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MTC – Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 CSAC – California State Association of Counties

ABAG – Association of Bay Area Governments
 LCC – League of California Cities

BAAQMD – Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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Assembly Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
AB 2a (Evans) Elimination of Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales Tax/Imposition of New Fees/Income Tax	Provides for the elimination of taxes under the Motor Vehicle Fuel License Tax Law. Imposes an additional sales and use tax rate. Provides an exemption from sales and use taxes for motor vehicle fuel. Imposes an additional tax at a specified rate of tax liability under the Personal Income Tax Law. Imposes an oil severance tax upon any producer for the privilege of severing oil from the earth and water at a specified rate of gross value of each barrel of oil severed to be placed in the General Fund. (Introduced 12/8/08)	Vetoed	
AB 5a (Evans) CEQA Exemption: Transportation Projects	Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) specified transportation projects if certain conditions are met. Authorizes the extension of development lease agreements with public and private entities for certain transportation projects that charge tolls and user fees and increases the number of projects in the state. Requires all projects to be submitted to specified entities. Relates to project related bidding. Requires indemnity agreements. Authorizes design build method. (Introduced 12/8/08)	Vetoed	
AB 6a (Evans) Transfer of Transportation Funds to General Fund	Revises the provisions governing the Transportation Debt Service Fund to authorize the Director of Finance to reimburse the General Fund any amount necessary to offset the cost of debt service made in any fiscal year for transportation-related general obligation bond expenditures. Allows Indian gaming fees that were collected between July 2008 and July 2013 and that were intended for transportation purposes to be deposited in the General Fund. (Amended 12/18/09)	Vetoed	
AB 7a (Evans) Advancing of Proposition 1B Bond Funds	Authorizes the appropriation of additional bond funds from Proposition 1B for the current fiscal year, including \$700 million for local streets and roads, \$800 million for public transit capital projects, \$500 million for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), \$110 million for the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund, \$200 million for the State Local Partnership Program, and \$170 million for Highway 99. (Amended 12/18/09)	Vetoed	
AB 109 (Feuer) Outdoor Advertising	Amends the Outdoor Advertising Act; prohibits an advertising display that is visible from a state, county of city highway from being constructed as, or converted, enhanced, improved, modified, modernized or altered into a digital advertising display; prohibits an official highway changeable message sign from being constructed as or converted, enhanced, improved modified, modernized or altered into a digital advertising display for the purpose of displaying commercial messages. (Introduced 1/13/09)	Assembly	

Assembly Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
AB 112 (Beall) Santa Clara VTA: Authority to Repair and Maintain State Highways	Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to maintain transportation facilities, including state highways, necessary or convenient for vehicular and pedestrian transportation. (Introduced 1/13/09)	Assembly	
AB 116 (Beall) Bay Area Transportation Authorities: Lowest Bidder/Best Value Requirement	Requires certain purchases made by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the San Mateo County Transit District, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, or the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District to be let to the lowest responsible bidder or to the responsible bidder who submits a proposal that provides the best value. Requires the authority or district, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District to obtain a minimum of three quotations. (Introduced 1/13/09)	Assembly	
AB 144 (Ma) Parking Enforcement: Disabled Placards	Authorizes a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to prohibit a vehicle for which the Department of Motor Vehicles records' indicate the disabled placard or license plate has been reported as lost, stolen, surrendered, canceled, revoked, or expired, or was issued to a person who has been reported deceased for a period exceeding 60 days from parking in a space designated for disabled persons. Requires a person convicted of parking in a space reserved for disabled persons or blocking access to those parking spaces to be punished by a fine of \$250 to \$750, regardless of whether the person previously had been convicted of the offense. (Introduced 1/22/09)	Assembly	
AB 153 (Ma) High Speed Rail Authority	Removes the requirement that the High Speed Rail Authority must obtain legislative approval for its plan to construction and operation a high speed train system and before it enters into contracts, acquire rights-of-way through purchase or eminent domain, issues debt, enters into joint development agreements, raises fares or relocates highways or utilities. (Introduced 1/23/09)	Assembly	
AB 177 (Price) Green Economy Inclusion Act	Enacts the Green Economy Inclusion Act of 2009. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure greater equity and inclusion of all Californians in the future of developing and implementing climate change, transportation, land use, and economic stimulus policies to reduce such emissions in the State. (Introduced 2/2/09)	Assembly	

Senate Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
SB 6a (Ducheny) Doubling of Transportation Development Act Sales Tax	Authorizes a county or city and county to impose an additional sales and use tax rate under the Bradley-Burns Law, commonly known as the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Requires a county or city and county that imposes this additional rate to deposit all revenues (less specified administrative costs) into a local transportation fund. Requires a county or a city and county that imposes this additional tax to comply with the applicable voter-approval requirement. (Introduced 12/8/08)	Vetoed	
SB 10 (Leno) Voter Approved Local Assessment	Authorizes counties and the City and County of San Francisco to impose a voter approved (by majority vote of the electorate) local vehicle license fee for general revenue purposes as long as an ordinance is approved by a two-thirds vote of the board of supervisors. The fee would equate to the difference between two percent and the rate imposed by the state (currently 0.65 percent). Requires the county or city and county to contract with the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and administer the assessment. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to notify the department of estimated revenue losses from deducting such assessment under the Personal Income and Corporation Tax laws. Requires tax losses to be paid from the assessments. (Introduced 12/1/09)	Senate	
SB 11a (Ducheny) Gasoline and Diesel Fuel User Fee	Imposes a user fee on each gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel. Requires the Board of Equalization to adjust the amount of the fee every three years consistent with the State Consumer Price Index. Requires the fee revenues to be distributed pursuant to specified formulas. Requires fees to be used solely for purposes consistent with the requirement for a fee of this nature. Requires the Board to administer the fees in the same manner as the existing per gallon levies. (Introduced 12/8/8)	Vetoed	
SCA1b (Wyland) Proposition 42: Transportation Investment Fund	Proposes a constitutional amendment to delete provisions authorizing the transfer of revenues to the Transportation Investment Fund under Proposition 42 to be suspended during a fiscal emergency. Prohibits a loan of revenues under any circumstances. Prohibits any statute that would reduce the extent to which these tax revenues are deposited into the General Fund for transfer to the fund for transportation purposes. (Introduced 12/9/08)	Senate Rules Committee	
SCA 2b (Wyland) Two-year Budgets; Vote Requirements	Proposes a constitutional amendment to switch to a two-year budget, wherein odd-numbered years would be budget sessions, and even numbered years would be general sessions. Requires a 3/4 vote for a budget and a 2/3 vote on general bills. (Introduced 12/1/08)	Senate Rules Committee	

Federal Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
HR 55 (Kirk) Transit Benefits: Refundable Income Tax Credit	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a refundable credit against income tax for 50 percent of the employer's cost of providing tax-free transit passes to employees. (Introduced 1/6/09)	House Ways and Means Committee	
HR 140 (Gallegly) Withholding Highway Funds: Drivers License/ID Requirements	Authorizes the Federal Highway Administration to withhold certain highway funds if a state does not comply with certain federal requirements (Known as the Real ID Act) in issuing a driver's license or identification card. (Introduced 1/6/09)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	
HR 184 (Serrano) Clean Fuel Business Credits	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit relating to the use of clean-fuel and fuel efficient vehicles by businesses within areas designated as nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act. (Introduced 1/6/09)	House Ways and Means Committee	
HR 250 (Green) Neighborhood Rail Accountability Act	Requires the Surface Transportation Board to give "greater weight" to local official statements and public opposition to a project when deciding whether to authorize the construction of a new or extended railroad line. (Introduced 1/7/09)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:	
HR 272 (Meek) Freight Rail Infrastructure	Provides incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity. (Introduced 1/7/09)	House Ways and Means Committee	
HR 491 (Welch) Non-Federal Match Waiver	Directs the Secretary of Transportation to waive non-Federal share requirements for certain transportation programs and activities through September 30, 2009. (Introduced 1/13/09)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	

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HR 520 (Israel) Motor Fuel Savings Incentives	To accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high fuel consumption automobiles to replace such automobiles with fuel efficient automobiles or public transportation, and for other purposes. (Introduced 1/14/09)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, House Energy Committee	
S 176 (Feingold) Job Access and Reverse Commute Program	Broadens project eligibility for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program to allow funds to be used to subsidize the costs associated with the transportation of low income high school students and young adults to career or technical education, job training, or apprenticeship programs and to allow operating costs as long as they do not exceed 80 percent of the net operating costs of the project. Allows the DOT secretary to waive or streamline reporting and certification requirements relating to the program at the request of a State if the Secretary determines that the primary goals of the program are still being met. Authorizes a \$10 million pilot program for FY 2010-2014 for various purposes including supporting comprehensive projects that are coordinated with other state, local and federal human services programs. Authorizes funding for JARC for FY 2010-2014 ranging from \$185 million in 2010 to \$265 million in 2014. Rescinds any JARC funds provided in TEA 21 that were not obligated by 1/1/09. (Introduced 1/8/09)	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee	
S 198 (Sanders) Federal Share Requirement Waiver	Directs the Secretary of Transportation to waive non-Federal share requirements through September 30, 2009 for any funding authorized by SAFETEA. (Introduced 1/9/09)	Senate Environment and Public Works	
S 209 (Boxer) Tax Credit for Alternative Motor Vehicles	Extends through 2012, and increases the amount of income tax credits allowable for the purchase of alternative vehicles, including hybrid vehicles. (Introduced 1/12/09)	Senate Finance Committee	

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S 247 (Feinstein) Accelerated Retirement of Inefficient Vehicles Act	Establishes within the Department of Energy the Accelerated Retirement of Inefficient Vehicles Program to provide vouchers to owners who scrap a "high fuel consumption automobile" (defined as a vehicle obtaining less than 18 miles per gallon) for the purpose of purchasing a new or used "fuel efficient vehicle" (defined as a vehicle that meets specified emission requirements and who fuel efficiency exceeds by 25 percent the standard set by the Secretary of Transportation for the model year and vehicle category), "highly fuel efficient vehicle" (exceeding standards by 50 percent) or transit fare credits by participating agencies. (Introduced 1/14/09)	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	
S 271 (Cantwell) Plug-in Electric Vehicles	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to accelerate the production and adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and related component parts. (Introduced 1/15/09)	Senate Finance Committee	
S 308 (Baucus) Rural Opportunity and Development Act	Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish and implement a \$1 billion annual rural opportunity and development program to promote opportunity and economic development in rural States by allocating funds to States for the preservation and improvement of highways. (Introduced 1/22/09)	Senate Environment and Public Works	
S 322 (Schumer) Commuter Benefits Equity Act	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking, transit and vanpool fringe benefits to \$230/month and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment. (Introduced 1/26/09)	Senate Finance Committee	

California Legislature
2009-10 Regular Session Calendar – Tentative Calendar

January 2009			
1	Statutes take effect	3	July Independence Day Observed
5	Legislature reconvenes	10	Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills
10	Budget must be submitted by Governor	17	Summer recess begins at the end of this day's session provided budget is enacted
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
30	Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel		
February		August	
9	Lincoln's Birthday	17	Legislatures reconvenes from summer recess
16	Washington's Birthday	28	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
27	Last day to introduce bills	22	Last day to amend a bill on the Floor
		31	Floor session only, no committee may meet for any purpose
March		September	
30	Cesar Chavez Day	1-11	Floor session only, no committee may meet for any purpose
		4	Last day to amend bills on the floor
		11	Last day for any bill to be passed
April		October	
2	Spring recess begins	11	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 11 and in the Governor's possession on or after September 11
13	Legislature reconvenes	November	
May			
1	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees introduced to their house		
15	Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to the floor		
22	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8		
25	Memorial Day		
29	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report a bill introduced in their house to the floor		
June		December	
1-5	Floor session only		
5	Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin		
15	Budget bill must be passed by midnight		

111th United States Congress
2009 Session Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>6 Convene</p> <p>8 Electoral Ballot Counting (Senate)</p> <p>19 State Work Period (Senate) Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</p> <p>20 Presidential Inauguration Day</p> <p>29-31 Republican Caucus Issues Conference (House)</p>	<p>July</p> <p>4 Independence Day</p>
<p>February</p> <p>5-7 Democratic Caucus Issues Conference (House)</p> <p>16 Presidents' Day</p> <p>16-20 Congressional District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p>	<p>August</p> <p>3-Sept. 4 Congressional District Work Period (House)</p> <p>10-Sept. 7 State Work Period (Senate)</p>
<p>March</p>	<p>September</p> <p>7 Labor Day</p>
<p>April</p> <p>6-17 Congressional District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p> <p>12 Easter</p>	<p>October</p> <p>12 Columbus Day</p> <p>30 Target Adjournment (House) (Senate TBD)</p>
<p>May</p> <p>25 Memorial Day</p> <p>25-29 Congressional District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p>	<p>November</p> <p>3 Election Day</p> <p>11 Veterans' Day</p> <p>26 Thanksgiving Day</p>
<p>June</p> <p>14 Flag Day</p> <p>29-July 3 Congressional District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p>	<p>December</p> <p>11 Hanukkah</p> <p>25 Christmas Holiday</p>

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