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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: May 1, 2009

FR: Executive Director

RE: SB 205 (Hancock) – Local Vehicle Registration Surcharge for Transportation/Air Quality

Description

SB 205 by Senator Loni Hancock of Berkeley authorizes a countywide transportation planning agency to seek voter approval (by a simple majority of voters) to impose a fee of up to \$10 on each motor vehicle registered in that county (see Attachment A for further information).

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

Eligible expenditures on programs and projects — which must be consistent with adopted regional transportation plans — include:

- Leveraging funding for programs contained in Proposition 1B and Proposition 84;
- Construction and operation of carpool and high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane networks;
- Installation and operation of intelligent transportation systems on state highways and local arterials;
- Construction and operation of Bus Rapid Transit systems;
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- Highway operational improvements, such as auxiliary lanes and interchange improvements;
- Local streets and road rehabilitation projects;
- Storm water runoff projects;
- Air quality improvement projects such as incentives for alternative fuel vehicles, and free transit on Spare the Air Days;
- Public improvements relating to transportation infrastructure, streets, highways, buildings, sewer systems, water systems, wastewater systems, and park and recreation facilities;
- Public safety agency facilities;
- Development of affordable housing; and
- Acquisition or lease of property for public improvements, public safety facilities, and affordable housing.

Recommendation

SB 205 would provide more local flexibility to pay for critically needed transportation maintenance and improvements. Given the huge, unfunded shortfalls identified in MTC's recently adopted Transportation 2035 Plan, we recommend a support position on this legislation.

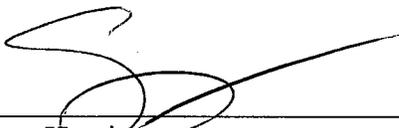
Known Positions

Support

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (sponsor)
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
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Oppose

Automobile Club of Southern California
California State Automobile Association
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association



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