

Fresno Council of Governments Monthly State Legislative Report 11/3/2016

[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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The Obama Administration continues to take care of important pending priorities on their plate as their days dwindle. Lots more happening as well in a busy week. Here's the highlights. Eleven days until Election Day!

A Family Homelessness Update

The results of a 3-year HUD study that examine strategies to end family homelessness have been released, concluding that housing vouchers are the most effective intervention and rapid re-housing is the least costly. The agency examined over 2,000 families from 12 communities nationwide, including Louisville and Salt Lake City. The study randomly assigned each family one of the following responses to family homelessness: long-term housing subsidy, community-based rapid rehousing, project based transitional housing, and usual care, which left families to find their way out of shelter without priority access to a program that would provide them with a place to live.

Based on several major findings, including the high costs of emergency shelters and transitional housing programs compared to other responses, HUD will continue to encourage local communities to improve their strategies for addressing homelessness. To view the Report, click on [HUD Family Options Study](#). For more, click on [HUD Homelessness Study](#) or [HUD Homelessness Outlays](#).

EPA Drinking Water Rules

The EPA will propose new regulations to strengthen U.S. drinking water rules to better prevent contamination such as the lead poisoning that occurred in Flint, Michigan. In a [white paper](#) published this week, the agency specified that it plans to update the federal Lead and Copper Rule to: (1) strengthen corrosion control treatment in drinking water systems, and (2) educate consumers on the health effects of lead, as well as the actions being taken to reduce exposure. The EPA will also take steps to enhance transparency and efficiency in water management at the state and local levels. For instance, the agency plans to speed up test results of water samples and monitor water quality to keep the public informed and mitigate the impact of potential contaminations. For

more, please click [EPA Drinking Water Rules](#), [EPA Lead and Copper Revisions](#), and [Lead and Copper Rule](#).

The White House on ACA Open Enrollment

This week we joined a conference call with **President Obama** and HHS Secretary **Sylvia Burwell** in which they discussed the upcoming open enrollment period for the Health Insurance Marketplaces under the ACA. The President recognized that local leaders are particularly helpful in encouraging enrollment and called on them and others for support of, “*the starter home we built*.” The annual enrollment period begins [November 1, 2016](#). For more, click on [ACA Enrollment Facts](#).

Housing Protections for Victims of Violence

HUD has finalized a rule that seeks to protect the housing of survivors of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Satisfying the expanded protections required by the 2013 VAWA law, the rule includes the continuation of core protections, emergency transfers, protections against the adverse effects of abuse, and a low-barrier certification process. To view the finalized rule, click [HUD Final Rule](#). For more, click on [HUD Housing Rule](#).

On a related note, to avoid violations of victims' rights under the Fair Housing Act, last month HUD also issued [guidance](#) to assist local governments in the development and implementation of nuisance and crime-free ordinances.

An Idea for an Immigration Breakthrough



Congressman **John Yarmuth**, whom we work closely with on behalf of the work we do for Louisville, is discussing the possibility of using a budgetary tool known as “*reconciliation*” to advance an immigration reform package next year. Rep. Yarmuth is the second most senior Democrat on the House Budget Committee and the only announced candidate for Chairman, should Democrats take control of the House of Representatives. The use of budget reconciliation to accomplish immigration reform, could avoid a filibuster in the Senate since it allows the Senate to circumvent a 60-vote majority if both chambers adopt a budget resolution including reconciliation instructions. However, the Senate’s “*Byrd rule*” could present an obstacle because it bars the inclusion of “*extraneous*” matter in reconciliation bills. While some may agree that immigration provisions could be deemed “*extraneous*,” Yarmuth argues that immigration legislation is eligible because it would result in

changes in spending and revenue – a requirement to qualify for reconciliation. *We'll keep you up to date on how this interesting idea progresses in the congress to come.*

Flood Risk Management

HUD has proposed a new Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) to better protect communities and critical infrastructure from flooding. The rule would amend the agency's existing floodplain regulations to require a greater level of flood protection for new construction and substantial rehabilitation projects. By building to this new standard, the agency hopes to reduce the risk of flood loss, minimize the impact of floods, and increase the Nation's overall resilience to flooding. For more, click on [FFRMS Rule](#), [FFRMS](#), or [FAQs](#).

Environmental Justice

EPA has unveiled their *Environmental Justice 2020 (EJ 2020) Action Agenda*, laying out their environmental strategic plan for 2016 through 2020. Building on their previous strategic plan, they aim to further integrate environmental justice considerations into the agency's programs. The agenda has three major goals: deepen environmental justice practices with EPA programs, collaborate with partners to enhance impact within vulnerable communities, and demonstrate progress on national environmental justice challenges. For more, click on [EJ 2020](#), [EPA](#), or [EJ 2020 Factsheet](#).

Assistance to Firefighters

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the [2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Program](#). The AFG Program will give communities continuous resources to train and support emergency personnel, foster interoperability, and thus better protect the public. FEMA will award approximately \$310 million in total program funding through an estimated 2,500 awards. The application deadline is [Friday, November 18, 2016](#).

DOT LEAP Program – Local Empowerment

FHWA has announced the [Local Empowerment for Accelerating Projects \(LEAP\) Pilot Program](#), which will provide Federal-aid funding for up to five local public agencies to examine the effectiveness of their autonomy in administering Federal-aid highway projects. This unprecedented program provides a unique opportunity for localities to implement these projects rather than having them pass through the states. The application deadline is [Friday, November 25, 2016](#). We'll have more information on this after we attend a briefing next week.

Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

The Administration's Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force has released their final report. Last March, the President [established the task force](#) to ensure that Americans are benefiting from mental health and substance use disorder parity protections. The report details actions and recommendations to help ensure better implementation of parity, enhance stakeholder understanding of how parity works, and refine oversight and enforcement of parity protections. For the final report, click [Task](#)

[Force Final Report](#). For more, click on [Task Force Final Report Fact Sheet](#) or [HHS Fact Sheet](#).

New Steps to Spur the Labor Market

The Administration will take several new steps to spur competition in the labor market and accelerate wage growth, addressing wage collusion, unnecessary non-compete agreements, and other anticompetitive practices in response to a Presidential [executive order](#) earlier this year. In addition, the President is [calling on state policymakers](#) to join in pursuing best-practice policy objectives. For more, click on [Administration Labor Actions](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [LEAP Pilot Program](#) and [Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

Police Body Cameras

Following the [DOJ's commitment to fund police body cameras](#), issues about privacy, transparency and the ambiguity between relevant state and federal laws have fueled concerns. In Seattle, in response to calls for transparency the police department has developed and implemented technology that rapidly redacts body camera footage and uploads it to their [YouTube channel](#). While body cameras have been promoted as a solution for police misconduct, the total transparency in Seattle presents other issues in what is sure to be an evolving policy debate. For more, click on [Seattle Police Body Cameras](#).

FTA Triennial Review Workshops

The FTA will host Triennial Review Workshops through December 2016. FTA conducts [Triennial Reviews](#) to examine how recipients of their funds perform and adhere to statutory and administrative requirements. For more, click on [FTA Triennial Review Workshops](#). You may also be interested in the [Comprehensive Review Guide for Fiscal Year 2017](#).

A New Kid President for Halloween



As your City gets set for a safe and fun-filled Halloween this weekend, we thought you would enjoy seeing our very own **Max McIntosh**, Stephanie's great 3 ½ -year-old son, and a student at the Ideal School, portraying the President of the United States (POTUS)! Have fun, out there!



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*This week, the Administration continued its work on education, cancer research, and other priorities while we watched the two presidential candidates square off in the final debate of the 2016 cycle. There are just 18 days remaining to Election Day. And the happiest development of the week: on Monday, we welcomed our new colleague, **Silvana Caldera**! Here's the highlights of the week from a Washington on edge.*

Civic Engagement and Education



On Wednesday, Department of Education Secretary **John B. King** addressed the National Press Club in a timely speech highlighting the importance of civic engagement and democratic traditions, including voting. Secretary King called on students to be active citizens and

urged educators to help students “*learn to be problem-solvers who can grapple with challenging issues such as how to improve their schools, homelessness, air and water pollution, or the tensions between police and communities of color.*” He called on educators to celebrate different perspectives, stating “*It is critical that these conversations not be partisan.*” Watch the [Secretary's Remarks](#) in full.

On Thursday, the Department issued Non-Regulatory Guidance to assist state and local educational agencies to support early childhood education in accordance with the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*. The guidance outlines strategies to: help expand access to high-quality early learning opportunities; encourage alignment and collaboration of early learning programs from birth through third grade; and support early learning educators. See the [Non-Regulatory Guidance](#) or [Press Release](#).

In more education news, the Administration announced that the national high school graduation rate has reached a new record high of 83.2 percent. The rate has steadily increased by 4.2 percentage points in total, up from 79 percent at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Nearly every state saw gains in their rates. The 2014-2015 data, the most recent numbers available, shows progress for all reported groups of students. For more information, including

key educational programs that contribute to this elevated rate, click on [Fact Sheet](#) or [State-by-State Graduation Rates](#).

Cancer Moonshot

On Monday, Vice President **Joe Biden** presented a report for President **Barack Obama** that summarizes the work of the Cancer Moonshot Task Force since its inception early this year. It outlines the Vice President's strategic plan for transforming cancer research and areas of scientific opportunity that have been identified by the Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel. The report announces new public-private partnerships as a means to accomplish Cancer Moonshot goals. A number of federal agencies, such as the Department of Defense and NASA, have committed to launch ambitious research studies and other innovative efforts. In the private sector, the Task Force will partner with businesses of all shapes and sizes, ranging from technology and consulting firms to advocacy organizations and universities. As detailed in the report, these partnerships are just some of the over 70 commitments that have been made to date. For more, click on [Vice President Biden's Report](#), [Fact Sheet](#), or [Cancer Moonshot](#).

High-Speed Rail



Earlier this week, DOT Secretary **Anthony Foxx** visited **Fresno**, the home of the nation's first high-speed rail system now under construction. Accompanied by California State Transportation Agency Secretary **Brian Kelly** and High-Speed Rail Authority CEO **Jeff Morales**, Secretary Foxx visited several of the eight active high-speed rail construction sites in the Fresno area that will make-up the initial 32-mile stretch of high-speed rail. Foxx toured sites including the Fresno River Viaduct, the San Joaquin River Viaduct, and the Tuolumne Street Bridge. For more information on Secretary Foxx's visit and on progress being made in the Central Valley, see [Secretary Foxx Tour](#) or [CA HSR Update](#).

Police-Community Relations

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) President **Terrence Cunningham** issued a formal apology on behalf of the law enforcement community for its “*historical mistreatment of communities of color*” in his address during the organization's annual meeting this past Monday. Several civil rights groups, including the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union, welcomed the apology, while other groups have called for further action to accompany the acknowledgement. The apology

also comes on the heels of last week's announcement by the Department of Justice that the agency will begin to collect data on law enforcement and the use of force. View [President Cunningham's Statement](#), [IACP website](#), or [DOJ Force Data Collection](#).

USCM Infrastructure Agenda

The U.S. Conference of Mayors recently released its 2016 Infrastructure Agenda, which outlines the organization's investment priorities leading up to the November 8th election, the transition period, and for the first 100 days of the new Administration and Congress. The agenda calls on federal policymakers to focus on five key areas: Transportation, Water, Ports, Energy and Bonds. To view the report, click on [USCM 2016 National Infrastructure Agenda](#).

Climate Action Agreement

Under the *Montreal Protocol*, nearly 200 countries have reached a climate action agreement to reduce greenhouse gasses in order to better address our collective environmental challenges through a unified global approach. The agreement focuses on phasing down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a particularly harmful greenhouse gas that is used for air conditioning and refrigeration. By targeting HFCs, these countries hope to avoid warming of up to 0.5 degrees (Celsius) by the end of the century, further contributing to the goals set by the recent climate agreement in Paris. To learn more, click on [White House Fact Sheet](#) or [Montreal Protocol Climate Action Agreement](#).

Countering Violent Extremism

The White House has updated its *Strategy for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism* in the U.S. and *Strategic Implementation Plan* from 2011 in response to ever-evolving threats and circumstances. The Administration's goal is to better empower local partners to prevent extremists and their supporters from inspiring, radicalizing, financing, or recruiting individuals or groups to commit acts of violence in the United States. View the [Updated CVE Strategy](#) for more.

HUD Consolidated Planning

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has published a "*Promising Practices in Consolidated Planning Guide*," which highlights nine communities' work to implement changes to their consolidated planning process in order to align formula and discretionary funding streams to better address local challenges. The guide recommends: shifting governance structure; forming new partnerships; engaging community stakeholders; using more and better data to understand needs and assets; creating a shared vision and common goals; and targeting resources to priorities or places. **Sacramento** and **Salt Lake County** were recognized as two jurisdictions that have utilized these strategies effectively. See the [Planning Guide](#) for more.

Children and Health Insurance

In follow up to last week's news that the national uninsured rate has dropped to a historic low of 8.6 percent, the White House

announced on Thursday that more than 3 million children have gained health insurance coverage. The uninsured rate among children stands at approximately 5.3 percent in the first quarter of 2016, representing a 44 percent decline since President Obama took office in 2009. The decline is due to the broad coverage expansions of the Affordable Care Act and improvements to the Children's Health Insurance Program after the enactment of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. Learn more in this [White House Summary](#).

CAP Waterways Report

We thought you may be interested in a report from the Center for American Progress that analyzes the condition of our dams and rivers and offers policy recommendations. The American Society of Civil Engineers classifies nearly 4,000 dams as deficient and claims these structures block an estimated 600,000 miles of rivers in the United States. The CAP report offers the following policy solutions: (1) to incentivize the decommissioning and removal of obsolete and unnecessary dams and (2) to modernize dams that are beneficial and necessary. Read the [Dams and Rivers Report](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on [EPA FY 2017 Brownfields Cleanup and Assessment Grant Programs](#). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grant opportunities.

City Finances

The National League of Cities has released its 2016 Cities Fiscal Report, which provides information on the actual and budgeted revenues and expenditures, as well as policy actions and priorities, of American cities. NLC surveyed city finance officers around the country. Their analysis found varying levels of increased revenues from general funds, sales taxes, and income taxes; meanwhile, property tax revenues and ending balances are returning to pre-recession levels. Despite facing some challenges at the local budget level, cities are generally now in a better position to meet their fiscal needs. Click [NLC City Fiscal Conditions 2016](#) or [Full Annual Report](#) for more.

COPS Photo Contest

There is still time left for your local law enforcement to enter the *Community Policing in Action* Photo Contest, which is being overseen by the COPS Office in celebration of National Community Policing Week. The contest encourages state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to submit a photo that most effectively captures the core principles of community policing. Winning submissions will be featured on the COPS website and social media accounts for one month each in 2017. The submission deadline is **Friday, November 4, 2016**. See [Community Policing Photo Contest](#) for rules and requirements.

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It's just 24 days to Election Day and exactly one month away from the beginning of a critical lame duck session of Congress! So we write to you today from a Washington DC filled with anticipation and a few other emotions at the conclusion of a very busy week. Here's the highlights for your review.

MBK 2016 Progress Report



On Tuesday, the White House issued a Progress Report highlighting the accomplishments of the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Initiative to date. **President Barack Obama** participated in a town hall event with ESPN anchor **Stan Verrett** in Greensboro, N.C.

later that evening. Their discussion focused on the MBK Initiative, race in America, and the significance of historically black colleges and universities. The Administration launched the MBK Initiative in 2014 to engage both the private and public sector in efforts to better ensure that all young people, especially young men and boys of color, can reach their full potential. Nearly 250 communities have signed on to participate in the MBK Community Challenge and to implement local strategies that will improve education and employment opportunities. For more information, see the [MBK 2016 Progress Report](#), [White House MBK Program Website](#), or this [Presidential Post](#).

White House Opportunity Project

The White House has announced it is expanding the Opportunity Project, which has spurred the creation of twenty-nine digital tools to help communities increase access to opportunity by harnessing the power of open data. President Obama launched the Opportunity Project earlier this year. These new digital tools, built by non-profit organizations and private companies, will utilize federal and local datasets, making information on critical resources more accessible to policymakers and facilitating greater collaboration between technologists, issue experts, and community leaders. Code for America, LinkedIn, Airbnb, ESRI, Redfin, and Fitbit are among the many private entities contributing valuable data. We think these datasets may be very useful to help inform your local decision-

making process. Please see the [White House Fact Sheet](#) or [Opportunity Census](#) for those new resources.

Let Girls Learn

Meanwhile on Tuesday, First Lady **Michelle Obama** announced approximately \$5 million in new private sector commitments to support the *Let Girls Learn Initiative* in celebration of the International Day of the Girl as established by a Presidential Proclamation. The First Lady founded the Let Girls Learn Initiative in March 2015 to better address the needs of women and girls, both here in the United States and around the world. CNN aired a documentary titled "*We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls around the World*," which showcased personal stories of girls who have overcome incredible barriers and challenges to attain their educations. The First Lady also published an opinion piece that shed some light on her future aspirations and an ongoing commitment to this cause, stating "*I plan to keep working on their behalf, not just for the rest of my time as first lady, but for the rest of my life.*" To learn more, see the [Presidential Proclamation](#), [First Lady's CNN Op-Ed](#), or [White House Press Release](#).



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Transportation Innovation

Earlier this week, Department of Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** announced the winners who will receive grant awards under the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program run by the Federal Highway Administration as well as the Mobility on Demand Sandbox Program, which is administered by the Federal Transit Administration. The two initiatives sought to promote and expand the use of advanced technologies in communities nationwide. We would like to congratulate our friends at **Pierce Transit** and **Access Services**, a partner of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, on their MOD Sandbox grant awards! See the [DOT Press Release](#), [ATCMTD Full List](#), or [MOD Sandbox Full List](#) for more information on the successful proposals.

The Road to Zero

In other DOT related news, the agency has joined forces with the National Safety Council to launch the Road to Zero Coalition. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will participate on behalf of DOT. The coalition will work together toward the goal of ending fatalities

on our roads over the next 30 years. Recognizing the ambitious nature of this mission, Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** explained “*We know that setting the bar for safety to the highest possible standard requires commitment from everyone to think differently about safety – from drivers to industry, safety organizations and government at all levels.*” For the next three years, the Department will provide grants to organizations to support lifesaving programs and efforts focused on overall system design, addressing infrastructure design, vehicle technology, enforcement, and behavior safety. Please see the [DOT Press Release](#) or [Statement](#).

White House Healthy Campus Challenge

On Thursday, we participated in a teleconference with Health and Human Services Secretary **Sylvia Burwell** and White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Director **Jerry Abramson** to discuss the *Affordable Care Act* and the upcoming Open Enrollment period. Secretary Burwell noted that the uninsured rate has dropped to an all-time low of 8.6 percent. The fourth annual enrollment period opens **November 1, 2016**. The White House launched the 2016 Healthy Campus Challenge in September to engage college and university campuses in enrollment efforts. Local elected officials are encouraged to help school administrators and community leaders to reach out to uninsured populations both on campus and in the surrounding community. Campuses and communities must apply to participate by **Tuesday, November 1, 2016** at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. For additional details, see the [Healthy Campus Challenge Press Release](#) or [Challenge Application](#).

Bloomberg Mayors Challenge

We thought you would be interested in this update on the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge. Bloomberg launched the competition in 2013 to encourage cities to propose bold, innovative strategies to address serious urban challenges and improve quality of life. Selected cities received technical assistance to more fully develop and refine those plans; the finalists then competed for funding to support the implementation of their proposals. Five U.S. cities were selected in the first round, then five European cities became winners during the second round in 2015. Bloomberg will select five new winning cities from Latin America and the Caribbean to join this global innovation network this year. The report shares important lessons and key outcomes that may be useful to other municipal leaders. For more information, see the [Bloomberg Mayors Challenge Report](#).

The Opioid Crisis

MTV and Grammy-award winning recording artist **Macklemore** have teamed up with the White House to bring attention to the public health crisis that is the opioid epidemic with a documentary entitled “*Prescription for Change: Ending America’s Opioid Crisis.*” The White House hosted a screening of the documentary, followed by a panel discussion with Macklemore, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director **Michael Botticelli**, and others last week. The hour-long special features a discussion with President Obama. Macklemore, a recovery advocate, and the network hope to help change the conversation around the opioid

epidemic and the disease of addiction, especially with their young audiences. Watch the [MTV Special](#) or [ONDCP Panel Discussion](#).

Grants This Week



This week, we sent many of you grant notices on the [NEH Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grant Program](#). Please contact [Jen Covino](#) with any questions about grants.

The President Reflects

President Obama penned an essay this week reflecting on his two terms and offering some guidance to the incoming new Administration and Congress. He faults his counterparts on Capitol Hill for not approving all of the stimulus measures he sought in response to the Great Recession, lamenting that “*Congress forced austerity on the economy prematurely by threatening a historic debt default.*” Further, he calls on Congress to be more cooperative in the future, especially in times of economic turmoil, advising that “*My successors should not have to fight for emergency measures in a time of need.*” For more reflections, see President Obama’s [Economist Essay](#).

American Manufacturing

The Commerce Department and the White House National Economic Council released a new report on the manufacturing sector showing the rise in advanced technology skills among manufacturing workers and the increasingly technology-driven nature of this sector. The Administration celebrated National Manufacturing Day as proclaimed by the President on October 7th in recognition of manufacturing’s resurgence and his Made in America Initiative. See [NEC](#) or [Commerce](#) for more.

HUD Utility Benchmarking Policy

HUD has proposed new utility benchmarking policies and will offer to help housing providers implement this best practice over the next few years. **Harriet Tregoning**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, offered her thoughts in a statement explaining this facet of asset management, which involves tracking, analyzing, and reporting utility consumption and costs associated with properties. Read the [HUD Utility Benchmarking](#) for more of her insights.

County Finances

We thought you would be interested in this report by the National Association of Counties (NACo) on financial statements from more than 2,000 counties. It notes that many county budgets continued to be affected by the Great Recession with recovery uneven in counties across the country. NACo also found that costs and demand for mandated services have increased, while federal and state support declined. Review the [Full Report](#) or visit the [NACo website](#) for a brief overview.

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