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<b>AB 153 (Ma)</b> 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)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>AB 497 (Block)</b> 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. Provides that the law shall only apply if the Director of Transportation determines that it will not subject the state to a loss in federal funds. (Amended 5/14/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Oppose
<b>AB 569 (Emmerson)</b> Meal Period Requirements: Exemptions	Exempts construction employees, commercial transportation drivers and employees in the security services industry employed as security officers who are covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement containing meal period provisions from existing law with regard to meal period requirements. (Amended 9/11/09)	Senate Rules Committee	
<b>AB 619 (Blumenfield)</b> 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)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>AB 726 (Nielsen)</b> 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)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>AB 732 (Jeffries)</b> Transportation Projects: Design-Sequencing	Extends the operative date of existing law from January 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010 that 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. Reduces the number of projects authorized from 12 to nine. (Amended 6/16/09)	Senate Appropriations Committee	

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<b>AB 744 (Torrico)</b> Bay Area High-Occupancy Transportation Network	<p>Authorizes the Bay Area Toll Authority to develop, administer, operate and maintain an express lane network on state highways within the geographic jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation 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, except that toll revenues may only be used as loans. (Amended 7/15/09)</p> <p>Please see the September 2009 <i>Legislative History</i> for detailed summary.</p>	Senate Appropriations Committee	Support
<b>AB 987 (Ma)</b> Transit Village Development District	<p>Amends the Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994. Eliminates the requirement of 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 implementing a transit village plan pursuant to the act. Requires a plan financed by these bonds to include public benefits regarding housing and provisions for the dedicated use of bond proceeds to finance certain types of housing. (Amended 1/4/10)</p>	Senate	
<b>AB 1097 (Eng)</b> License Plates: Placement of Characters	<p>Requires that the placement of motor vehicle license plates be parallel with the ground so that the characters are upright. (Amended 1/4/10)</p>	Senate	
<b>AB 1375 (Galgiani)</b> High-Speed Rail	<p>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 Governor, 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. (Amended 1/15/10)</p>	Senate	

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<b>AB 1500 (Lieu)</b> High Occupancy Vehicle Lane: Low-Emission Vehicles	Extends by five years the sunset date (from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2014) for allowing certain low-emission vehicles access into high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants. Provides that all such vehicles would be granted toll-free access to the region's seven state-owned toll bridges. (Amended 7/14/09)	Senate Inactive File	Oppose
<b>AB 1502 (Eng)</b> Minor's Application for Driver's License	Authorizes a person who is licensed under any state and the parent or guardian of a minor who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty, stationed in California, or his or her spouse, to accompany and supervise the holder of an instruction permit, to accompany a holder of a provisional license, and to sign and verify the minor's application for a license or instruction permit. (Amended 1/4/10)	Senate Rules Committee	
<b>AB 1670 (Beall)</b> State Highway Relinquishment to City of San Jose: Route 82 and 130	Authorizes the Commission to relinquish to the City of San Jose specified portions of State Highway Routes 82 and 130, under certain conditions. (Introduced 1/20/10)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
<b>AB 1747 (Galgiani)</b> High Speed Rail Authority: Consideration of California Job Creation for Contract Award	Authorizes the High Speed Rail Authority to consider, to the extent permitted by federal and state law, the creation of jobs in California when awarding major contracts or purchasing high-speed trains. (Introduced 2/8/10)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
<b>AB 1760 (Blumenfield)</b> Design-Sequencing Contracts	Reestablishes a pilot program that expired on January 1, 2010 to allow Caltrans to let up to 10 design-sequencing projects until January 1, 2014. Requires Caltrans report to the Legislative Analyst's Office describing and evaluating the outcome of the contracts undertaken pursuant to these provisions. (Introduced 2/8/10)	Assembly Transportation Committee	

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<b>AB 1784 (Fong)</b> Santa Clara VTA: Local Roadway Improvements	Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to enter into an agreement with any city within its jurisdiction or with Santa Clara County to improve a street, road, highway, or expressway under the jurisdiction of the city or county. (Introduced 2/10/10)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
<b>AB 1871 (Jones)</b> Carsharing: Insurance	Prohibits a motor vehicle from being classified for insurance purposes as a commercial, for-hire, or permissive use vehicle, or livery solely on the basis of it being used for carsharing if the revenue generated by carsharing does not exceed the monthly expenses of operating the vehicle provided that insurance coverage is provided by the carsharing organizations for the period when the vehicle is being used. (Introduced 2/12/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 1958 (Caballero)</b> Cost Cutting: Expedite Bond Projects	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require each department in state government to make recommendations on reducing its costs by 5%, and to use those cost savings to fund preapproved infrastructure projects not funded by existing bond funding. (Introduced 2/17/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2097 (Miller)</b> Vehicle Registration: Confidential Home Address	Requires a person who requests the confidentiality of his or her home address to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with a current employment address for purposes of processing the service and collection of a traffic, parking, or toll road violation. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2098 (Miller)</b> 2010 Federal Economic Stimulus Funds: Implementation	Enacts provisions to govern the expenditure of federal transportation economic stimulus funds that may be awarded to the state in 2010. Restricts allocation of the state portion of funds to projects in areas defined as economically distressed. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2113 (Evans)</b> Local Taxes: Vehicle License Fee and Income Tax	Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county or city and county, by ordinance, to propose to the voters either a local personal income tax or a local vehicle license fee, or both, in accordance with specified requirements. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	

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<b>AB 2121</b> <b>(Harkey)</b> High Speed Rail Bond: Reduced Authorization	Reduces the amount of general obligation debt authorized pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to the amount contracted as of January 1, 2011. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2124</b> <b>(Villines)</b> Caltrans Liability for Damage Inflicted on Local Roads	Makes Caltrans liable for any damage inflicted on any public highway under the jurisdiction of a local agency by Caltrans staff or contractors while performing maintenance activity or construction. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2147</b> <b>(Perez J.)</b> Safe Routes to Schools: Rating Criteria	Requires that when ranking projects applying for Safe Routes to School funding, Caltrans consider a project's benefit to a disadvantaged community, as defined. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2324</b> <b>(Perez J.)</b> Public Transit Vehicle Stations: Prohibition on Weapons	Prohibits a person from knowingly possessing specified weapons within a sterile area of a public transit station. Applies the prohibition against an unauthorized person knowingly entering a restricted area to a public transit station. Prohibits a person from avoiding submission to screening and inspection when entering or reentering a sterile area of a public transit service station. Increases the penalties associated with fare evasion and destruction of public transit property. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2509</b> <b>(Hayashi)</b> Bicycle Parking Requirement	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would decrease traffic congestion and carbon emissions by promoting the use of alternative modes of transportation through, among other things, requiring owners of buildings to provide bicycle parking. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2516</b> <b>(Hill)</b> Townhome Accessibility Near Public Transit	Requires new townhomes constructed after January 1, 2011 that are located within one-half mile of public transit to require that 10 percent of units include a full bathroom, bedroom and kitchen on the ground floor of the unit in order to increase accessibility to persons with disabilities. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	Sponsor

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<b>AB 2579 (Evans)</b> Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission	Creates the Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission to develop a plan for building and maintaining the infrastructure necessary to meet the needs of residents from the present to the year 2050, to facilitate the availability of private and public funds and future revenues for infrastructure, including transportation and schools. Requires the commission to incorporate the Governor's Five Year Infrastructure Plan and the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report into planning recommendations. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2640 (Arambula)</b> Subjects Free or Subsidized Parking to Income Taxes	Subjects free or subsidized parking to income taxes by removing its exclusion from the calculation of gross income, among various other provisions. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2663 (Lowenthal B.)</b> State Borrowing of Local Government Funds; Federal Fiscal Year	Provides that if the Legislature transfers, borrows from, or suspends allocated revenues from the Transportation Investment Fund, funded by Proposition 42, the respective transaction would be suspended during the months of July, August and September to alleviate the impact on local agencies that follow the federal fiscal year. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2703 (Perez J.)</b> 2010 Federal Economic Stimulus Funds: Implementation	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure that federal transportation funds received in 2010 are expeditiously awarded to maximize job retention in state and to ensure robust oversight of those funds. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	
<b>AB 2710 (Blumenfield)</b> Regional Surface Transportation Program	Shortens from six months to five months the timeframe within which a regional agency must submit to Caltrans a plan for how it will obligate regional surface transportation program funds after receiving notice from Caltrans that there is one year remaining within the three-year apportionment period. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Assembly	

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<b>AB X8 6</b> <b>(Assembly Budget Committee)</b> Gasoline Sales Tax Elimination/Excise Tax Increase/Regional Motor Fuel Fee	Exempts motor vehicle fuel from the sales and use tax thereby eliminating funding from this source for transportation programs and imposes an additional tax on the sale, storage, and use of diesel fuel both on and after a specified date. Increases the rate of tax on motor vehicle fuel during a specified time period. Imposes a floor stock tax on motor vehicle and diesel fuels. Requires the annual computation of the motor vehicle fuel tax rate. Relates to the distribution of such tax funds for transportation. (Amended 2/19/10)	Senate Floor	
<b>AB X8 11</b> <b>(Assembly Budget Committee)</b>	Extends “letter of no prejudice” authority for local agencies relative to projects under the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act of 1990 (Proposition 116), allowing a local project sponsor to be eligible for reimbursement of local funds spent on bond-funded projects under certain conditions. (Amended 2/19/10)	Enrolled	
<b>ACA 9</b> <b>(Huffman)</b> 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 or special district 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. (Amended 6/26/09)	Inactive File	Support and Seek Amendment

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<b>SB 10 (Leno)</b> 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. Provides that an ordinance imposed prior to the effective date of the law provided that the assessment is not levied until 90 days after the law goes into effect and that the county board of supervisors ratify its adoption of the measure after the law goes into effect and prior to any levy being imposed. Requires the DMV and FTB to develop a reporting process to enable the FTB to develop estimates of revenue loss from tax deductions. (Amended 7/8/09)	Assembly Floor	
<b>SB 165 (Lowenthal)</b> Parking Violations	Establishes a schedule of penalties (\$250 for a first offense; \$500 for a second offense; \$750 for three or more offenses) for violating parking law as it pertains to parking for disabled persons and disabled veterans. Permits such penalties to be paid in installments. (Amended 6/23/09)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
<b>SB 205 (Hancock)</b> 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 that are consistent with a regional transportation plan, 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. (Amended 7/13/09) — See also SB 83 (Hancock)	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Support

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<b>SB 409 (Ducheny)</b> Department of Railroads	Places the High-Speed Rail Authority as an entity within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and requires the 5 members of the authority appointed by the Governor to be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate. Requires the authority to annually submit a funding plan to the California Transportation Commission for approval, identifying the need for investments during the fiscal year and the amount of bond sales necessary to accommodate those investments. Requires the authority to prepare a 5-year Strategic Rail Connectivity Plan for the state and submit the plan for California Transportation Commission approval by September 1, 2011, and every 5 years thereafter. Upon approval of the plan, the commission, for each transportation project subject to commission approval and implicated by the plan, would be required to make a determination that the project is consistent with the plan. (Amended 1/26/10)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
<b>SB 474 (Ducheny)</b> Design-Build/Public-Private Partnerships	Requires the lead agency for a project, prior to awarding any contract or entering into any agreement for a pilot program for design-build or design-sequencing contracting methods, to make a finding that the use of that method will provide any one of certain specified benefits. If a project is under joint control of the department and a local agency, both agencies shall concur in the finding before a contract may be awarded. Requires the California Transportation Commission to report to the Legislature on an annual basis on the progress of and savings resulting from these pilot programs, based on input from Caltrans and regional transportation planning agencies. <i>Urgency statute</i> (Amended 8/24/09)	Assembly	
<b>SB 518 (Lowenthal)</b> Parking Policy: Reduction in State Subsidies and Requirements for Local Governments	Requires that all state leases of real property list the full cost of any parking spaces as a separate line item. Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to 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. Provides that cities and counties that adopt measures meeting the minimum requirement would be eligible to receive carbon reduction credits through a cap-and-trade program administered by the State Air Resources Board. Provides that those cities or counties that adopt a certain number of measures be granted a 5 percent bonus in competitive grants or loans for state bond funds approved by the voters after 2010. (Amended 1/21/2010)	Assembly	

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<b>SB 535 (Yee)</b> High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Low Emission/ Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Eliminates the 2011 sunset date for allowing specified super and ultra 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 for those vehicles unless prohibited by federal law. From January 1, 2011 through January 1, 2014, authorizes up to 65,000 vehicles classified as enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle (enhanced AT PZEV) standard that also have a 65 miles per gallon or greater combined fuel economy rating to use high occupancy vehicle lanes without the required number of occupants. Exempts from such an allowance the Los Angeles high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane federal demonstration project. (Amended 9/4/09)	Assembly Inactive File	
<b>SB 632 (Lowenthal)</b> 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, funding source or-possible funding options for these projects, and a timeline for completion. (Amended 4/30/09)	Assembly	
<b>SB 901 (Ashburn)</b> Letter of No Prejudice	Authorizes a local project sponsor to apply to Caltrans for a "letter of no prejudice" for funds programmed to a project from the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account established by Proposition 1B (2006). (Introduced 1/26/10)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>SB 964 (Alquist)</b> High Speed Rail Authority: Workforce Training	Requires the High-Speed Rail Authority to contract with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office to develop a labor market assessment of the workforce and workforce training and certification plan pertaining to the construction of a high-speed train system. (Introduced 2/5/10)	Senate	

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<b>SB 965 (DeSaulnier)</b> High Speed Rail Authority: Federal Funds	Authorizes the High-Speed Rail Authority to receive and expend any federal funds awarded to the authority. Requires the authority to submit to the Legislature an expenditure plan for such federal funds. (Introduced 2/5/10)	Senate	
<b>SB 1010 (Correa)</b> CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program: Transportation Projects	Enacts the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Litigation Protection Pilot Program and requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) to select projects that meet certain requirements from specified regions between 2010 and 2014. Exempts from judicial review, pursuant to CEQA, a lead agency's decision to certify the environmental impact report (EIR) of, or to adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for the selected projects. Further exempts from judicial review the BT&H's selection of the projects. Requires BT&H, by December 31 of each year, to submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature summarizing the designation of projects, and the job creation and investment attributable to the designated projects. (Introduced 2/10/10)	Senate Committees on Environmental Quality and Judiciary	
<b>SB 1061 (Hancock)</b> Bicycle Lane: West Span of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge	Authorizes any bridge tolls under the jurisdiction of the Bay Area Toll Authority to be used for the development of a bicycle-pedestrian-maintenance pathway linking the pathway on the new eastern span with San Francisco. (Introduced 2/16/10)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>SB 1215 (Price)</b> Caltrans Contracts: Prequalified List of Architectural and Engineering Firms	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to establish prequalified lists of architectural and engineering services firms. Requires the department to establish separate lists for small, medium and large projects by geographical area for each category of architectural and engineering service. Requires the department to comply with certain requirements relating to the advertisement and award of contracts in the event the department utilizes the prequalification list. (Introduced 2/18/10)	Senate	
<b>SB 1245 (Simitian)</b> High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Toll Free Mandate	Requires an HOV lane, including, but not limited to, a highway or bridge that was free of tolls to HOVs as of January 1, 2010 to remain free of tolls with respect to high-occupancy vehicles. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Senate	

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<b>SB 1268 (Simitian)</b> Electronic Toll Collection: Privacy Requirements	Prohibits a transportation agency from selling or providing personally identifiable information of a subscriber obtained pursuant to the subscriber's participation in an electronic toll collection system. Allows an agency to store certain personally identifiable information of a subscriber. Requires it to discard other information within a designated time period. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Senate	
<b>SB 1299 (Lowenthal A.)</b> Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee: DMV Pilot Program	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a pilot program designed to assess various issues related to implementing a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee in the state. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Senate	
<b>SB 1320 (Hancock)</b> Alameda-Contra Costa Fare Evasion Enforcement	Authorizes the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District to adopt and enforce administrative adjudication ordinances regarding evasion and passenger misconduct violation. Provides penalties would be deposited in the general fund of the district. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Senate	
<b>SB 1445 (DeSaulnier)</b> \$1 Vehicle Registration Fee for Sustainable Community Strategy Development & Implementation	Increases the motor vehicle registration fee by \$1 statewide for the purpose of developing and implementing a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as required by SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008). Requires 5 percent of the resulting revenues to the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council with the remainder distributed to the regional entity responsible for the SCS based on the vehicle registration fees paid by its jurisdiction. Modifies the date by which the Strategic Planning Council is required to report to the Legislature on financial assistance it provides for the planning and development of sustainable communities. Modifies the membership of the duties of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council. (Introduced 2/19/10)	Senate	
<b>SB X8 6 (Senate Budget Committee)</b> Gasoline Sales Tax Elimination/Excise Tax Increase/Regional Motor Fuel Fee	Exempts motor vehicle fuel from the sales and use tax thereby eliminating funding from this source for transportation programs and imposes an additional tax on the sale, storage, and use of diesel fuel both on and after a specified date. Increases the rate of tax on motor vehicle fuel during a specified time period. Imposes a floor stock tax on motor vehicle and diesel fuels. Requires the annual computation of the motor vehicle fuel tax rate. Relates to the distribution of such tax funds for transportation. (Amended 2/19/10)	Senate	

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<b>SB X8 24 (Ducheny)</b> Deadline to Encumber Port, Harbor and Ferry Terminal Security Funds	Provides that the unencumbered balance of any funds appropriated to the Emergency Management Agency for purposes of grants for port, harbor, and ferry terminal security improvements funded by Proposition 1B (2006) remain available to the agency for encumbrance prior to June 30, 2012. (Introduced 2/3/10)	Senate Governmental Organization Committee	
<b>SB X8 36 (Lowenthal A.)</b> 2010 Federal Economic Stimulus Funds: Implementation	Provides legislative intent to adopt a formula for distributing a second round of federal economic stimulus funds in a manner that expedites the award of funds, assures geographic equity and establishes priorities for project selection that will address the maintenance and rehabilitation shortfalls and expedite stalled Proposition 1B (2006) projects. Requires Caltrans to work with local agencies to develop a list of projects that can be awarded within 90 days of the state's receipt of a second round of federal economic stimulus funds for transportation. Requires Caltrans to report monthly to the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Legislature on the progress of the projects. (Introduced 2/5/10)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>SB X8 56 (Hollingsworth)</b> CEQA Exemption: Proposition 1B	Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act a "critical infrastructure project," as defined, including the U.S. 101 Doyle Drive replacement project, projects funded under the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction and Port Security Bond act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) or the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. (Introduced 2/12/10)	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	
<b>SCA 1 b (Wyland)</b> 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	
<b>SCA 2 b (Wyland)</b> 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. (Amended 8/19/09)	Senate Rules Committee	

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<b>HR 55 (Kirk)</b> 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	
<b>HR 140 (Gallegly)</b> 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	
<b>HR 184 (Serrano)</b> 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	
<b>HR 250 (Green)</b> 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	
<b>HR 272 (Meek)</b> 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	
<b>HR 491 (Welch)</b> 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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<b>HR 520 (Israel)</b> 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	
<b>HR 863 (Blumenauer)</b> 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	
<b>HR 891 (McGovern)</b> Transportation Fringe Benefits: Equalizing Parking and Transit/ Vanpool Benefit	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 & Government Reform Committees	
<b>HR 947 (Calvert)</b> Goods Movement Fee	Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a national trade gateway corridor fee on each article that is imported or exported into the United States equivalent to 0.075% of the value of the article or \$500, whichever is less. The fees shall be deposited in a National Trade Gateway Corridor Fund. Funds shall be apportioned to states for carrying out eligible projects in the transportation trade corridors in the ratio that the amount the fees collected for each customs port of entry during the preceding fiscal year bears to the aggregate amount of fees collected for all customs ports of entry during the preceding fiscal year. Requires the Secretary to establish project selection guidelines for states to follow within 180 days of the bill's enactment. Requires state departments of transportation to consult with regional planning organizations, port authorities, shippers and other entities during the project selection process. (Introduced 2/10/09)	House Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Foreign Affairs Committees	
<b>HR 1071 (Thompson)</b> Prohibition of Tolls on Federal Highways	Prohibits the imposition of tolls on any bridge, tunnel or highway on the federal Interstate Highway system. Provides exception for facilities that already have tolls imposed at the time of the bill's enactment. Does not allow tolls from being imposed on a Federal highway facility that is purchased by a state on or after the date of enactment of this Act. (Introduced 2/13/09)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	

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<b>HR 1329</b> <b>(Blumenauer)</b> 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	
<b>HR 1443</b> <b>(Matsui)</b> Complete Streets Act	Requires state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to adopt complete streets policies for new roadway and bridge construction and reconstruction projects. (Introduced 3/11/09)	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	
<b>HR 1550</b> <b>(Sutton)</b> 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	
<b>HR 1571</b> <b>(Tauscher)</b> 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	
<b>HR 1780</b> <b>(Matsui)</b> Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions/Transportation Planning	Amends the Clean Air Act to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions through transportation efficiency. (Introduced 3/30/09)	House Energy & Commerce Committee	
<b>HR 2454</b> <b>(Waxman)</b> American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES Act)	Comprehensive legislation aimed at establishing a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emissions in order to reduce climate change. Provides specified planning requirements similar to SB 375 (Steinberg) as an amendment to the Clean Air Act. (Amended 6/26/09)	Senate	

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<b>HR 4287 (Cohen)</b> Office of Livability	Establishes an Office of Livability within the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Authorizes the Office to establish a competitive grant program for surface transportation projects in areas that have certain characteristics, including but not limited to a high level of congestion, poor air quality, higher than average per capita vehicle miles traveled, urban sprawl, limited connectivity among existing transportation modes and poor safety record. Projects to be funded must be eligible to break ground within one year of receiving funds. Reserves 35 percent of funds for communities with a population 50,000-200,000 in population. Authorizes a competitive grant program for the development of strategic growth plans and establishes criteria for the plans. (Introduced 12/11/09)	House Committees on Transportation & Infrastructure	
<b>HR 4367 (Ellison)</b> New Starts Capital Investment Grants Criteria	Eliminates the requirement that a New Starts FTA 5309 project receive a "medium" rating for cost-effectiveness as a condition of receiving funding. (Introduced 12/16/09)	House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure	
<b>HR 4399 (Serrano)</b> National Deployment of Electric Drive Vehicles	Furthers the national deployment of electric drive vehicles, to strengthen and enhance the national power grid through the integration of such vehicles; relates to manufacturing, electric batteries, and adoption of the electric vehicle program by the postal service. (Introduced 12/16/10)	Multiple committees	
<b>HR 4578 (Cantor)</b> High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Access by Active Members of Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Officials	Authorizes vehicles operated by members of the armed forces or law enforcement to access high-occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants. (Introduced 2/3/10)	House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure	

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<b>HR 4643</b> <b>(Oberstar)</b> Public Transportation Safety Program	Establishes a new Public Transportation Safety Program to improve the safety of, and reduce the number and severity of accidents involving the design, construction, and operation of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems that receive federal funds. Excludes those operators that are already regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration and the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. (Introduced 2/22/10)	House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure	
<b>HR 4690</b> <b>(Perlmutter)</b> Livable Communities Act	Establishes the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, consisting of the Secretary of HUD, the Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of the Department of Transportation. Establishes a comprehensive planning grant program, authorized to be funded at \$100 million per year for four years beginning in FY 2011. Establishes a Sustainability Challenge Grant program to fund projects in a "comprehensive regional plan," authorized at \$3.7 billion over three years beginning in FY 2012. (Introduced 2/25/10)	House Financial Services Committee	
<b>S 176</b> <b>(Feingold)</b> 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	
<b>S 198</b> <b>(Sanders)</b> 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	

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<b>S 209</b> <b>(Boxer)</b> 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	
<b>S 247</b> <b>(Feinstein)</b> 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 which 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	
<b>S 271</b> <b>(Cantwell)</b> 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	
<b>S 308</b> <b>(Baucus)</b> 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	
<b>S 322</b> <b>(Schumer)</b> 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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<b>S 575</b> <b>(Carper)</b> Cap & Trade Proceeds/Transportation Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plans	Requires that 10 percent of any cap and trade revenues be deposited in a new Low Greenhouse Gas Transportation Fund for various purposes. Requires the DOT secretary to develop rules for the development of greenhouse gas reduction targets for metropolitan planning organizations and states for incorporation into transportation greenhouse gas reduction plan which would be integrated into long-range plans. Specifies the types of projects that would be eligible for inclusion in such plans. (Introduced 3/11/09)	Senate Environment and Public Works	
<b>S 584</b> <b>(Harkin)</b> Complete Streets Act	Requires state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to adopt complete streets policies for new roadway and bridge construction and reconstruction projects. (Introduced 3/12/09)	Senate Environment and Public Works	
<b>S 1036</b> <b>(Rockefeller)</b> Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act	Establishes the national policy, objectives and goals for the nation's surface transportation system. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to develop baselines for measuring achievement of the goals and objectives within one year of enactment. Authorizes the secretary to change existing programs to ensure consistency and effectiveness with the goals and objectives and to recommend to Congress reorganization of the department accordingly. Requires the secretary to develop a National Surface Transportation Performance Plan within two years of enactment. (Introduced 5/14/09)	Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee	
<b>S 1619</b> <b>(Dodd)</b> Livable Communities Act	Establishes the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities and the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program and a sustainability challenge grant program; encourages regional planning and sustainable development techniques, including transit-oriented development; provides a variety of safe, reliable transportation choices with emphasis on public transportation to reduce congestion and greenhouse gases. Establishes a Comprehensive Planning Grant Program and a Sustainability Challenge Grant Program to assist local and regional agencies with planning and implementation of livable communities. Authorizes \$3.7 billion in funds from FY 2011-FY 2013 for such programs. (Introduced 8/6/09)	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee	

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<b>S 1733 (Kerry)</b> Clean Energy Jobs and American Power	Establishes an economy-wide cap-and-trade program for carbon dioxide emissions. Provides approximately 2.4 percent of carbon allowances to transportation beginning in 2012. (Introduced 9/30/09)	Senate	
<b>S 2854 (Kohl)</b> Hybrid Vehicles Tax Credit	Extends the hybrid vehicle tax credit from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2014. (Introduced 12/9/10)	Senate Finance Committee	
<b>S 3015 (Dodd)</b> Public Transportation Safety Program	Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish and implement a public transportation safety program to improve the safety of, and reduce the number and severity of accidents involving the design, construction, and operation of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems that receive federal funds. Excludes those operators that are already regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration and the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. (Introduced 2/22/10)	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee	

**California Legislature**  
2010 Regular Session Calendar — Legislative Schedules

<p>January</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect.</p> <p>4 Legislature reconvenes.</p> <p>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor.</p> <p>18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>22 Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.</p> <p>31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2009 out of their house of origin.</p>	<p>July</p> <p>2 Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.</p> <p>5 Independence Day observed</p>
<p>February</p> <p>15 President's Day observed</p> <p>19 Last day for bills to be introduced.</p>	<p>August</p> <p>2 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.</p> <p>13 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor.</p> <p>16-31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> <p>20 Last day to amend a bill on the Floor</p> <p>31 Last day for any bill to be passed.</p>
<p>March</p> <p>25 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.</p> <p>29 Cesar Chavez Day observed</p>	<p>September</p> <p>30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after September 1.</p>
<p>April</p> <p>5 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.</p> <p>23 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p>	<p>October</p> <p>2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2011.</p>
<p>May</p> <p>7 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>14 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 7.</p> <p>28 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their houses. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 7.</p> <p>31 Memorial Day observed</p>	<p>November</p> <p>2 General Election</p> <p>30 Adjournment <i>sine die</i> at midnight.</p>
<p>June</p> <p>1-4 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> <p>4 Last day to pass bills out of house of origin.</p> <p>7 Committee meetings may resume.</p> <p>15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.</p> <p>24 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 2 General Election ballot.</p>	<p>December</p> <p>6 2011-12 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon.</p>

**111th United States Congress**  
2010 Session Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>5 111th Congress, 2nd Session convenes</p> <p>14-15 Democratic Caucus Issues Conference (House)</p> <p>17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</p> <p>19 Senate Reconvenes</p> <p>28-29 Republican Caucus Issues Conference (House)</p>	<p>July</p> <p>4 Independence Day</p> <p>5-9 Independence Day District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p>
<p>February</p> <p>15 Washington's Birthday</p> <p>15-18 President's Day District Work Period (House)</p> <p>15-19 State Work Period (Senate)</p>	<p>August</p> <p>9-Sep 10 Summer District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p> <p>TBD Target Adjournment Date (Senate)</p>
<p>March</p> <p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>29-Apr 9 Spring District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p> <p>29 Passover begins</p>	<p>September</p> <p>6 Labor Day</p> <p>8 Rosh Hashanah begins</p> <p>17 Yom Kippur begins</p>
<p>April</p> <p>2 Good Friday</p> <p>4 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>October</p> <p>8 Target Adjournment (House)</p> <p>11 Columbus Day</p>
<p>May</p> <p>9 Mother's Day</p> <p>31-Jun 4 Memorial Day District Work Period (House) State Work Period (Senate)</p> <p>31 Memorial Day</p>	<p>November</p> <p>2 Election Day</p> <p>11 Veterans' Day</p> <p>25 Thanksgiving Day</p>
<p>June</p> <p>14 Flag Day</p> <p>20 Father's Day</p>	<p>December</p> <p>1 Hanukkah begins</p> <p>25 Christmas Holiday</p>

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