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The White House and Congress picked up quickly from the Memorial Day holiday with four days that seemed like two weeks. The sprint is now on to get as much done as possible before the July 4th break. Lots of news from the legislative and agency front – here’s the highlights for your review!

House FY15 CJS Appropriations

This morning, the House, by a vote of 321-87, passed their FY15 Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill, worth $51.2 billion. This is $398 million below FY14 enacted levels. The pre-amended bill preserves $247.5 million for the Economic Development Administration and spends $2.1 billion on DOJ State and Local grant programs. For more details on the bill, as introduced, see our May 2 Friday Report.

Several amendments were adopted on the House floor related to the bill, including one by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher that prohibits funding for DOJ to prosecute marijuana users and providers who are abiding by state laws that have legalized the substance. An amendment by Rep. Mike Thompson increases funding for grants to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Checks System (NICS) by $19.5 million. For more, including the list of amendments and bill text, click on House Passes FY15 CJS Appropriations.

House FY15 Homeland Security Appropriations

Earlier this week, the House Appropriations Committee released the draft text of a $39.2 billion spending bill for the Department of Homeland Security, marking a decrease of $50 million below the fiscal year 2014 enacted level, but an increase of $887.8 million above the president’s request. The bill, which includes $7 billion for emergency response, would provide a total of $2.5 billion for first responder grants, $1.5 billion for State and Local grants – equal to FY14 levels, with $680 million for Assistance to Firefighter Grants and $350 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants.

On Thursday, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte held a DHS oversight hearing, featuring Secretary Jeh Johnson as a witness. Secretary Johnson asserted that “Whatever we do to revise our enforcement policies, however, is no substitute for comprehensive immigration reform passed by Congress.” See the Secretary’s Testimony or the Chairman’s Remarks.

VA Seeks to End Veteran Homelessness

Leaders from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness joined together on Wednesday to launch the 25 Cities Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to help communities intensify and integrate their local efforts to end Veteran homelessness by 2015. VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel stated that the joint effort “reinforces the President’s and our own ‘zero tolerance’ for this national tragedy. It takes us one step closer to our goal—bringing to zero the number of Veterans and families without a home.” Please see 25 Cities for further details.

As you may already be aware, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki submitted his resignation earlier today following months of criticism and the long-awaited release of internal findings that showed improper scheduling procedures and long wait times were occurring in VA facilities around the country. President Obama accepted the resignation, saying “We don't have time for distractions. We need to fix the problem.” Here is a copy of the President’s Remarks Announcing Secretary Shinseki’s Resignation.

EPA Carbon Emissions Rule Next Week

On Monday, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will unveil a proposal for the country’s first-ever carbon emissions limits on existing power plants. Details of the rule have not been released, but it is speculated that the plan may require coal-fired power plants to reduce carbon emissions by up to 20 percent over the next six years. The proposed rule has generated a great deal of support and opposition. We’ll update you on this next week.

In addition, on Wednesday, EPA released the third edition of its Climate Change Indicators in the United States report. For more, click on Climate Change Indicators in the United States. We’ll update you when we get more details on the new rule!

My Brother’s Keeper Report

Today, the White House “My Brother’s Keeper” Task Force released a fact sheet and a report identifying a set of initial
recommendations to the President, with a blueprint for actions that can be taken by government, business, non-profit, philanthropic, faith, and community partners, to help boys and young men of color achieve success. The Task Force identified key milestones in the past to adulthood that are especially predictive of later success, and where interventions can have the greatest impact: (1) Getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn; (2) Reading at grade level by third grade; (3) Graduating from high school ready for college and career; (4) Completing post-secondary education or training; (5) Successfully entering the workforce; and (6) Keeping kids on track and giving them second chances. For more, click on My Brother’s Keeper Report.

Secretary Donovan and Mayor Castro Nominations

Last week, we reported to you that current HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan would be elevated to the position of Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and current San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro would be nominated to become the next HUD Secretary, which happened on Friday, last week. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Carper released a statement praising outgoing OMB Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell and looking forward to Shaun Donovan talking the helm at OMB, saying “Secretary Donovan has demonstrated skilled leadership in his current role as Secretary of HUD and in his past work.” For more, click on White House Remarks, White House Video, or Tom Carper Statement.

We also told you last week how Secretary Donovan is the second HUD secretary to be elevated to the position of OMB Director, following James Lynn in the Ford Administration in 1975. In addition, another historical note: when President Nixon first created OMB in 1969, expanding the powers of the then-existing Bureau of the Budget by adding management powers to it, he assigned Secretary of Labor George Schultz to become the first Director of OMB. Secretary Schultz went on to serve honorably as Treasury Secretary and later, as Secretary of State.

GOP Urges EPA and Corps to Halt Waters of the U.S. Rule

This week, House and Senate Republicans expressed their concerns over the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed Waters of the US rule. House Small Business Committee Chairman Sam Graves penned a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Assistant Secretary of the Army Jo-Ellen Darcy, condemning their plans. All eight Republican Senators on the Environment and Public Works Committee signed and sent a letter to the President outlining their concerns. See Chairman Graves’ Letter or the EPW Republican Members’ Letter for more.

Airport Security Assessment Hearing

The House Homeland Security Committee held a Transportation Security Subcommittee hearing entitled “Lessons from the LAX Shooting: Airport and Law Enforcement Perspectives” on Thursday. Subcommittee Chairman Richard Hudson examined the need for effective coordination between law enforcement, airport operators, first responders, and TSA. See the Hearing Highlights for remarks and testimony.

Eminent Domain and Mortgages

Tucked deep into the House Legislation to fund HUD in FY15 is a provision that would effectively eliminate the ability of communities to use eminent domain powers to seize and modify mortgages. The bill prohibits FHA, the Government National Mortgage Administration, or HUD from backing any mortgage or mortgage-backed security that had been subject to eminent domain by a municipality or state. We’ll keep you up to date!

Grants This Week

This week, we sent many of you grant notices on two separate funding opportunities from the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Program and Partnerships to Improve Community Health. Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

FTA Webcast on GROW America

On Thursday, May 22, FTA held an hour-long webcast that provided an overview of the public transit provisions in the Administration’s proposed surface transportation reauthorization plan, the GROW AMERICA Act. The captioned webcast is now available on demand for viewing at your convenience: click on FTA Webcast to view.

12 IMCP Communities Designated by Commerce

Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the first twelve “manufacturing communities” to be designated by the Administration through the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership initiative on Thursday. They will receive coordinated federal support to implement their local economic development strategies and priority consideration for $1.3 billion available through federal discretionary grant programs. See Secretary’s Announcement for more.

GAO TIGER Report

GAO has released a report examining the DOT selection for the TIGER grant program, asserting that DOT failed to document key decisions in the evaluation process. DOT responded noting, “The Department has already developed reforms to address the documentation deficiencies identified by the GAO and those reforms are being fully implemented as part of our ongoing TIGER competition.” Click on GAO TIGER Report for findings and recommendations.

Please contact Len Simon, Brandon Key, Jen Covino, or Stephanie McIntosh with any questions.
Secretary Donovan to OMB, Mayor Castro to HUD

Word leaked out on Saturday that President Obama will soon elevate current Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan to become Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget and current San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro will be nominated to become the new HUD Secretary. Having served for six years in the Obama Administration, Donovan is the second-longest serving Secretary in HUD’s history. Before then, he served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and helped to build to city’s public housing stock. As a highly skilled, experienced, and competent manager, Donovan’s elevation to OMB Director is a testament to the growing power and influence of the agency within the Executive Branch.

An interesting historical note is that this is not the first time a HUD Secretary has become the head of OMB. In 1975, President Gerald Ford appointed HUD Secretary James Lynn to become his OMB Director, a position he held for the remainder of the Ford administration.

Mayor Castro, who delivered the keynote address at the Democratic Party Convention in Charlotte in 2012, is serving in his third two-year term as Mayor of San Antonio. He is widely considered a rising star and his elevation to HUD Secretary gives him the opportunity to build national policy credentials. His identical twin brother Joaquin, is now in his first term in Congress representing San Antonio. For more, click on\n
COPS Program FY14 Applications Now Available

As we were writing today’s Friday Report, we learned that application materials have just been made available for the COPS Office’s FY14 Hiring Program (CHP), Community Policing Development (CPD) program, and Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA). They are currently accepting applications until 7:59p.m. EDT on June 23. The full program requirements are contained in our previous memos. For more, click on COPS Website, CHP on Grants.gov, CPD on Grants.gov, CRI-TA on Grants.gov, CHP Memo, or CPD Memo.

House FY15 THUD Appropriations

Updating you from our May 9 Friday Report, yesterday, the full House Appropriations Committee approved its $52 billion FY15 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development funding bill on a near party-line vote of 28-21. Relatively minor amendments were adopted. The markup was contentious, with wide policy disagreements between Republicans and Democrats. THUD Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Tom Latham said, “This is a sound, common-sense bill that meets our highest transportation and housing priorities in a fiscally responsible way.” After the markup, House Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Maxine Waters sharply attacked the work of the Appropriations Committee believing that it shortchanged programs that provide housing assistance, including Section 8, housing for those with HIV/AIDS, and other housing and community development programs. For more, click on House FY15 THUD Bill Passes Committee or Rep. Maxine Waters Statement.

House FY15 Agriculture Appropriations

On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Committee’s Agriculture Subcommittee approved, by voice vote, its FY15 spending bill. Including mandatory programs, the total cost of the bill is $142.5 billion. The bill provides $6.6 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). It provides a required $20.5 billion for child nutrition programs and $82.3 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). For more, click on House FY15 Ag Bill Summary or Subcommittee Markup.
Water Resources Bill Clears Congress

This afternoon, the Senate adopted the Conference Report for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 by a vote of 91-7, following a House vote on Tuesday of 412-4 to adopt the same Conference Report. The Conference Report contains the WRRDA bill text. The last Water Resources authorization became law in 2007. The WRRDA bill now makes its way to the White House for President Obama’s expected signature. The bill was considered so non-controversial in the Senate, that Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Barbara Boxer gave her big speech on the floor in favor of the bill yesterday, citing a busy schedule for today. She said, “It’s so important to our nation, whether you’re a coastal port or inland port. And it’s crucial that this get done.” As many legislators were quick to tout publicly, the bill contains absolutely “no earmarks,” but, after projects are submitted to the Corps for review, members of Congress have oversight power to hold hearings and review the projects that are selected by the Corps. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Bill Shuster has said that he is committed to moving another authorization bill in 2016, and again every two years to handle and review future projects. For more, click on House Passes WRRDA Bill, Senator Boxer’s Floor Statement in Support of WRRDA, House T&I’s Conference Report Highlights, WRRDA Conference Report Section-by-Section Summary, WRRDA Conference Report Text.

Public Housing Oversight

Today, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee’s Government Operations Subcommittee held a hearing titled, “Waste, Fraud, Abuse and Mismanagement of Taxpayer Funds by Public Housing Authorities,” featuring local housing authority officials and HUD Inspector General David Montoya. For more, click on Public Housing Oversight Hearing.

Transit Infrastructure State of Good Repair

Today, the Senate Banking Committee held a hearing titled, “Bringing our Transit Infrastructure to a State of Good Repair.” Witnesses included Federal Transit Administration Chief Counsel Dorval Carter, SEPTA General Manager Joseph Casey, and other local transit officials. At the hearing, Mr. Carter said, “We need at least an additional $2.5 billion from all sources just to maintain the current backlog. It is safe to say that as demand increases, the backlog is going to become more of a problem.” For more, click on Transit Infrastructure Hearing.

A Visit with Transportation Leaders

On Tuesday, we attended a meeting hosted by Congressman Earl Blumenauer who was joined by former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Congressman Richard Hanna. They all stressed the importance of raising awareness about the looming issues facing transportation infrastructure in the U.S. While they appreciated the positive steps being taken by the Senate and the White House in moving forward with their transportation proposals, the fundamental question remains: Where does the money come from? With the Highway Trust Fund running critically low by late July, the common wisdom right now is that Congress will likely pass a short-term transfer of money from the General Fund without offsets. The preference for some transportation advocates is to have the short-term injection of funds last until just a few weeks after the November elections, perhaps around Thanksgiving, so that the newly “lame duck” Congress might muster the will to adopt a well-funded long-term transportation reauthorization. We’ll keep you up to date with the latest!

Grants This Week

This week, we sent many of you grant notices on DOL Workforce Innovation Fund Grants and Minority Youth Violence Prevention (MYVP). Please contact Jen Covino with any questions.

Strong TIGER Demand Continues

As it has done in previous years, U.S. DOT recently released new figures showing that the demand for funds through the TIGER program far outpaces the available funding. For more, click on TIGER Demand Update.

White House Maker Faire

On Monday, we sat in on a teleconference, convening local government stakeholders to promote the first-ever White House Maker Faire later this year. A Maker Faire gathers tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors in one location to show what they have made and share what they have learned. For more, or to fill out an Interest Form, click on The First White House Maker Faire.

SelectUSA Returns in Spring 2015

On Tuesday, President Obama announced that the second SelectUSA Summit will be held in the Spring of 2015 in Washington, DC. SelectUSA represents a global team in embassies abroad and agencies in the U.S. focusing on attracting additional foreign direct investment to the United States. For more, click on SelectUSA 2015 and New Economic Report. For more on the last Summit, which we attended, please see the November 8, 2013 Washington Friday Report.

Pedestrian Fatalities

Smart Growth America recently released a report called “Dangerous by Design 2014,” showing where in the country pedestrian deaths happen and who’s most at risk, presenting data from every county, metro area, and state. For more, click on Pedestrian Deaths.

Memorial Day

We wish you and your loved ones all the best for the Memorial Day Weekend!

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Senate Panel Approves MAP-21 Reauthorization Bill

Yesterday morning, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee unanimously approved the MAP-21 Reauthorization Act (S. 2322), along with a “Manager’s Amendment” to the bill that included a bloc of amendments offered by several Senators. The six-year bill is now approved for consideration on the Senate floor. The Senate Banking and Commerce Committees will follow shortly with their additions to the legislative text, and it remains the responsibility of the Senate Finance Committee to approve additional funding to shore up the Highway Trust Fund. For more, click on Sen. EPW Press Release, Markup Video, Manager’s Amendment, or Bill Summary.

A few hours after the Senate EPW Committee approved their bill, the Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing titled, “Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Local Perspectives on Moving America,” to explore the impacts of transportation investments on states, local communities, and users of the transportation system. It featured Mayors David Martin of Stamford, CT and Sly James of Kansas City, MO, along with other experts. For more, click on Senate Commerce Hearing – Local Transportation Perspectives.

House and Senate Set to Vote on WRRDA Next Week

With the filing of a Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Conference Report in the House by Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chair Bill Shuster, after reaching an agreement last week with Senate EPW Chair Barbara Boxer and other infrastructure leaders in both chambers, the House and Senate are on track to approve the first water resources bill since 2007, next week. The bill authorizes 34 projects evaluated by the Army Corps of Engineers, offset with $18 billion in deauthorizations. The House is expected to vote on the bill on Tuesday, with the Senate likely to vote on it later in the week. The President is expected to sign the bill into law.

Tax Extenders Stall in the Senate

Yesterday, by a vote of 53-40, the Senate failed to end debate on the Senate Finance Committee’s EXPIRE Act, which would have extended, for two years, nearly all of the 55 tax credits and deductions that expired at the end of 2013. The reason why the bill has not moved forward in the Senate is due to a push by Senator Orrin Hatch and other Republican members who are demanding additional amendments be made to the bill, including one that would repeal a medical device tax created by the Affordable Care Act, which pays for part of the law. Senate Finance Chairman Ron Wyden is expected to meet with Senator Hatch on Tuesday, to discuss a possible agreement on additional amendments. Here are a few of the now-expired provisions under consideration: Parity for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits, Deduction for state and local general sales taxes, 9% credit rate freeze for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, New Markets Tax Credit, One-Year Extension of Empowerment Zone tax incentives, Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property, and Incentives for Alternative Fuel and Alternative Fuel Mixtures. For more, click on Senator Wyden’s Floor Speech in Support of Extenders, Senator Hatch’s Call for Additional Amendments, Senator Wyden’s Statement after the Senate’s Failed Vote, or Summary of Provisions in the EXPIRE Act.

Jay Williams Confirmed to Lead the EDA

On Wednesday, the Senate voted to confirm Jay Williams as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. He’ll head the Economic Development Administration. For more on the former Youngstown Mayor, Auto Office head, and White House aide, click on Jay Williams Confirmed.

Accelerated Permit Review Process

On Wednesday, the same day President Obama delivered a speech on infrastructure at the foot of the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York, the White House released a comprehensive plan to accelerate and expand permitting reform government-wide. Federal agencies will be moving from separate, consecutive reviews to synchronized, simultaneous reviews. The
Administration is expanding the Federal Infrastructure Projects Permitting Dashboard to include additional projects, as well as new capabilities to track project schedules and metrics. The plan identifies four over-arching strategies, 15 specific reforms, and nearly 100 near-term and long-term milestones to institutionalize and drive these reforms across the federal agencies. For more, click on White House Modernizing Infrastructure Permitting.

Early Education Bill

On Wednesday, by a party-line vote of 12-10, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Chaired by Tom Harkin, approved the Strong Start for America’s Children Act. The bill calls for two federal funding streams for preschool programs: (1) formula grants to states to expand existing daylong, high-quality preschool programs, and (2) competitive grants for states that don’t have programs to create them.

With no Republican support, it is unlikely the bill will see the light of day on the Senate floor in this election year, but its approval by the Committee is a positive contribution to the debate over federal support for early education. For more, click on Senate HELP Press Release, Markup Video, or Senator Harkin Statement.

Fannie, Freddie, Future

On Tuesday, new Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Director Mel Watt gave a speech at the Brookings Institution Forum on the Future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In the speech, he announced a broad shift in the Administration’s housing finance policies, as part of a new strategic plan for the two mortgage giants, now held in government conservatorship. For more, click on FHFA Director’s Remarks.

GROW AMERICA Act Public Transportation Webcast

Next week, on Thursday, U.S. DOT will host a webcast titled, “Public Transportation Priorities in the GROW America Act,” with kick-off remarks provided by Secretary Anthony Foxx. The webcast will highlight the major public transportation priorities and new programs in the Administration’s surface transportation reauthorization proposal. For more, and the webcast, click on GROW AMERICA Public Transportation Webcast.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Hearing

Next week, on Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing titled, “Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program,” featuring witnesses from the law enforcement community. For more, click on Bulletproof Vest Partnership Hearing.

Grants This Week

This week, we sent many of you grant notices on FTA MSAA Deployment Planning and USDA’s Farmers Market Promotion Program. Please contact Jen Covino with any questions.

Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse

On Wednesday, the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control held a hearing to examine prescription drug abuse and the role it plays in the increased use of heroin in the U.S., as well as how the federal government can help reduce opioid abuse. The session featured ONDCP Acting Director Michael Botticelli, along with other expert witnesses and officials. For more, click on Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse Hearing.

Disaster Response

On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee’s Subcommittee on Emergency Management held a hearing titled, “The Role of Mitigation in Reducing Federal Expenditures for Disaster Response.” For more, click on Federal Expenditures for Disaster Response Hearing.

Solar Deployment and Energy Efficiency

Last week, on Friday, the same day President Obama delivered a speech on American energy at a Walmart in Silicon Valley, the White House released a Fact Sheet indicating that the President had announced more than 300 private and public sector commitments to create jobs and cut carbon pollution by advancing solar deployment and energy efficiency. For more, click on White House Advancing Green Energy, President’s Remarks, or White House Solar Progress Report.

Meet EnviroAtlas

The EPA recently released EnviroAtlas, a web-based interactive tool that integrates over 300 separate data layers to help decision makers, professionals, researchers, educators, NGOs, and citizens understand the environmental implications of planning and policy decisions. For more, click on EnviroAtlas.

Welcome Back, Washington Monument!

On Monday, nearly three years after an earthquake rattled our office, along with millions in the region, the Washington Monument finally reopened to the public after an extensive repair of damages. For more, click on Washington Monument Reopens. Worth a visit on your next trip!

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THUD, EPW, WRDA, Climate, Extenders - a week of drama, and anticipation. Here’s the highlights for your review!

House FY15 THUD Subcommittee Appropriations

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Subcommittee marked up and approved its FY15 spending bill. It provides $40.3 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a decrease of $769 million from FY14 levels; level funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at $3 billion; level funding for HUD-VASH vouchers at $75 million; $700 million for the HOME program, $300 million below FY14 levels; and level funding for Homeless assistance grants at $2.1 billion. It spends $17.1 billion on the DOT, $727.3 million below the FY14 level. Of that sum, $40.25 billion is appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund for the Federal Highway program, contingent upon a transportation reauthorization; $1.4 billion is spent on the Federal Railroad Administration, $193 million below FY14 levels, with no funding provided for High-Speed Rail, $10.5 billion is spent on the Federal Transit Administration, $253 million below the FY14 level, with level funding for Transit Formula Grants at $8.6 billion, $1.7 billion for Capital Investment Grants which include New Starts, full funding for all current “Full Funding Grant Agreement” transit projects, and full funding for all state and local “Small Starts” projects that will begin in FY15; and $100 million for TIGER, which is $500 million below FY14 levels. The full Committee will mark-up the bill during the week of May 19, when the House returns from recess. For more, click on House FY15 THUD Bill Summary or Video of Subcommittee Markup.

A Senate Transportation Bill... and More!

Yesterday, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee announced the markup date for the next transportation reauthorization bill. The bill will be marked up in the EPW Committee on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time. The legislative text for the bill is expected to be released on Monday, May 12. For more, click on Senate EPW T-Bill Markup Scheduled. We’ll keep you up to date!

On Tuesday, the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. Ron Wyden, held a hearing titled, “New Routes for Funding and Financing Highways and Transit,” featuring Environment and Public Works Chair Barbara Boxer as a witness, along with experts who spoke on the different kinds of funding options available to the Committee to support the Highway Trust Fund in the short and long term. Ideas discussed included: a wholesale gas tax, indexing and increasing the federal gas and diesel taxes, implementing a Vehicle Miles Traveled system, and corporate tax reform. For more, click on Senate Finance Committee Hearing Video and Testimony or Senator Boxer’s Testimony.

On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over freight, maritime, and safety issues in the transportation reauthorization, held a hearing featuring Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. For more, click on Senate Commerce Committee Hearing on Transportation.

Water Bill Deal Reached

Last night, top lawmakers including Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. David Vitter, Rep. Bill Shuster, and Rep. Nick Rahall announced that they had reached a conference agreement on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). Additional details will be released next week when the Conference Report is filed. For more, click on Secretary Foxx Letter to State DOTs on HTF or U.S. DOT Emergency Order on Crushed Oil Rail Transport.

Third White House National Climate Assessment

On Tuesday, we were privileged to attend an event at the White House unveiling the third U.S. National Climate Assessment, a comprehensive scientific report that details the effects of climate change and its impact across every region of the U.S. This announcement was a key deliverable of the White House Climate Action Plan launched by President Obama last June. For more, and to see how climate change is impacting...
your area, click on White House Climate Change Fact Sheet or Download the National Climate Assessment.

Tax Extenders

The House and Senate are taking markedly different approaches on moving tax extenders this year. The House is moving to approve each tax extender individually, which it did today by voting 274-131 to pass H.R. 4438, making the R&D Tax Credit permanent. In the meantime, the Senate is moving forward with a vote on a two-year extension of about 50 expired tax breaks next week. The White House has issued a veto threat for H.R. 4438, saying that the measure would add $156 billion to the deficit over 10 years, with no offsets, showing its clear preference for the Senate’s approach. For more, click on White House Veto Threat for H.R. 4438 or Chairman Dave Camp Statement.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program

The Senate Judiciary Committee, Chaired by Sen. Patrick Leahy, will hold a hearing on Wednesday on the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, a life-saving program whose charter expired in 2012, which has enabled over 13,000 state and local enforcement agencies to purchase over one million vests. For more, click on Judiciary Committee Hearing Scheduled, Senator Leahy Unanimous Consent Request Announcement, or Senator Leahy’s Senate Floor Speech.

FCC Chairman to Allow Community Broadband Option

In case you didn’t have the chance to read the speech FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler made to the National Cable Television Association last week, which we linked in the May 2 Washington Friday Report, we thought you would be interested in seeing this quite remarkable excerpt:

“One place where it may be possible is municipally owned or authorized broadband systems. I understand that the experience with community broadband is mixed, that there have been both successes and failures. But if municipal governments—the same ones that granted cable franchises—want to pursue it, they shouldn’t be inhibited by state laws. I have said before, that I believe the FCC has the power – and I intend to exercise that power – to preempt state laws that ban competition from community broadband.” We’ll update you on next steps. Click on Chairman Wheeler’s Speech to read it in whole.

Education Update

Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Attorney General Eric Holder announced updated guidance to assist public elementary and secondary schools to ensure enrollment processes are consistent with the law and fulfill their obligation to provide all children equal access to education, regardless of their parents’ immigration status. Secretary Duncan also issued a statement on the release of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 12th grade reading and math results. For more, click on Equal Educational Opportunities Announcement or Secretary Duncan’s Statement on NAEP Results.

Grants This Week

This week, we sent many of you grant notices on DOJ OJJDP FY 14 Second Chance Act Two-Phase Juvenile Reentry Demonstration Program; Planning and Implementation; EPA FY14 National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program; and several Education Department Funding Opportunities. Please contact Jen Covino with any questions.

Secretary Sebelius on Preschool Funding

Speaking recently to the Committee for Economic Development, outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius made the case for the economic benefits of expanding access to preschool. She noted the Administration’s goals in this respect, referring to the Birth to Kindergarten Agenda. For more, click on White House Early Education Plan.

Talk of Reviving Earmarks Heats up in Senate

Last week on Thursday, Senators Tom Coburn and Mark Udall sent a letter urging continued support for the moratorium on earmarks that has been in place since 2010. This move apparently prompted several senators, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Dick Durbin, and Senator John Hoeven to make public remarks in support of earmarks. On Wednesday, some Senate Republicans privately discussed the issue. Though there was some support for bringing them back, they decided not to rescind the earmark ban during this election year. For more, click on Coburn Anti-Earmark Letter.

Mourning “Mr. Infrastructure”

He was the ultimate “Man of the House,” having spent a lifetime up there as staff to his own Congressman (who happened to be Chairman of the House Public Works Committee) and as a member himself. He rose to become the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the renamed Committee where he once served his boss as staff director. Congressman Jim Oberstar of Minnesota left the House too soon four years ago and then, last Saturday, passed away suddenly in his sleep. He was a cheerful, multilingual, tireless advocate for infrastructure investment as America’s path to mobility and prosperity. Over a long career, he always had the time to share his vision with local officials and their staff – and learn more about theirs! We have enduring memories of the time we spent with him and are grateful for how generous and considerate he always was during those sessions. He was a happy warrior on the Hill – a legend who will be missed. Read more about Chairman Oberstar.

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FY15 House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Subcommittee marked up a $51.2 billion spending bill to fund the Commerce Department, Justice Department, and science-related agencies through FY15. This is a reduction of $398 million below the FY14 enacted level. The Justice Department would be funded at $27.8 billion, an increase of $383 million above FY14. It includes $376 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, $210 million for SCAAP, and $70 million to the COPS Office representing a cut of $110 million from FY14 levels. DOJ State and Local grant programs would be cut by about $73 million from FY14 levels to $2.1 billion in FY15. The Economic Development Administration would receive $247.5 million, near level-funding from FY14. The Senate is likely to report out considerably higher figures which would then be worked out between the two bodies. For more, click on FY15 House CJS Subcommittee Bill Summary or Markup Webcast.

Federal Education Priorities and Prospects

Earlier this week, courtesy of Tacoma Public Schools, we met with senior policymakers from the White House Domestic Policy Council, the Department of Education, the Senate HELP Committee, and the House Education and Workforce Committee to discuss education priorities as well as prospects for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization. The Senate HELP Committee passed Senator Harkin’s Strengthening America’s School Act last June, but the full Senate has not taken it up for a vote. The House passed its equivalent, the Student Success Act, in 2013. There is discussion building on the Hill related to the possibility of Senator Patty Murray giving up her position as Chairman of the Budget Committee to become Chairman or Ranking Member of the HELP Committee in the next Congress, depending on the outcome of the midterm elections. The Domestic Policy Council informed us that a new grant program will be rolled out in coming months to provide support to states for the development or expansion of preschool programs. We
also learned that First Lady Michelle Obama will focus on expanding college opportunity as her next big cause.

In other education news, there was an important hearing this week held by the House Education and the Workforce Committee featuring Education Secretary Arne Duncan to review the FY15 budget proposal for the Department. For more, click on FY15 House Education Department Budget Hearing. Finally, we learned that this summer, the Education Department will propose new rules on teacher preparation programs. For more, click on Taking Action to Improve Teacher Preparation.

A Conversation with Chairman Ryan

We had the opportunity, yesterday, to participate in a meeting with House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, the 2012 GOP candidate for Vice President, for a discussion of Committee priorities, poverty, economic growth, and objectives he might pursue as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee next year. He has recently been visiting cities around the country to focus on ideas which work in addressing poverty and notes that he is “seeing a lot of hope’” in his travels. He believes that the federal role should strive to be “effective and limited” not “commanding or dominating.” It was an interesting hour! We’ll update you as we learn more about the forthcoming proposals he will be making in the months ahead. In other budget news, on Tuesday, Chairman Ryan filed FY15 top-line revenue and spending aggregates and committee allocations with the Congressional Record, formalizing House GOP leaders’ decision to comply with the requirements of the two-year Ryan-Murray budget deal, rather that agree with the numbers in the House-adopted FY15 budget resolution. For more, click on FY15 House Aggregates, Allocations, and other Budgetary Levels.

Marketplace Fairness Act Update

Utah Congressman Jason Chaffetz recently told reporters regarding the Marketplace Fairness Act, “I think we’ve made more progress in the last 12 weeks than we have in the last 24 months, at least in the House.” He also said that “parity is one of the main themes for me” in online sales tax legislation. He will be working closely with House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte regarding next steps. We’ll update you soon on MFA.

Tax Extenders Update

On Tuesday, the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing to approve six tax extender bills worth $310 billion to make those corporate provisions permanent in the tax code. The House is taking a different approach from the Senate Finance Committee, in that Ways and Means is sticking to a plan to go through the roughly 50 expired tax breaks piece by piece to make individual provisions permanent, while the Senate is working on a single temporary extenders package. The Senate Finance Committee could take action on its extenders package during the week of May 12, or the following week. For more, click on House Marks Up Six Tax Extenders.

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FCC Chairman: Net Neutrality on Municipal Broadband

Last week, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler began circulating a draft Open Internet rule to his fellow commissioners that could allow broadband companies to offer some content providers a “faster lane” through which they can transmit video and services, as long as they do not slow down other content to do so. He also recently told a trade group that he intends to use the FCC’s authority to override state laws that restrict municipalities from offering inexpensive broadband service to residents. Lastly, a recent op-ed argues that supporting open municipal-level fiber networks could be the best response to the end of net neutrality. For more, click on Chairman Wheeler on Open Internet Rules, Chairman Wheeler’s Remarks at NCTA, or Municipal-Level Fiber Networks.

Social Impact Bonds Hearing


Hearing on Investing in Technology, Science, and Health

On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Barbara Mikulski, held a hearing which focused on the benefits that federal investments in the fields of technology, science, and health provide for the country. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz testified, along with other experts. For more, click on Driving Innovation through Federal Investments.

EPA Green Infrastructure Webinars

The staff of EPA’s Green Infrastructure Program is holding a series of webinars which are geared toward public officials and practitioners to implement or enhance green infrastructure. The next webinar, on Tuesday, is titled, “More Bang for the Buck: Integrating Green Infrastructure into Existing Public Works Projects.” For more, and to RSVP, click on Green Infrastructure Webinars.

HUD Promise Zones Round 2 Update

On Tuesday, we sat in on a webinar led by HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development Valerie Piper on the second round of the Promise Zone Initiative. For more, click on Urban Webinar Slides or Promise Zones Website.

Please contact Len Simon, Brandon Key, Jen Covino, or Stephanie McIntosh with any questions.
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AB 69  (Perea D)  Groundwater: drinking water: Nitrate at Risk Fund.
Introduced: 1/10/2013
Last Amend: 8/12/2013
Status: 8/12/2013-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on AGRI.
Location: 8/12/2013-S. AGRI.

Summary: Would establish the Nitrate at Risk Fund, to be administered by the State Department of Public Health. This bill would continuously appropriate, without regard to fiscal years, the fund to the department for the purposes of loans, principal forgiveness loans, or grants to certain water systems operating in a high-nitrate at-risk area for specified purposes. This bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2022, to submit a report to the Legislature that includes specified information relating to the fund and contaminated drinking water. This bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2024. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

AB 852  (Dickinson D)  State Bar of California: enforcement actions.
Introduced: 2/21/2013
Last Amend: 4/9/2014
Status: 5/8/2014-Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Location: 5/8/2014-S. JUD.

Summary: Current law prohibits a person from practicing law in California, or from advertising or holding himself or herself out as practicing law, unless the person is an active member of the State Bar, or otherwise authorized, as specified, to practice law in this state. A violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would, for violations of the above-described provisions, require the State Bar to disclose, in confidence, the information in its investigation to the agency responsible for the criminal enforcement of these provisions or exchange that information with that agency.

Position

AB 1179  (Bocanegra D)  Strategic Growth Council.
Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amend: 1/6/2014
Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
Location: 2/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law creates the Strategic Growth Council, consisting of specified state officers and a public member appointed by the Governor, with specified duties relating to coordination of actions of state agencies relative to improvement of air and water quality, natural resource protection, transportation, and various other matters. This bill would add the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee to the Strategic Growth Council.

Position

Notes 1: This bill was gutted and amended from an RTP bill to SGC bill.

AB 1331  (Rendon D)  Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014.
Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amend: 5/8/2014
Status: 5/15/2014-Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Location: 5/15/2014-S. G. & F.
**Summary:** Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

**AB 1447** (Waldron R) **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: traffic synchronization.**
Introduced: 1/6/2014
Last Amend: 4/22/2014
Status: 5/28/2014-Referral to Coms. on T. & H. and E.Q.
Location: 5/28/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Would authorize sustainable infrastructure projects to include traffic signal synchronization when the project is designed and implemented to achieve cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and includes specific reduction targets and metrics to evaluate the project’s effect.

**Position**

**AB 1527** (Perea D) **Public water systems: drinking water.**
Introduced: 1/17/2014
Last Amend: 4/9/2014
Status: 5/28/2014-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Location: 5/28/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Public Health, in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems and other water systems, as specified, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position**

**AB 1639** (Grove R) **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: greenhouse gas emissions limit.**
Introduced: 2/11/2014
Last Amend: 4/22/2014
Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was TRANS. on 4/23/2014)
Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD

Summary: Would provide that cap-and-trade revenues shall not be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for purposes of the high-speed rail system, and would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position**

**AB 1720** (Bloom D) **Vehicles: bus gross weight.**
Introduced: 2/13/2014
Status: 5/22/2014-Referral to Com. on T. & H.
Location: 5/22/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Current law generally prohibits a publicly owned or operated transit system from procuring a transit bus whose weight on any single axle exceeds 20,500 pounds. Current law, until January 1, 2015, exempts from this prohibition a transit system that is procuring a new bus that is of the same or lesser weight than the bus it is replacing, or if it is incorporating a new fleet class into its inventory.
and its governing board makes certain findings. This bill would extend the operation of those exceptions until January 1, 2016.

**Position**

**AB 1731** *(Perea D)*  
**Integrated regional water management plans: funding: disadvantaged communities.**  
*Introduced: 2/14/2014*  
*Status: 4/10/2014-Refereed to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.*  
*Location: 4/10/2014-S. N.R. & W.*

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**Summary:** Would require in each integrated regional water management region that not less than 10% of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position**

**AB 1774** *(Waldron R)*  
**General plan: proposed public works.**  
*Introduced: 2/14/2014*  
*Last Amend: 3/28/2014*  
*Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was L. GOV. on 4/1/2014)*  
*Location: 5/9/2014-A. DEAD*

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**Summary:** Under the Planning and Zoning Law, if a general plan has been adopted, each county or city, officer, department, board, or commission, as specified, is required to submit a list of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. The agency receiving the list of proposed public works is required to prepare, as specified, a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. This bill would authorize the submission of the list of proposed public works projects one month prior to the start of the fiscal year and would authorize, instead of require, the agency receiving the list to prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Position**

**AB 1808** *(Dahle R)*  
**Drinking water.**  
*Introduced: 2/18/2014*  
*Status: 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was PRINT on 2/18/2014)*  
*Location: 5/9/2014-A. DEAD*

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**Summary:** Current law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Department of Public Health to administer the regulation of drinking water and public water systems, as defined, to protect public health, including the conduct of research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

**Position**

**AB 1813** *(Quirk D)*  
**California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Low-Carbon Fuel Standard.**  
*Introduced: 2/18/2014*  
*Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/27/2014)*  
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**Summary:** Would establish the Fuel Producer Capital Assistance Program to distribute moneys, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to liquid-transportation-fuel producers who wish to locate within the state a large-scale production facility that produces more than 3,000,000 gallons per year, as
specified. The bill would establish the Fuel Producers Capital Assistance Fund and would appropriate $100,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the program.

Position

**AB 1849**  
(Logue R)  
**California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levees.**  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Status:** 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/27/2014)  
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**Summary:** Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA, the maintenance, repair, or replacement of an existing levee. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

**AB 1874**  
(Gonzalez D)  
**Integrated regional water management plans: funding.**  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/23/2014  
**Status:** 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)  
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**Summary:** Would require the Department of Water Resources to develop a streamlined application process for certain regional water management groups. The bill would require, in order to receive integrated regional water management grant funds through this streamlined application process, the specified regional water management group to file with the department a streamlined application form that includes information relating to projects to be funded by integrated regional water management grant funds.

Position

**AB 1959**  
(Mansoor R)  
**Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements.**  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Status:** 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was PRINT on 2/19/2014)  
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**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes the Department of Transportation or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease with a public or private entity for a transportation project. This bill would delete obsolete cross-references and make technical changes to these provisions.

Position

**AB 1961**  
(Eggman D)  
**Land use: planning: sustainable farmland strategy.**  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/22/2014  
**Status:** 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)  
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**Summary:** Would require each county to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the sustainable farmland strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where
practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to non-agricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

Position

Introduced: 2/19/2014
Last Amend: 4/10/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)
Location: 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

Summary: Would create the Community Investment and Innovation Program and would require moneys to be available from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of awarding grants and other financial assistance to eligible applicants, as defined, who submit plans to develop and implement integrated community-level greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in their region. The bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, in consultation with the state board, to administer the program, as specified.

Position

AB 2008  (Quirk D)  Transit village plans: goods movement.
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Last Amend: 5/7/2014
Status: 5/28/2014-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Location: 5/28/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Current law authorizes a city or county to prepare a transit village plan for a transit village development district that addresses specified characteristics. This bill would require the transit village plan to address demonstrable public benefits beyond the increase in transit usage including any 6 specified benefits. The bill would add as a public benefit the minimization of the impact of goods movement on air quality, traffic, and public safety through the provision of dedicated loading and unloading facilities for commercial space.

Position

AB 2119  (Stone D)  Local taxes: transactions and use taxes.
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Last Amend: 5/14/2014
Status: 5/28/2014-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Location: 5/28/2014-S. G. & F.

Summary: Would authorize the board of supervisors of a county to levy, increase, or extend a transactions and use tax throughout the entire county or within the unincorporated area of the county, if approved by the qualified voters of the entire county if levied on the entire county, or of the unincorporated area of the county if levied on the unincorporated area of the county. This bill would require the revenues derived from the imposition of this tax to only be used within the area for which the tax was approved by the qualified voters.

Position

AB 2242  (Perea D)  Air Quality Improvement Program.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amend: 3/28/2014
Status: 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/1/2014)
Location: 5/2/2014-A. DEAD
Summary: Current law requires the primary purpose of the Air Quality Improvement Program to be the funding of projects to reduce criteria air pollutants, and to improve air quality, and to fund research to determine and improve the air quality impacts of alternative transportation fuels and vehicles, vessels, and equipment technologies.

**Position**

**AB 2280** (Alejo D) **Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/7/2014  
**Status:** 5/22/2014-Referred to Coms. on T. & H. and GOV. & F.  
**Location:** 5/22/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Would authorize certain local agencies, to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. The bill would provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues, and would require the authority to adopt a community revitalization plan for the community revitalization and investment area that includes elements describing and governing revitalization activities.

**Position**

**AB 2389** (Campos D) **Safe routes to school.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014  
**Status:** 3/10/2014-Referred to Com. on TRANS.  
**Location:** 3/10/2014-A. TRANS.

Summary: Would extend the date that the specific provisions governing the safe routes to school program become inoperative, to July 1, 2015, and the date that these provisions are repealed, to January 1, 2016. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position**

**AB 2650** (Conway R) **Bonds: transportation.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014  
**Location:** 4/29/2014-A. TRANS.

Summary: Would provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, expect as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects in the Phase I blended system. The bill, subject to the above exception, would require redirection of the unspent proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued and sold for other high-speed rail purposes prior to the effective date of these provisions, upon appropriation, for use in retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those outstanding bonds.

**Position**

**AB 2651** (Linder R) **Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014  
**Status:** 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was TRANS. on 3/17/2014)  
**Location:** 5/2/2014-A. DEAD
Summary: Current law provides for the transfer of certain weight fee revenues to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account for direct payment of debt service on designated bonds, which are defined to be certain transportation general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 1B of 2006. This bill, notwithstanding these provisions or any other law, effective January 1, 2016, would prohibit weight fee revenue from being transferred from the State Highway Account to the Transportation Debt Service Fund or to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account, and from being used to pay the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds.

Position

AB 2686 (Perea D) Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amend: 5/1/2014
Status: 5/21/2014-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Location: 5/21/2014-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

Support

AB 2728 (Perea D) Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amend: 4/24/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)
Location: 5/23/2014-A. DEAD

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2019, prohibit weight fee revenues from being transferred from the State Highway Account to the Transportation Debt Service Fund, the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account, or any other fund or account for the purpose of payment of the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds, and would also prohibit loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund.

Position

A CA 8 (Blumenfield D) Local government financing: voter approval.
Introduced: 2/13/2013
Last Amend: 4/4/2013
Status: 7/10/2013-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Location: 6/27/2013-S. G. & F.

Summary: Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, as defined, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 11 (Pavley D) Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs.
Introduced: 12/3/2012
Last Amend: 9/6/2013
Location: 9/9/2013-A. TRANS.
Summary: Would require the state board, in consultation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair and no later than June 30, 2015, to update the guidelines for the enhanced fleet modernization program to include specified elements and to study and consider specified elements. The bill, in addition, would establish compensation for replacement vehicles for low-income vehicle owners at not less than $2,500 and would make this compensation available to an owner in addition to the compensation for a retired vehicle. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SB 616

(Wright D) Aeronautics Account: California Aid to Airports Program.

Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amend: 1/27/2014
Location: 1/28/2014-A. DESK

Summary: Would, until July 1, 2015, authorize payments from the account for the California Aid to Airports Program for projects that the sponsor has started or completed in accordance with a federal Airport Improvement Program grant, unless the project was started or completed prior to January 1, 2014. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position

SB 848


Introduced: 1/9/2014
Last Amend: 2/20/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Rules.
Location: 5/23/2014-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position

Notes 1: The Senate Natural Resources Committee had an informational hearing (no votes taken) on SB 42 Lois Wolk (D-Davis) that repeals provisions of the $11.14 billion Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act currently scheduled to go before California voters in November 2014. As a two-year bill held in the Senate last year the measure must move to the Assembly before the end of January. Therefore, Senator Wolk recently introduced a new measure with the same language, SB 848. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Flood Protection Act of 2014 (SB 42 and now SB 848) if approved by the voters in its current form would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $6.475 billion in four separate categories. The four categories include $2 billion for Safe Drinking Water, $2.1 billion for Water Quality and Watershed Protection, $1.375 billion for Flood Protection and $1 billion for Water Storage and Water System Operational Improvements. All four categories would require legislative authority to appropriate the funds.

SB 901

(Vidak R) High-speed rail: funding.

Introduced: 1/16/2014
Last Amend: 4/7/2014
Location: 4/23/2014-S. T. & H.
Summary: Would, subject to voter approval, amend the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail and related rail purposes, and would also explicitly authorize the net proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued and sold prior to the effective date of these provisions, upon appropriation, to be redirected from those high-speed rail purposes to retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those outstanding bonds. The bill would direct the Secretary of State to submit these provisions to the voters on the ballot of the November 4, 2014, statewide general election.

Position

**SB 902 (Vidak R) High-speed rail: eminent domain.**

**Introduced:** 1/16/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/7/2014  

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**Location:** 4/23/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Would prohibit the authority, or the State Public Works Board acting on behalf of the High-Speed Rail Authority, from adopting a resolution of necessity to commence an eminent domain proceeding to acquire a parcel of real property for the high-speed train system unless the resolution identifies the sources of all funds to be invested in the property, and the anticipated time of receipt of those funds, and declares that the authority, or the board, has offered to purchase the property at not less than the fair market value or the amount necessary to discharge the liens against the property, as described, whichever is greater.

Position

**SB 927 (Cannella R) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.**

**Introduced:** 1/29/2014  

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**Location:** 2/6/2014-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would rename the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and make conforming changes. The bill would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $9,217,000,000 by reducing the amount available for projects related to drought relief and water supply reliability, as specified. The bill would remove the authorization for funds to be available for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency and urgent actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

Position

**SB 990 (Vidak R) Transportation funds: disadvantaged small communities.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/21/2014  

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**Location:** 4/29/2014-S. T. & H.

Summary: Would require no less than 5% of funds available for regional improvement projects to be programmed in the regional transportation improvement program for disadvantaged small communities, as defined. In programming these moneys, the bill would require regional transportation agencies and county transportation commissions to prioritize funding congestion relief and safety needs. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

**SB 1048 (Roth D) Vehicles: weight limits.**
**SB 1077**  (DeSaulnier  D)  **Vehicles: mileage-based fee pilot program.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Last Amend:** 4/21/2014  
**Status:** 6/2/2014-Referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Summary:** Would require the Transportation Agency to develop, by January 1, 2016, a pilot program designed to assess specified issues related to implementing a mileage-based fee (MBF) in California to replace the state's existing fuel excise tax. The bill would require the agency, at a minimum, to assess certain issues related to implementing an MBF, including, among others, different methods for calculating mileage and collecting road use information, processes for managing, storing, transmitting, and destroying data to protect the integrity of the data and ensure drivers' privacy, and costs associated with the implementation and operation of the MBF system, as specified.

**Position**

**SB 1080**  (Fuller  R)  **Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Status:** 5/9/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was RLS. on 2/27/2014)

**Summary:** Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the $11,140,000,000 bond.

**Position**

**SB 1122**  (Pavley  D)  **Sustainable communities: Strategic Growth Council.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2014  
**Last Amend:** 5/5/2014  
**Status:** 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)

**Summary:** Current law authorizes moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state through specified investments, including funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through strategic planning and development of sustainable infrastructure projects. This bill would additionally authorize the council to manage and award financial assistance for the purpose of supporting the implementation of sustainable communities strategies or alternative planning strategies, to be funded from moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would require the council to adopt guidelines for the use of the funds by recipients.
**SB 1151**  (Cannella R)  **Vehicles: school zone fines.**

*Introduced:* 2/20/2014  
*Last Amend:* 4/21/2014  
*Status:* 5/19/2014-Referred to Com. on TRANS.  
*Location:* 5/19/2014-A. TRANS.  

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**Summary:** Would require that an additional fine of $35 be imposed for specified violations relating to rules of the road and driving under the influence if a violation occurred when passing a school building or school grounds, as specified, and the highway is posted with a standard "SCHOOL" warning sign and an accompanying sign notifying motorists that increased penalties apply for traffic violations that are committed within that school zone. The bill would require that these additional fines be deposited in the State Transportation Fund for purposes of funding school zone safety projects within the Active Transportation Program.

**Position**

*Notes 1:* Safe Routes to School Legislation

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**SB 1156**  (Steinberg D)  **California Carbon Tax Law of 2014.**

*Introduced:* 2/20/2014  
*Status:* 4/2/2014-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.  
*Location:* 3/6/2014-S. G. & F.  

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**Summary:** Would require the State Board of Equalization to administer and implement the carbon tax, and would require revenues from the tax to be deposited in the Carbon Tax Revenue Special Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would exempt suppliers of fossil fuels subject to the tax from regulations imposed by the State Air Resources Board under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 relative to the compliance obligation in the second compliance period under which suppliers of specified fuels are required to obtain allowances for carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions under the cap-and-trade program adopted by the State Air Resources Board.

**Position**

*Notes 1:* Senator Steinberg has abandoned his SB 1156 as proposed for a long term Cap and Trade revenue plan which we will expect to see in trailer bill language in the not to distant future.

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**SB 1183**  (DeSaulnier D)  **Vehicle registration fees: surcharge for bicycle infrastructure.**

*Introduced:* 2/20/2014  
*Last Amend:* 5/27/2014  
*Location:* 5/29/2014-A. DESK  

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**Summary:** Would authorize a city, county, or regional park district to impose, as a special tax, a motor vehicle registration surcharge of not more than $5 for bicycle infrastructure purposes. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to administer the surcharge and to transmit the net revenues from the surcharge to the local agency. The bill would require the local agency to use these revenues for improvements to paved and natural surface trails and bikeways, including existing and new trails and bikeways and other bicycle facilities, and for associated maintenance purposes.

**Position**

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**SB 1194**  (Hueso D)  **Solid waste: plastic products.**

*Introduced:* 2/20/2014  
*Last Amend:* 4/21/2014  
*Status:* 5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was E.Q. on 4/21/2014)  
*Location:* 5/2/2014-S. DEAD  

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SB 1268  (Beall D)  Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amend: 5/7/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2014)
Location: 5/23/2014-S. DEAD
Summary: Would establish the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program, which would be administered by the State Air Resources Board, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, to assist in the development and implementation of highly leveraged, regionally integrated natural resources projects that maximize greenhouse gas emissions reductions or sequestration. The bill would authorize moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the state board to implement the Natural Resources Climate Improvement Program.

Position

SB 1418  (DeSaulnier D)  Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amend: 5/1/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Held in committee and under submission.
Location: 5/23/2014-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Summary: Current law provides for the transfer of certain weight fee revenues to the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account for direct payment of debt service on designated bonds, which are defined to be certain transportation general obligation bonds issued pursuant to Proposition 1B of 2006. Current law also provides for loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund to the extent the revenues are not needed for bond debt service purposes, with the loans to be repaid when the revenues are later needed for those purposes, as specified. This bill would repeal these provisions, thereby retaining the weight fee revenues in the State Highway Account. The bill would make other conforming changes in that regard.

Position

Notes 1: Similar to AB 2728 (Perea) but this bill would restore weight fee revenues permanently effective July 1, 2014

SB 1433  (Hill D)  Local Agency Public Construction Act: transit design-build contracts.
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Status: 5/23/2014-Refereed to Coms. on L. GOV. and TRANS.
Summary: Would include in the definition of "transit operator" any other local or regional agency responsible for the construction of transit projects, thereby extending the design-build procurement authorization. The bill would eliminate the requirement that the project cost exceed a specified amount. The bill would delete the repeal date, thus extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

SCA 4  (Liu D)  Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.
Introduced: 12/3/2012
Last Amended: 8/28/2013
Status: 8/29/2013-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/29/2013-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition proposing the tax includes certain requirements. This measure would prohibit a local government from expending any revenues derived from a special transportation tax approved by 55% of the voters at any time prior to the completion of a statutorily identified capital project funded by revenues derived from another special tax of the same local government that was approved by a 2/3 vote. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

**Position**

**SCA 6**
(DeSaulnier D) Initiative measures: funding source.
Introduced: 12/3/2012
Status: 5/24/2013-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Location: 5/24/2013-S. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Would provide an initiative measure that would result in a net increase in state or local government costs, other than costs attributable to the issuance, sale, or repayment of bonds, from being submitted to the electors or having any effect unless and until the Legislative Analyst and the Director of Finance jointly determine that the initiative measure provides for additional revenues in an amount that meets or exceeds the net increase in costs.

**Position**

**SCA 8**
(Corbett D) Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.
Introduced: 12/14/2012
Last Amended: 5/21/2013
Status: 8/29/2013-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/29/2013-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition proposing the tax includes certain requirements. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

**Position**

**SCA 9**
(Corbett D) Local government: economic development: special taxes: voter approval.
Introduced: 12/18/2012
Last Amended: 5/21/2013
Status: 6/27/2013-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 6/27/2013-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects, as specified, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition proposing the tax contains specified requirements. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

**Position**

Total Measures: 49
Total Tracking Forms: 49