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AB 2 a (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 5 a (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 6 a (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 7 a (Evans)	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	Vetoed	

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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 *other than official traffic operations or public safety messages.* (Introduced 3/24/09)	Assembly Governmental Organization Committee	
	Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to provide for repair and		

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AB 144 (Ma) Parking Enforcement: Disabled Placards	*Makes loaning of a disabled placard by the person to whom it has been issued for use by a person whom is not entitled to it or the fraudulent displaying of the placard punishable as either a misdemeanor or infraction. If treated as an infraction, a violation would be punishable by a fine of not less than $250 and not more than $1,000. The punishment would remain the same for a violation treated as a misdemeanor, except that the fine for a misdemeanor punishment for a person who, with fraudulent intent, displays or causes or permits to be displayed a forged, counterfeit, or false disabled person placard would be not less than $250, rather than not less than $500, and not more than $1,000.* 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. (Amended 3/2/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 153 (Ma) High Speed Rail Authority	Removes the requirement that the High Speed Rail Authority must obtain legislative approval for its plan to construct and operate 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 Judiciary Committee	
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	
AB 254 (Jeffries) Emergency Vehicles: Payment of Tolls	Exempts drivers of emergency vehicles from the requirement to pay tolls or charges on a vehicular crossing or toll highway under certain circumstances, including when the vehicle is being driven in response to an emergency call or while engaged in rescue operations, as specified. (Introduced 2/11/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	

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AB 266 (Carter) Transportation Needs Assessment	Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC), with assistance from Caltrans, to assess unfunded costs of programmed state projects and federally earmarked projects in the state, as well as an assessment of available funding for transportation purposes and unmet transportation needs on a statewide basis every five years. Requires the CTC to submit the first assessment report to the Legislature by March 1, 2011. (Introduced 2/11/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 277 (Ammiano) Transportation and Use Taxes: Bay Area	Amends the Bay Area County Traffic and Transportation Funding Act to remove the option of specifying membership for the transportation authority in the retail transactions and use tax ordinance, thereby limiting governing board membership to elected officials who are specified in the county transportation expenditure plan. (Introduced 2/12/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	
AB 282 (Assembly Transportation Committee) Transportation Bonds	Omnibus committee bill, among other things, requires any interest or other return earned by a city or county from investment of bond funds received under these provisions to be expended or reimbursed under the same conditions as are applicable to the bond funds themselves. (Introduced 2/12/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 286 (Salas) Vehicle Registration Fees	Extends the statutory sunset on imposition of motor vehicle fees of $1 and $2 to fund local programs to prevent vehicle theft from 2010 until 2018. (Introduced 2/13/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	
AB 312 (Ammiano) BART: Office of Citizen Complaints	Requires the BART Board to create an Office of Citizen Complaints to investigate complaints and allegations of police misconduct by the BART police department. Provides for the nomination of the director of that office by the district attorneys of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco, subject to confirmation by the board. (Introduced 2/17/09)	Assembly Public Safety Committee	

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AB 338 (Ma) Transit Village Developments	Recast the area included in a transit village plan to include all land within not more than 1/2 mile of the main entrance of a transit station. Eliminates current requirements for voter approval for the formation of an infrastructure financing district, adoption of an infrastructure financing plan, and an issuance of bonds for the purpose of developing and financing a transit facility, as defined. A transit village plan financed by these bonds would be required to include specified demonstrable public benefits regarding housing, replacement dwelling units at an affordable housing cost when specified dwelling units are destroyed or removed, and a provision that at least 20 percent of all revenues derived from the property tax increment be dedicated to increase, improve, and preserve the transit village district's supply of affordable housing, as defined. (Introduced 2/18/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	
AB 414 (Galgiani) Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Program	Require the state Air Resources Board to develop and implement a trade-down program that provides assistance to owners of high-use, newer model, heavy-duty fleet vehicles to convert those vehicles for lower use, commercial operations in a manner that reduces emissions of oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter. Provides that the trade-down program would be eligible for funding under the Carl Moyer program as an eligible heavy-duty fleet modernization project if it meets a specified criterion. (Introduced 2/23/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 497 (Block) High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Physicians	Permits a physician to travel in HOV lanes, when traveling in response to an emergency call, regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle, if that physician displays the insigne approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (Introduced 2/24/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 507 (Arambula) Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act	Amends the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act. Requires a project selected to receive assistance from the bank to have economic development benefits and meet land use criteria, as determined by the bank. (Introduced 2/24/09)	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee	
AB 522 (Blumenfield) Transportation Bond Funds	Requires the Transportation Commission to ensure that bond funds previously committed to a project from the Highway Safety Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 1006 remain available to the sponsoring agency if funds from any federal economic recovery legislation are used to fund the project. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	

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AB 596 (Evans) Land-Use: Model-Home, Form-based Ordinances	Requires the Office of Planning and Research to develop an urban model home, form based ordinance and a rural model home, form based ordinance that a local agency can use as a planning tool to revitalize and preserve communities in compliance with smart growth principles. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	
AB 610 (Caballero) Local Infrastructure	Requires the Office of Planning and Research to advise and educate local agencies and other interested stakeholders about the role that public-private partnerships can play in planning, studying, designing, financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or managing local infrastructure projects. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	
AB 619 (Blumenfield) Notification of Delay for Federally-Funded Projects	Requires the Department of Transportation to notify the Legislature when it is determined that a project, including a project designated in the National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program, will be delayed beyond its scheduled completion date due to state cash flow or other funding issues, if it places at risk federal funds. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 628 (Block) Pay-by-Plate Toll Collection Authorization	Authorizes California toll agencies, including the Bay Area Toll Authority, to collect tolls via digital camera images of license plates. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	Support
AB 652 (Skinner) Vehicle Length Limitations	Permits a folding device that extends not more than 40 inches from the front body of a bus or trolley when fully deployed and to permit the transportation of a bicycle with the handlebars that extend not more than 46 inches from the front of the vehicle. Requires that the total length of the bus, including the folding device or load, not to exceed 48.8 feet. (Introduced 2/25/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 670	Authorizes exclusive or preferential use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes to be	Assembly	

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AB 726 (Nielsen) Transportation Capital Improvements	States that local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for transportation capital improvement funds pursuant to the State Transportation Improvement Program. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 729 (Evans) Transit Design-Build Contracts	Deletes the repeal date of existing law authorizing transit operators to enter into a design-build contract according to specified procedures. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 732 (Jeffries) Transportation Projects	Extends the operative date of existing law which authorizes the Department of Transportation to conduct phase 2 of a pilot project through the utilization of design sequencing contracts for the design and construction of transportation projects, taking into consideration specified geographical consideration. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 733 (Galgiani) High-Speed Rail Authority	Authorizes the High Speed Rail Authority to consider the creation of jobs in the state when awarding major contracts or purchasing high speed trains, as specified. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 744 (Torrico) Bay Area High-Occupancy Transportation Network	Authorizes the Bay Area Toll Authority to acquire, construct, administer, and operate a value pricing high occupancy vehicle network program on state highways within the geographic jurisdiction of the metropolitan commission. Authorizes capital expenditures for this program to be funded from program revenues, revenue bonds, and revenue derived from tolls on state owned toll bridges. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 782 (Jeffries) Regional Transportation Plans: Sustainable Communities	Provides that upon the state Air Resources Board's acceptance that the sustainable communities strategy or an alternative planning strategy, if implemented, will achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the board, that acceptance shall be final, and no person or entity may initiate or maintain any judicial proceeding to review the propriety of the state board's acceptance. Revises the Regional Targets Advisory Committee membership. Relates to exempted transportation projects. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	

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AB 798 (Nava) Transportation Financing Authority: Toll Facilities	Creates the Transportation Financing Authority with specified powers and duties relative to issuance of bonds to fund transportation projects to be backed, in whole or in part, by various revenue streams of transportation funds and toll revenues in order to increase the construction of new capacity or improvements for the state transportation system consistent with specified goals. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 859 (Jones) Smog Check Program: Annual Inspection	Requires that motor vehicles 15 years old or greater be subject to annual smog check inspection, rather than biennial. Requires funds generated through additional inspection fees to be deposited into the High Polluter Repair or Removal Account. Increases the amount of state smog check repair assistance and makes the repair assistance program only available to low income individuals. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 881 (Huffman) Sonoma County Transportation Authority: Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Broadens the powers and duties of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority to include responding to federal or state mandates related to climate change. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly	
AB 892 (Furutani) Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program	Authorizes funds that were obligated for the $1 billion Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program under Proposition 1B (2006) but are not expended prior to the 4-year limit for liquidation to be reallocated to other projects that were included in the original grant application or else returned to the Air Resources Board for distribution in a new competitive grant process. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 949 (Logue) Matching Funds for State Local Partnership Program	Removes the requirement that eligible matching taxes or fees for the State Local Partnership Program (funded by Proposition 1B) be voter-approved. Further broadens the eligible matching funds to include project-based developer fees (not just uniform) and mineral or resource extraction fees or taxes. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1072 (Eng) Proposition 1B Transit Funds	Makes permanent the formula distribution for the transit funding under Proposition 1B which provides that funds are distributed to operators based on the proportional share of State Transit Assistance revenue-based funds that each received in FY 2004-05 through FY 2006-07. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	

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AB 1135 (Skinner) Vehicle Miles Traveled: Odometer Reporting Requirement	Requires a vehicle owner to report to the Department of Motor Vehicles their current odometer reading at the time of annual vehicle registration. Requires that the information be made available to the public, with the exception of the person's name. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	Support in Concept
AB 1158 (Huntsi)	Adds the characteristic of other land uses, including educational facilities that provide direct linkages for people traveling to and from primary and secondary	Assembly Local Government	

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AB 1212 (Ruskin) Feebate Program	Authorizes the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt and implement a clean vehicle incentive, or rebate, program consisting of one-time rebates and one-time surcharges on sale of new passenger motor vehicles and a clean vehicle incentive program to achieve equivalent or greater emission reductions of greenhouse gases from mobile sources. Requires that the feebate program be established only if the ARB determines that it would be beneficial to achieving the greenhouse gas emission goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1219 (Evans) Solano County: Transportation Development Act	Authorize the Solano County Transportation Authority to file a claim with the transportation planning agency for up to two percent of local transportation funds available to the county and city members of the authority for countywide transit planning and coordination relative to Solano County. Further authorizes Solano County Transportation Authority to be an eligible claimant for State Transit Assistance funds apportioned under the population formula, to be used for public transportation purposes, including countywide transit planning and coordination relative to Solano County. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1321 (Eng) Strategic Growth Council	Requires the Strategic Growth Council to develop strategies that would allow for streamlined and effective mitigation of infrastructure projects. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly	
AB 1342 (Evans) Local Taxes: Vehicle License Fee & Income Tax	Authorizes boards of supervisors to impose a personal income tax or vehicle license fee (not to exceed two percent) for local revenue purposes. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Local Government Committee	

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AB 1375 (Galgiani) High-Speed Rail	Creates the Department of High-Speed Trains within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Continues the High-Speed Rail Authority in existence to make policy decisions relative to implementation of high-speed rail consistent with Proposition 1A, but transfers certain of its roles to the new department. Specifies additional powers and duties of the authority and department relative to implementation of the high-speed rail project, including the annual submission of a 6-year high-speed train capital improvement program and progress report to the Legislature. The director of the department would be appointed by the authority, who would serve at the pleasure of the authority, and the Governor would be authorized to appoint up to 10 executive employees of the department who would be exempt from civil service and serve at the pleasure of the director. Provides for acquisition and disposition by the department of rights-of-way for the high-speed rail project. The bill would enact other related provisions. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1381 (Perez) High Occupancy Toll Lanes: Los Angeles County	Requires the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) HOT Lanes program to be implemented with the active participation of the Department of the California Highway Patrol. Establishes appropriate performance measures for the purpose of ensuring optimal use of the HOT Lanes without adversely affecting other traffic on the state highway system. Provides that authorization for this project shall not prevent the construction of competing facilities in the State Highway Route 10 or 110 corridors, and that LACMTA is not entitled to compensation for the adverse effects on toll revenue due to those facilities. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1386 (Hayashi) State Highway Route 238: Use of Excess Property Sales	Modifies the restriction limiting use of revenues from excess property sales related to State Highway Route 238 to state highway purposes by authorizing those revenues to be used for *any* highway purpose. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 1464 (Smyth) Cycling Corridors of Significance	States the intent of the Legislature to designate portions of the state highway system as state cycling corridors of significance for the purpose of promoting increased awareness of, and safety for, cyclists. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly	

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AB 1500 (Lieu) High Occupancy Vehicle Lane: Hybrid/Low-Emission Vehicles	Extends by five years the sunset date (from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2016) for allowing certain hybrid and low-emission vehicles access into high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly	
AB 1502 (Eng) High Occupancy Vehicle Lane: Hybrid/Low-Emission Vehicles	Extends by six years the sunset date (from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2017) for allowing certain low-emission vehicles access into high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants. Retains the 2011 sunset date for hybrid vehicles. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Assembly	
ACA 9 (Huffman) Local Government Bonds: Special Taxes: Voter Approval	Changes the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to, instead, authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55 percent of its voters voting on the tax. Lowers to 55 percent the voter-approval threshold for a city, county, or city and county to incur bonded indebtedness, exceeding in one year the income and revenue provided in that year, that is in the form of general obligation bonds to fund specified public improvements. (Introduced 2/6/09)	Assembly	

Senate Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
SB 6 a (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 7 c (Ducheny) Transit Finance Trailer Bill	Suspends the State Transit Assistance (STA) program for FY 2009-13 and revises the eligible uses of funds in the Public Transportation Account to include school bus transportation and regional center transportation within the State Department of Developmental Services. Provides for the transfer of all spillover revenues to the Mass Transportation Fund. (Enacted 2/20/09)	Enacted, Chapter 14	
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 11 a (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	
SB 165 (Lowenthal) Federal Economic Recovery Act Funding	Makes legislative findings and declarations with regard to the federal transportation funding California received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (Introduced 2/14/09)	Senate	

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SB 205 (Hancock) Vehicle Registration Fee: Statewide Authorization	Authorizes countywide transportation planning agency to place a measure on the ballot, subject to a majority vote, for a vehicle registration fee up to $10 per year to fund projects including, but not limited to, the following: (A) Providing matching funds for funding made available for transportation programs and projects from state general obligation bonds. (B) Creating or sustaining congestion mitigation programs and projects. (C) Creating or sustaining pollution mitigation programs and projects. (Introduced 2/23/09)	Senate Appropriations Committee	
SB 391 (Liu) California Transportation Plan: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets	Requires Caltrans to update the California Transportation Plan to address how the state will achieve maximum feasible emissions reductions to order to attain a statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emission to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and to identify the statewide integrated multimodal transportation system needed to achieve these results. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Planning Advisory and Assistance Council/ Regional Blueprint Plan Funding	Modifies the composition of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council, within the Office of Planning and Research, to expand it to include representatives of regional planning organizations. Requires the council to work with the Strategic Growth Council to facilitate implementation of regional blueprint projects. Authorizes a metropolitan planning organization or a council of governments to impose a vehicle registration surcharge up to $2 for the purpose of developing and implementing a regional blueprint plan (such as a sustainable communities strategy under SB 375) to identify land use strategies to reduce emissions associated with motor vehicles. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Senate Local Government Committee	
SB 409 (Ducheny) Department of Railroads	Creates the Department of Railroads in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and transfers to the department responsibility for intercity rail, high-speed rail, freight rail and rail-highway grade crossings and separations. Requires the department to conduct an analysis of the state's freight rail transportation system. Provides that the department shall be the only state agency eligible to apply for and receive grant and loan funds from the federal government for intercity rail, high-speed rail, or freight rail purposes. Provides that the High-Speed Rail Authority shall be a division of the department. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

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SB 425 (Simitian) Single-Occupant Vehicle Trip Reduction: Employers of 100 or more	Requires the Air Resources Board to develop a program for employers of 100 or more employees to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicle trips. The program must collect, evaluate and make public information about existing efforts by employers and metropolitan planning organization to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips. Further requires the board to develop additional incentives for employers to adopt programs and practices that will help achieve a goal of reduction from current levels of single-occupant vehicle trips by 25 percent in 2015 and 33 percent in 2020. (Introduced 2/26/2009)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 485 (Wright) SHOPP: Emergency Funding	States the intent of the Legislature to provide adequate funding to meet the needs of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) in the 2009-10 fiscal year. (Introduced 2/26/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 518 (Lowenthal) Parking Policy: Reduction in State Subsidies and Requirements for Local Governments	Prohibits state funds from being used to subsidize parking services at community colleges on and after January 1, 2011. Subject to certain exceptions, prohibits state funds from being used to subsidize the construction or operations of parking in California on and after January 1, 2011. Requires that by January 1, 2012, a city, county, or city and county shall adopt and implement measures from a specified menu of options designed to reduce or eliminate parking subsidies and generally manage parking in such a way as to reduce vehicle trips. (Introduced 2/26/2009)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 528 (Negrette-McLeod) Public Private Partnerships: Lease Agreements	Prohibits lease agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2010, from paying reasonable compensation for the adverse effects of newly-constructed transportation projects on toll revenue. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

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SB 535 (Yee) High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Hybrid/Low Emission/ Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Eliminates the 2011 sunset date for allowing specified hybrid and low-emission vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicles without meeting the occupancy requirements. Provides instead that the provision in current law will remain in effect unless prohibited by federal law. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 560 (Ashburn) Sustainable Communities Strategy: Greenhouse Gas Emission Credits	Provides that greenhouse gas emission credits for counties and cities that site and permit commercial wind, solar, and biomass projects may be used as credit in the formulation of the sustainable communities strategy or alternative planning strategy. Provides that transportation trips outside of federal lands that are directly related to activities of a federal or state military installation shall not be included in the emissions inventory otherwise required to be considered to achieve any reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	
SB 575 (Steinberg) Senate Bill 375 Cleanup: Housing Element Revisions Deadlines	Legislative vehicle for amending Senate Bill 375, Statutes of 2008. Provides for an unspecified date by which local jurisdictions within the San Diego region must provide their fifth revision of their housing element. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 626 (Kehoe) Plug-in Hybrid & Electric Vehicles	Requires the Public Utility Commission in consultation with the Energy Commission, the State Air Resource Board, electric corporations, and the motor vehicle industry, to evaluate and implement policies to develop infrastructure sufficient to overcome any barriers to the widespread deployment and use of Plug-in hybrid vehicles. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	

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SB 632 (Lowenthal) Ports: Infrastructure and Air Quality Needs Assessment	Requires the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Oakland, beginning January 1, 2010, to assess their infrastructure and air quality improvement needs, including, but not limited to, projects that improve the efficiency of the movement of cargo while reducing pollution associated with the movement of that cargo, and the replacement of trucks, cargo handling equipment, locomotives, and ships that move that cargo. *Specifies that the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach must consult with the Southern California Association of Governments and the South Coast Air Quality Management District when developing their assessments. Specifies that the Port of Oakland must consult with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District when developing its assessment.* Requires each port to provide this assessment to the Legislature by July 1, 2010, and to include in the assessment the total costs of the infrastructure and air quality improvements, ~~and~~ *funding source or* possible funding options for these projects, *and a timeline for completion.* (Amended 3/31/09)	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	
SB 705 (Lowenthal) Infill Opportunity Zone: Elimination of Sunset Date	Eliminates the December 31, 2009 sunset date for a city or county to designate an infill opportunity zones. Such zones are exempt from the level of service standards specified in congestion management programs. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SB 716 (Wolk) Transportation Development Act: Vanpool Eligibility	Authorizes a county, city, county transportation commission, or operator to file a claim for Transportation Development Act funds with the transportation planning agency for vanpool service operation and capital improvement expenditures, including for vanpool services for purposes of farm worker transportation to and from work. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

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SB 734 (Lowenthal) Senate Transportation & Housing Committee Bill	Makes various changes to current law related to disabled parking violations and Proposition 1B administration. Specifically, requires that a violation sign display only "Minimum Fine $250." Enacts a schedule of civil penalties identical to the court-administered schedule for imposing fines for violating this provision that would be administered by the issuing agency. Modifies procedures for appeal. With respect to Proposition 1B, requires any interest or other return earned by a city or county from investment of bond funds received under these provisions to be expended or reimbursed under the same conditions as are applicable to the bond funds themselves. (Introduced 2/27/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
SCA 1 b (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 2 b (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	

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HR 55 (Kirk) Transit Benefits: Refundable IncomeTax 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	
HR 863 (Blumenauer) Transportation Fringe Benefits	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees to receive transportation fringe benefits for the same month both in the form of transit passes and reimbursement of bicycle commuting expenses. (Introduced 2/4/09)	House Ways and Means Committee	
HR 891 (McGovern) [illegible]	Effective for 2009 and thereafter, increases the allowable pre-tax transportation fringe benefit for monthly transit or vanpool expenses to $230 per month, equal to the allowable amount for parking costs. (Introduced 2/4/09)	House Ways and Means, House Oversight & [illegible]	

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HR 1329 (Blumenauer) Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Amends title 49, United States Code, to support efforts by States and eligible local and regional entities to develop and implement plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and for other purposes. (Introduced 3/5/09)	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	
HR 1550 (Sutton) Incentives for Replacement of High Polluting Vehicles	Creates the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save (CARS) Program within the Department of Transportation for FY 2009 through FY 2011 to provide for vouchers ranging from $3000 to $5000 for consumers who scrap a "high polluting vehicle" as defined and replace it with a vehicles meeting certain fuel efficiency requirements. (Introduced 3/17/09)	House Committees on Transportation & Infrastructure, and Energy & Commerce	
HR 1571 (Tauscher) Private Investment in Commuter Vanpooling	Amends title 49, United States Code, to permit certain revenues of private providers of public transportation by vanpool received from providing public transportation to be used for the purpose of acquiring rolling stock, and to permit certain expenditures of private vanpool contractors to be credited toward the local matching share of the costs of public transportation projects. (Introduced 3/17/09)	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	

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S 176 (Feingold) Job Access and	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	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee	

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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	

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2009-10 Regular Session Calendar – Tentative Legislative Schedules

January 2009 1 Statutes take effect. 5 Legislature reconvenes. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 30 Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel.	July 3 Independence Day Observed 10 Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills. 17 Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
February 9 Lincoln's Birthday 16 Washington's Birthday 27 Last day to introduce bills.	August 17 Legislatures reconvenes from Summer Recess. 22 Last day to amend a bill on the Floor 28 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor 31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.
March 30 Cesar Chavez Day	September 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. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment.
April 2 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment. 13 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.	October 11 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 11 and in the Governor's possession after September 11.
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 to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house. 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 bills to the floor. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 8.	November
June 1-5 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose. 5 Last day to pass bills out of house of origin. 8 Committee meetings may resume. 15 Budget bill must be passed by midnight.	December

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

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