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Guide to Acronyms:

ABAG: Association of Bay Area Governments, BAAQMD: Bay Area Air Quality Management District, CSAC: California State Association of Counties, LCC: League of California Cities

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AB 3	Miller R	Vehicles: confidential home addresses: citations	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Would require a person who requests the confidentiality of his or her home address to provide the department with a current employment address for purposes of processing the service and collection of a traffic, parking, or toll road violation. The bill would require that the applicable statutory time periods for processing the service and collection of traffic, parking, or toll road violations be tolled until the department provides the law enforcement agency, governmental agency, or issuing agency with the person's current employment address.	
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Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 14	Wieckowski D	Redevelopment: Fremont Redevelopment Agency	12/6/2010	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Would authorize the Fremont Redevelopment Agency to adopt a redevelopment plan for a project area encompassing or surrounding the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI) automobile manufacturing plant and the Warm Springs Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station. The bill would set forth alternative conditions that cause blight for the purpose of the adoption of this redevelopment plan. The bill would provide that the redevelopment plan would not be required to demonstrate conformance with the community's general plan, but would prohibit the agency from receiving or using tax increment funds from the project area until its legislative body determines that the redevelopment plan is consistent with the general plan. The bill would also make other changes to the plan adoption process in order to streamline that process.	
AB 16	Perea D	High-Speed Rail Authority	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Would require the authority to make every effort to purchase high-speed train rolling stock and related equipment that are manufactured in California, consistent with federal and state laws.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 31	Beall D	Land use: high-speed rail: local master plan	12/6/2010	Assembly	Would establish the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program, applicable to specified cities and counties, and would require each of those jurisdictions to prepare and adopt, by ordinance, a master plan for development in the areas surrounding the high-speed rail system in each jurisdiction. The bill would require the master plan to include incentives for encouraging investment and coherent growth in the areas surrounding the high-speed rail system in each participating jurisdiction. The bill would also require the participating jurisdictions to collaborate with the State Air Resources Board to develop incentives to encourage development while concurrently reducing greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with or pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The bill would require the master plan to be consistent with the jurisdiction's general plan and the regional sustainable communities strategy.	
AB 41	Hill D	Conflicts of interest: disqualification	12/6/2010	Assembly Elections & Redistricting Committee	Would add members of the High-Speed Rail Authority to those specified offices who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 57	Beall D	Transportation planning	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Revises provisions related to regional transportation planning. Vehicle for MTC governance bill.	Sponsor
AB 58	Galgiani D	High-speed rail	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Would authorize the Governor to appoint up to five deputy directors exempt from civil service who would serve at the pleasure of the executive director. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	
AB 61	Jeffries R	Neighborhood electric vehicles	12/7/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Would authorize the County of Riverside to establish a similar NEV transportation plan for a plan area that may include any portion of the county or cities in the county that elect to be included in the plan, subject to the same penalties. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the department for review and approval. The bill would require a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2016, if the county adopts a plan. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2017. Because the bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.	
AB 66	Chesbro D	Taxation: vehicle license fees	12/13/2010	Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee	Would repeal the provision relating to the sunset date and repeal of the additional 0.15% tax, thereby depositing additional moneys into a continuously appropriated fund.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 76	Harkey R	High-speed rail.	12/22/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Would reduce 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, 2012.	
AB 92	Blumenfield D	2011-12 Budget.	1/10/2011	Assembly	Would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year.	
AB 133	Galgiani D	High-speed rail.	1/12/2011	Assembly	Would require federal funds made available to the state for high-speed rail purposes under the above-referenced federal acts to be available, upon appropriation, for certain work on one or more specified rail corridors approved by the Federal Railroad Administration, in a manner consistent with certain provisions of, and subject to certain conditions of, the bond act.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 145	Galgiani D	High-speed rail.	1/13/2011	Assembly	The bill would continue the High-Speed Rail Authority in existence to make policy decisions relative to implementation of high-speed rail consistent with Proposition 1A. The bill would create the Department of High-Speed Trains within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which would implement those policies. The bill would transfer certain of the existing powers and responsibilities of the authority to the department and would specify 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 bill would provide for acquisition and disposition by the department of rights-of-way for the high-speed rail project.	
ABX1 8	Ma D	Transportation bond funds	12/6/2010	Assembly	Would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	
ABX1 9	Chesbro D	Taxation: vehicle license fees	12/13/2010	Assembly	Would repeal the provision relating to the sunset date and repeal of the additional 0.15% tax, thereby depositing additional moneys into a continuously appropriated fund.	

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ACA 4	Blumenfield D	Local government financing: voter approval	12/6/2010	Assembly	Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, as defined, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable.	
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State Senate Bills

SB 22	La Malfa R	High-speed rail	12/6/2010	Senate Rules Committee	Would state the intent of the Legislature to reexamine the bond funding mechanism of the authority relative to the authority's high-speed rail project.	
SB 28	Simitian D	Vehicles: electronic wireless communications devices: prohibitions	12/6/2010	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Would require the department to include a test of the applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cell phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	
SB 29	Simitian D	Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems	12/6/2010	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Would require that, no later than January 1, 2013, those requirements include identifying the system by signs posted within 200 feet of an intersection where a system is operating. The bill would require, by January 1, 2013, the governmental agency that operates an automated traffic enforcement system to develop uniform guidelines for specified purposes and to establish procedures to ensure compliance with those guidelines. The bill would require the governmental agency to adopt a finding of fact establishing the need for the system at a specific location for reasons related to safety for those systems installed after January 1, 2012. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
SB 50	Correa D	Conflicts of interest: disqualification	12/15/2010	Senate	Would add members of the High-Speed Rail Authority to those specified offices who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	
SB 68	Leno D	2011-12 Budget	1/10/2011	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.	
SB 103	Liu D	State government: meetings: teleconference	1/12/2011	Senate	Would urge a state body, to the extent legally or financially possible, to conduct teleconference meetings.	
SB 126	Steinberg D	California Transportation Commission: guidelines	1/27/2011	Senate	Would establish specified procedures that the commission would be required to utilize when it adopts guidelines, except as specified, and would exempt the adoption of those guidelines from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. This bill contains other existing laws.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
SB 132	Lowenthal D	School facilities: state planning priorities	1/27/2011	Senate	<p>Would require the State Allocation Board, on or before July 1, 2012, to revise guidelines, rules, regulations, procedures, and policies for the acquisition of school sites and the construction of school facilities pursuant to the Greene Act to reflect the state planning priorities referenced above. The bill also would require, on or after July 1, 2012, a school district, as part of an application for funding under the Greene Act, to certify that a school site or school facility included in that application promote those state planning priorities. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	

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HR 229	Lee	State Safety Inspection of Motor Vehicles	1/7/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Establishes national standards for annual state safety inspection of motor vehicles. Requires that, at a minimum, each state's standards shall ensure that the seatbelts and speedometer installed in the vehicle are operable. Withholds federal transportation funding from states that do not comply.	
HR 235	Brady	Cut Unsustainable and Top-Heavy Spending (CUTS) Act	1/7/2011	Multiple committees, including House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Makes various cuts to federal programs, including a repeal of the 5,173 "High Priority Projects" earmark authorizations from SAFETEA whereby any unobligated balances are rescinded upon enactment of the bill. Provides that no further expenditures are allowed in the program after enactment of the bill, except for project termination costs.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
HR 260	Sires	Commute Leveraging Employer Support and Successes (LESS) Act	1/11/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Requires each metropolitan planning organization to establish an employer advisory council consisting of representatives of employers within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning organization. The council shall designate one of its members to be a member of the metropolitan planning organization. Requires the council to develop a trip reduction plan. Establishes the Employer Investment in Transportation and Commuter Benefit program and redirects 10 percent of funding apportioned to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) program for such purpose. Provides that funds would be available to provide financial assistance to state, regional, and local agencies and entities, including employers and transportation management organizations, to create and expand commuter benefit programs. Requires a state receiving funds under this program to establish, in coordination with metropolitan planning organizations, statewide goals for achieving reductions in vehicle miles traveled.	
HR 304	Gallegly	Passenger Rail Accident Liability	1/18/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Effective September 2008, increases the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents operated by non-government entities to \$275 million.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
HR 328	Filner	Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act	1/19/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Requires that public employees carry out the construction inspection functions for all surface transportation projects receiving federal funding.	
HR 341	Johnson	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	1/19/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Raises the maximum share of a project's cost that may be funded through TIFIA from 33 percent to 49 percent. Authorizes \$285 million for TIFIA for FY 2012-2016.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
HR 375	Kildee	Fix United States Government Contracting Deficit with China Act	1/20/2011	Multiple committees	<p>Provides that it shall be the policy of the United States to limit the total value of Chinese goods that may be procured by the United States Government during a calendar year to not more than the total value of United States goods procured by the Chinese Government if any during the preceding calendar year.</p> <p>Provides that if the Secretary of Commerce determines and certifies to Congress that the Chinese Government has prohibited the procurement of United States goods by the Chinese Government during the preceding calendar year, then (1) the head of each executive agency may not award a contract for the procurement of Chinese goods during the succeeding calendar year; and (2) the Secretary of Transportation shall prohibit a State or other entity from using funds made available from the Highway Trust Fund or the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for the award of a contract for the procurement of Chinese goods during the succeeding calendar year.</p>	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
HR 402	DeLauro	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act	1/24/2011	Multiple committees	<p>Establishes a National Infrastructure Development Bank governed by a nine-member board. Authorizes \$5 billion annually for FY 2012 -2016. Limits the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds to 250 percent of its total subscribed capital. Requires any project partially funded by the Bank comply with Davis-Bacon labor requirements. Specifies that for transportation infrastructure projects brought before the Bank, the Board shall consider:</p> <p>(A) Job creation, including workforce development for women and minorities, responsible employment practices, and quality job training opportunities.</p> <p>(B) Reduction in carbon emissions.</p> <p>(C) Reduction in surface and air traffic congestion.</p> <p>(D) Poverty and inequality reduction through targeted training and employment opportunities for low-income workers.</p> <p>(E) Use of smart tolling, such as vehicle miles traveled and congestion pricing, for highway, road, and bridge projects.</p> <p>(F) Public health benefits.</p>	
S 198	Casey	Unexpended Highway Funds: Redistribution	1/26/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	<p>Requires the return and redistribution among State transportation departments of certain unexpended highway funding.</p> <p><i>(Bill text not available as of 2/1/2011)</i></p>	

2011 Regular Session Calendar — Legislative Schedules

<p>January</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect.</p> <p>3 Legislature reconvenes.</p> <p>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor.</p> <p>17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>21 Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.</p>	<p>July</p> <p>8 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.</p> <p>15 Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session, provided the Budget Bill has been enacted.</p> <p>4 Independence Day observed</p>
<p>February</p> <p>18 Last day for bills to be introduced.</p> <p>21 Presidents' Day</p>	<p>August</p> <p>15 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.</p> <p>26 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor.</p> <p>29 – September 9. Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p>
<p>March</p> <p>28 Cesar Chavez Day observed</p>	<p>September</p> <p>2 Last day to amend bills on the Floor.</p> <p>5 Labor Day</p>
<p>April</p> <p>14 Spring Recess begins at the end of this day's session.</p> <p>25 Legislature reconvenes.</p>	
<p>May</p> <p>6 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>13 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>20 Last day for policy committees meet prior to June 6.</p> <p>27 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>30 Memorial Day</p>	
<p>June</p> <p>3 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin</p> <p>6 Committee meetings may resume</p> <p>15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight</p>	

112th United States Congress
2011 Session Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>5 112th 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>-8 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>8-Sep 5 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>5 Labor Day</p> <p>26-30 State Work Period (Senate)</p> <p>29 Rosh Hashanah begins</p>
<p>April</p> <p>2 Good Friday</p> <p>4 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>October</p> <p>7 Yom Kippur begins</p> <p>10 Columbus Day</p>
<p>May</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>11 Veterans' Day</p> <p>24 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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