleconference with White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs **Jerry Abramson**, Buffalo Mayor **Byron Brown**, and Dragonfly Partners' Senior Partner **Naseem Khuri** to learn more about how local governments can strengthen police-community relations, in the context of this week's protests. Mayor Brown highlighted Buffalo's innovative *BPD21C* Police Academy Scholarship program, and we received an extensive briefing from Mr. Khuri

about his organization's consulting work with the White House and NLC to help communities implement best practices. For more, click on [BPD21C](#), [White House Blog Post](#), [NLC Blog Post](#), or [Assistance for Cities Starting Community Conversations on Race](#).

DOT Issues Policy on Automated Vehicles



On Tuesday, DOT released its Federal Automated Vehicles (AV) Policy, new guidance that establishes a regulatory framework for the safe and effective incorporation of AV technology. The agency anticipates that highly-autonomous vehicles may be available for consumers to operate in certain scenarios by the beginning of the next decade. Public comments on the policy are due

by **November 22**. For more, click on [Federal AV Policy Landing Page](#), [Press Release](#), [Blog Post](#), [Video of the Announcement](#), or [Notice and Request for Comments](#).

Comment Period Reopens on MPO Coordination Rule

Today, FHWA and FTA reopened the comment period on their proposed rule on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform. The agencies seek specific and detailed comments on the expected costs of implementing the proposed rule, among other issues. Previously submitted comments should not be resubmitted. Comments must be received on or before **October 24, 2016**. For more, click on [Federal Register Notice](#) or [Regulations.gov Docket](#).

DOT Mayors Challenge Summit

Last Friday, we were honored to attend the DOT Summit of the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets, where Louisville's **Rolf Eisinger** and **John Callihan** gave a presentation on how Louisville Metro created a cross-departmental program team to implement four coordinated pedestrian education and enforcement programs, based on data on the greatest crash risks. For more, click on [Mayors' Challenge Winners](#), [Large City Winner: Louisville](#), [Summit Agenda](#), or [Summit Video](#).

Hearings This Week

On Wednesday, the House Education and the Workforce Committee's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing to examine the Department of Education's "supplement, not supplant proposal," which we highlighted in the September 9 *Friday Report*. For more, click on [Hearing on Local Education Authority](#).

On Wednesday, the House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing to focus on HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program, and relevant legislation that would affect it. For more, click on [Hearing on Housing Choice Vouchers](#).

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing to investigate better ways to house vulnerable families and individuals. For more, click on [Hearing on Housing Vulnerable Families and Individuals](#).

Grants This Month



This month, we sent many of you grant notices on [ED Performance Partnership Pilots – Round 3](#), the [DHS FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Program](#), and the [USDA FY17 Farm to School Grant Program](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

White House Prepares for Climate Change

On Wednesday, **President Obama** signed a Presidential Memorandum on Climate Change and National Security. In addition to tackling the impacts from climate change by reducing emissions, the White House said that there is a need for increased collaboration among the climate science, intelligence, and national security policy communities to prepare for the impacts that we can no longer avoid. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Addressing the National Security Implications of Climate Change](#), [Blog Post](#), [Presidential Memo](#), or [Intelligence Community Report](#).

On Thursday, the White House launched the Partnership for Resilience and Preparedness (PREP), a public-private collaboration among Federal agencies, NGOs, the private sector, and civil-society organizations. The White House also released a Joint Declaration with 13 other nations, alongside other organizations from the private sector and civil society, on *Harnessing the Data Revolution for Climate Resilience*. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Partnership and Joint Declaration on Climate Resilience](#).

Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week

This week is Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week, which included a Presidential call on Congress to provide \$1.1 billion in new funding to reduce opioid abuse. National Drug Control Policy Director **Michael Boticelli** said, "Right now we have an enormous treatment gap in communities all over the country." Senate Republicans included language in their FY17 CR that would allow HHS and DOJ to immediately start spending funds that, if annualized, would total \$37 million on select new initiatives authorized by the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)*. For more, click on [Fact Sheet: Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week](#) or [Presidential Proclamation](#).

HUD Evaluates its Rental Assistance Demonstration

On Wednesday, HUD published its evaluation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). For more, click on [HUD RAD Interim Report](#).

National Coffee with a Cop Day



COPS Office Director **Ron Davis** announced that the first national Coffee with a Cop day will be held on **October 7**. For more, click on [National Coffee with a Cop Day](#).

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Only 14 days to the start of the fiscal year and no deal yet and only 53 days until Election Day amid an increasingly competitive race. We live in interesting times. Here's the week's wrap-up on developments in the White House, agencies, and Hill for your review.

Senate Vote on Continuing Resolution Expected on Monday

On Monday, Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** said that he expected his chamber would wrap up work this week on a short-term FY17 Continuing Resolution (CR) that would extend current funding levels through December 9. Now, a procedural vote on the expected legislative vehicle for the stopgap measure (H.R. 5325) is set for Monday at 5:30pm Eastern Time. We do not yet have the legislative text of the anticipated three-month spending bill, but details should be released by early next week. The details have been circulating internally on Capitol Hill, and late on Thursday afternoon, Senate Minority Whip **Dick Durbin** said that Democrats sent a response to Republicans on the CR, and were waiting to hear back. The main sticking point remains funding for Planned Parenthood in Puerto Rico in the context of a spending bill to combat the Zika virus.

House Speaker **Paul Ryan** told reporters this week that "it's always a mistake" to let the Senate go first in CR negotiations. He said, "I wouldn't say bogged down is the way I would describe it. They're just taking time because it's painstaking, it's complicated." On Zika spending, Senators **Roy Blunt** and **Patty Murray** have been tasked yet again with working out a compromise between the two parties on the issue. Their original \$1.1 billion proposal to combat the Zika virus was approved by the Senate in May, by a vote of 68-29, but has since been rejected by Democrats due to language from the House that would restrict funding to Planned Parenthood clinics that are primarily in Puerto Rico. Other outstanding issues include: money to fix lead-contaminated drinking water in Flint, jurisdiction over the control of internet domain names, and funding to help Louisiana recover from severe flooding in August. House Appropriations Committee Chairman **Hal Rogers** said of the timeline for more details, "We're still in conversations. Still making progress. Still a ways to go. I'm sure next week, as opposed to this week... The Zika matter is still

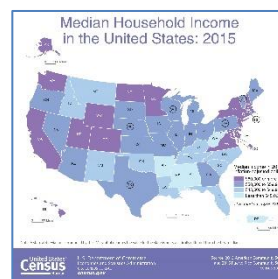
under discussion." We will continue to follow the issue closely, and provide you with any updates!

Senate Approves WRDA Bill

On Thursday, by a vote of 95-3, the Senate approved its *Water Resources Development Act of 2016* (WRDA), S. 2848, with amendments. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved its WRDA bill, H.R. 5303, on May 25. The Senate's \$10.6 billion water projects authorization bill would approve 30 new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood protection and water projects. The bill includes \$220 million in loans and grants to help Flint, Michigan rebuild and recover from its lead-tainted drinking water system. The House bill does not include the Flint-related provisions. The \$220 million approved by the Senate breaks down to \$100 million for water infrastructure improvements available to "states with emergency drinking water situations," through the state revolving fund loans; \$70 million in Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) credit subsidies, and \$50 million in health screening and education grants. This funding would be offset by cutting the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee generally reacted favorably to passage of the Senate WRDA Bill. It will be up to Chairman **Bill Shuster** whether or not to include the \$220 million in loans and credit subsidies that the Senate approved. Even if the House passes a different version of the WRDA bill, as early as next week, many of the chambers' differences can be ironed out in the Conference Committee. For more, click on [Local Governments' Statement on Senate Passage](#), [Senators Inhofe and Boxer Statement](#), [House Chairmen Shuster and Gibbs Statement](#), [Current Text of Senate WRDA 2016](#), or [Current Text of House WRDA 2016](#).

Incomes Up and Poverty Down in 2015



On Tuesday, the Census Bureau announced new U.S. income and poverty statistics showing that from 2014 to 2015, median household income increased by 5.2 percent, to \$56,500, and the official poverty rate fell by 1.2 percent from 2014, to 13.5 percent. On Thursday, the Bureau followed up by releasing state and local-level statistics on more than 40 topics from the American Community Survey (ACS). Between 2014 and 2015, poverty rates declined in 23 states, and no state saw an increase in the poverty rate. Only one state, Connecticut, experienced a decline

in income equality, with most states experiencing no statistical change in income equality. Real median household income in 2015 was 1.6 percent lower than in 2007, and 2.4 percent lower than the peak of real median household income in 1999. For more, click on [2015 U.S. Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage](#), [2015 State and Local Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage](#), [Press Kit for 2015 U.S. Data](#), [Statement on State and Local Data](#), or [Statement from Commerce Secretary Pritzker on U.S. Data](#).

Improving Nutrition Assistance

On Tuesday, the Subcommittee on Nutrition of the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing to discuss the initiatives states are taking to further improve their SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) programs to help recipients transition into the workforce and obtain additional skills to increase their earnings. Members heard from representatives from three of the ten states selected to participate in the SNAP E&T pilot programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including **Pete Weber**, founder of the Fresno Bridge Academy, and **David Stillman**, the state of Washington's Assistant Secretary for the Economic Services Administration. For more, click on [Oversight of SNAP Employment and Training pilot programs](#).

On Tuesday, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the FY17 **Farm to School Grant Program**. The purpose of this program is to support the implementation of farm-to-school programs that will improve access to locally-sourced foods in eligible schools. USDA will award approximately \$5 million in total program funding through up to 75 grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000 each. The non-federal match requirement is at least 25% of the total project cost, and the application deadline is **December 8**. For more, click on our [Grant Memo](#).

Preventing Fraud in the EB-5 Program

On Tuesday, GAO released a report on steps that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has recently taken, that are intended to enhance fraud detection and mitigation activities for the Employment-Based Fifth Preference Immigrant Investor Program (EB-5 Program). The report comes amid efforts on Capitol Hill to update and reform the EB-5 program. For more, click on [Preventing Fraud in the EB-5 Program](#).

Transportation Policy on the Hill



On Wednesday, we participated in an event titled, "*What's New on the Hill in Transportation Policy?*", which took place in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee meeting room. We heard from senior staff members of the following Committees: Senate Environment and Public Works, House Transportation and Infrastructure, Senate Banking, Senate Commerce, and Senate Finance. After staff members described which portions of the *FAST Act* transportation law that they personally wrote or negotiated, they stressed the importance of overseeing the ongoing implementation work of U.S. DOT. They acknowledged that long-

term funding remains an outstanding issue in the years leading up to the next transportation reauthorization, and they recognized the concerns that many local governments and MPOs have about DOT's proposed rule on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform. *Please let us know if you have any questions.*

In related news, U.S. DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics released the first-ever **National Transit Map**, a geospatial database containing information from more than 270 *transit agencies* that provides open, machine-readable data about their stops, routes, and schedules. For more, click on [BTS Press Release](#) or [Secretary Foxx Statement](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [USDA FY17 Farm to School Grant Program](#). *Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.*

SBA Aspire Entrepreneurship Initiative

The Small Business Administration announced the formation of the Aspire Entrepreneurship Initiative, a groundbreaking new \$2.1 million partnership to expand access to entrepreneurial education and microloans for formerly incarcerated individuals, with a specific focus on those who are parents. The initial rollout of the initiative is planned for **Louisville**, Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis. It will benefit a total of 200 participants, 50 in each city, and each participant will be eligible for microloans of up to \$50,000. For more, click on [Aspire Entrepreneurship Initiative](#).

Next Generation High Schools

On Monday, the White House held its second annual Summit on Next Generation High Schools, which brought together leadership teams from six states and more than 20 school districts to commit to redesigning their high schools – efforts estimated to reach more than 600,000 students. For more, click on [Second Annual Summit on Next Generation High Schools](#).

DOT Every Place Counts Leadership Academy

U.S. DOT is calling on community members to nominate themselves or someone they know by **Monday, September 19 at 12:00pm Eastern Time** to participate in the *Every Place Counts Leadership Academy*, geared toward future community leaders who have limited experience in transportation decisions and want to learn how to engage as effectively as possible. For more, click on [U.S. DOT Leadership Academy](#).

Making Infrastructure Spending a Priority

Here's a *Washington Post* op-ed by former Treasury Secretary **Lawrence "Larry" Summers** on how the next President should make infrastructure spending a priority. For more, click on [Larry Summers on U.S. Infrastructure Spending](#).

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Congress came back after a seven-week absence and is now racing the clock towards a September 30 election recess and a new fiscal year. Lots more happening -- somehow, it feels like the summer is over! Here's the highlights, with 60 days until the election.

Congress Returns



The 114th Congress returned to Capitol Hill on Tuesday, after a seven-week recess that left several big policy issues on the backburner. Congress has 15 working days to agree to an FY17 spending plan that will keep the federal government functioning after September. On Tuesday, Senate Minority Leader **Harry Reid** said on the floor that Democrats, including **President Obama**, would not support a six-month Continuing Resolution (CR), which would maintain current spending levels into March 2017, well into the start of the next President's term. Later that day, House Majority Leader **Kevin McCarthy** said that he would prefer to see all FY17 appropriations work done by December 2016. On Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** announced that he is in talks with Senator Reid and the White House to move a short-term CR as early as next week, with a target date of December 9. This morning, in a "family meeting" of House Republicans, Speaker **Paul Ryan** advocated a short-term CR, ending in December, that could include a plan for a series of "minibuses." These minibuses would include two or three of the regular appropriations bills, rather than an omnibus that packages all twelve bills together. House Appropriations Chairman **Hal Rogers** previously advocated for an end date of December 16 for a short-term CR. *We'll keep you up to date on appropriations.*

On Tuesday, the Senate failed to end debate by a vote of 52-46 on a bill (H.R. 2577) that includes \$1.1 billion to confront the mosquito-borne **Zika virus**. The funding has remained in limbo largely due to Democratic objections that the bill would prevent \$95 million in Social Services Block Grant allocations, largely for Puerto Rico, from being used for family planning clinics by Planned Parenthood's affiliate Profamilias. Other issues Congress may consider this year include: extending tax breaks, funding to combat the opioid epidemic, improving mental health care, and an energy policy bill. For more, click on [Senate Zika Funding Vote Breakdown](#).

Up on the Hill This Week

This week, courtesy of the *San Joaquin "Valley Voice"* delegation from California, we had the opportunity to meet with several members of Congress and learn about their priorities for the rest of the year, including Rep. **Devin Nunes**, Rep. **Jerry McNerney**, Rep. **David Valadao**, and Rep. **Jim Costa**. We heard much about their views on FY17 spending as well as their thoughts on future infrastructure legislation and clean air regulations. Several of the members expressed concern about a proposed DOT rule to consolidate Metropolitan Planning Organizations or their planning processes. We were also honored to be joined by DOT Deputy Secretary **Victor Mendez** and DOT senior staff who outlined the Administration's priorities for the remainder of the President's term, including: building up the Build America Bureau, implementing drone regulations, supporting the development of autonomous vehicles, and building new Ladders of Opportunity. For more, click on [House Transportation and Infrastructure Letter on MPO Consolidation Rule](#). *Please contact us if you have any questions about our meetings on the Hill!*

HUD Proposes Rule to Reduce Lead in Children

In an effort to immediately help young children with elevated blood levels living in federally assisted housing, HUD published a proposed rule to lower the Department's threshold of lead in the child's blood to match the one used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This change to HUD's 17-year-old Lead Safe Housing Rule will allow for an earlier response when a child under six years old is exposed to lead-based paint hazards in their HUD-assisted homes. Housing providers would be required to report the case to HUD so the Department can launch an immediate environmental investigation. The rule potentially covers an estimated 2.9 million HUD-assisted housing units built before 1978, the year lead-based paint was banned for residential use. Of these homes, approximately 490,000 are estimated to have children under six residing in them, and 128,000 of those are estimated to contain lead-based paint. For more, click on [HUD Lead Rule](#).

EPA Updates its Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

On Wednesday, EPA finalized updates to the agency's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) that will help protect communities in the eastern U.S. from smog-forming pollution that crosses state lines and will help states meet the 2008 air quality standards for smog, or ozone. The CSAPR Update identifies cuts in nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions in 22 states that contribute significantly to downwind ozone air quality problems and can be achieved using already-installed, proven, and cost-effective control technologies and other readily available approaches at effected sources. The cuts in NO_x emissions under the final rule will lead to significant improvements in air quality starting in the 2017 ozone season (May-September). EPA estimates that for every dollar investment, American families would see up to \$13 in health benefits. For more, click on [EPA CSAPR Update](#).

ED on "Supplement-not-Supplant"

The Department of Education released proposed regulations to implement the requirement in Title I of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA), as revised by the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), that federal funds must supplement, and may not supplant, state and local funds. The Department says that the proposed regulation would mean up to \$2 billion in additional state and local funding for high-poverty schools. As part of ESSA, Congress specified a new requirement indicating that schools receiving Title I federal funds must receive all of the State and local funds the school would have otherwise received if it were not receiving the federal resources. The Department says that, on average, state and local government shortchange Title I schools by an average of \$440,000 per year, and the federal funds spent in these schools are often, in effect, being used to make up some or all of that shortfall, instead of providing the additional resources needed in high poverty schools. For more, click on [Education Department Regulations on "Supplement-not-Supplant"](#).

FASTLANE Grants Officially Announced

Although Congressional offices began leaking details several weeks ago, on Wednesday, DOT announced that its Build America Bureau has awarded nearly \$800 million to 18 U.S. infrastructure projects through the first round of its FY16 FASTLANE grant program. The \$800 million in FASTLANE funding complements an additional \$2.8 billion in other federal, state, local, and private funding for these projects. FASTLANE projects have significant regional and national impacts by reducing congestion, expanding capacity, using innovative technology, improving safety, or moving freight more efficiently. For more, click on [FY16 FASTLANE Grant Awards](#). *We can assist you with any future FASTLANE, TIGER, or TIFIA projects that you may be considering.*

FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grants Announced

On Thursday, the Federal Transit Administration awarded nearly \$211 million for 61 projects through its FY16 *Bus and Bus Facilities* competitive grant program. The purpose of the grants is to provide more modern, reliable bus service for transit riders across the country by replacing, rehabilitating, and purchasing transit buses and related equipment, and constructing bus-related

facilities. FTA received 284 applications totaling \$1.64 billion from 236 applicants in 47 states. For more, click on [FY16 Bus and Bus Facilities Projects](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you a grant notice on the [DHS FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Program](#). Please contact *Jen Covino* with any questions about grants.

Drug-Free Communities Awarded \$85.9 Million

Director of National Drug Control Policy **Michael Botticelli** announced \$85.9 million in grants for 698 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Programs across the country. The grants will provide funding to local community coalitions for preventing youth substance use including prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol. The DFC Program provides grants of up to \$625,000 over five years to community coalitions that facilitate youth and adult participation at the community level in local youth drug use prevention efforts. Coalitions are comprised of community leaders, parents, youth, teachers, religious, and fraternal organizations, health care and business professionals, law enforcement, and media. For more, click on [FY16 Drug-Free Communities Program Awards](#).

Health Care Coverage Through School Registration

The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services are calling on states and districts to help enroll students in health care coverage during school registration processes and ensure students have access to the health coverage they need. Research shows that children who have access to health coverage are more likely to graduate from high school and college than uninsured children. In addition, when eligible parents enroll in Medicaid, their eligible children are more likely to get enrolled and receive necessary and preventative care. For more, click on [Health Care for Students](#).

To the Newlyweds: *Johnny and Tara*



Please join us in congratulating **Johnny Simon** and **Tara Zabor** on their marriage, which took place at a joyous wedding in Hudson, New York during Labor Day Weekend. Johnny is Quartz's photo editor, consulting on photo usage and visual storytelling.

Tara is Director of Operations and Curator of Collection of the Leroy Neiman Foundation. The bride and groom reside in the Ditmas Park section of Brooklyn, NY. *Their parents – Linda and Len Simon and Susan and Dave Zabor - could not be happier!*

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