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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	Vehicles: confidential home addresses: citations	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires 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.	Support and seek amendment
AB 14	Wieckowski	Redevelopment: Fremont Redevelopment Agency	12/6/2010	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Authorizes 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. Sets forth alternative conditions that cause blight for the purpose of the adoption of this redevelopment plan.	
AB 16	Perea	High-Speed Rail Authority	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires 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.	

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AB 31	Beall	Land use: high-speed rail: local master plan	12/6/2010	Assembly	Establishes 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	Conflicts of interest: disqualification	12/6/2010	Assembly Elections and 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.	
AB 57	Beall	Transportation planning	12/6/2010	Assembly Transportation Committee	Revises provisions related to regional transportation planning. Vehicle for MTC governance bill.	Sponsor

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AB 58	Galgiani	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	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	Taxation: vehicle license fees	12/13/2010	Assembly Revenue and 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.	
AB 76	Harkey	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	2011-12 Budget	1/10/2011	Assembly	Would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year.	

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AB 133	Galgiani	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.	
AB 145	Galgiani	High-speed rail	1/13/2011	Assembly	Creates the Department of High-Speed Trains within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Transfers certain existing powers and responsibilities of the authority to the 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.	
AB 147	Dickinson	Transportation Mitigation Fees	2/14/2011	Assembly Local Government Committee	Broadens the eligible uses of transportation mitigation fees authorized under the Subdivision Map Act to allow them to be used for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, as well as the currently authorized uses (roads and bridges).	

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AB 294	Portantino	Design-Sequencing Contracts	2/9/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes Caltrans to let design-sequencing contracts for the design and construction of up to 5 transportation projects, until January 1, 2015. Requires the department to compile data on the transportation projects pursuant to the design-sequencing contracts awarded and to include that material in a report to the Legislature each year during which the projects are underway.	
AB 333	Grove	AB 32: Emission Reduction Requirements: Exemptions for Counties With Unemployment Greater than 7%	2/10/2011	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the state board to exempt from an emission reduction requirement adopted pursuant to the act an emissions source located within a county that on January 1, 2012, has an unemployment rate of 7% or greater, until that county's unemployment rate drops below 7% for 6 consecutive months.	
AB 343	Atkins	Redevelopment Plans: Environmental Goals	2/10/2011	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Requires each redevelopment plan to consider and identify strategies for how redevelopment projects will help attain the climate, air quality, and energy conservation goals or applicable regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.	
AB 345	Atkins	Traffic Control Devices: Consultation	2/10/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires Caltrans to consult with groups representing users of streets, roads, and highways, including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors when adopting rules and standards for traffic control devices.	

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AB 348	Buchanan	Double Fine Zone	2/10/2011	Assembly	Spot bill dealing with process for designating a state highway segment as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone.	
AB 427	Perez	Transportation bond funds: transit system safety.	2/14/2011	Assembly	Spot bill to clean up transit security statute to ensure funds are fully utilized.	
AB 441	Monning	Health and Health Equity: Regional Transportation Plans	2/14/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the California Transportation Commission to address health and health equity factors, strategies, objectives, and goals in the guidelines developed for regional transportation plans. Further requires the Office of Planning and Research to incorporate such factors in their local general plan guidelines so that local agencies will adopt voluntary health and health equity goals.	
AB 471	Lowenthal B.	High-speed rail: Inspector General	2/15/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Provides for an Office of the Inspector General within the High Speed Rail Authority. Requires the authority to appoint an inspector general, who would serve at the pleasure of the authority, and would prepare specified reports and audits relating to high-speed rail.	

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AB 485	Ma	Local planning: Transit Village Development Districts	Introduced: 2/15/2011	Assembly Local Government Committee	Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for the adoption of an infrastructure financing plan, the creation of an infrastructure financing district, and the issuance of bonds. Requires a city or county that uses infrastructure financing district bonds for a transit village to use at least 20 percent of the revenue for the purposes of increasing, improving, and preserving the supply of lower and moderate-income housing. States the intent of the Legislature that the development of transit village development districts meets or exceed the requirements of the California Green Building Standards Code.	
AB 492	Galgiani	High Speed Rail; Consideration of California Jobs When Awarding Contracts	2/15/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 605	Dickinson	Trip Generation Rates: Update Requirement	2/16/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	<p>Requires the Office of Planning and Research, in consultation with the California Transportation Commission, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, local governments “and other appropriate entities” to adopt guidelines for projected trip generation and vehicle miles traveled for various project types and to determine a percentage reduction that would be necessary for a project to help achieve the SB 375 greenhouse gas reduction targets. Further requires development of a list of mitigation measures that a project may incorporate to reduce the project's projected trip generation and vehicle miles traveled. Simplifies the CEQA process for projects that meet certain criteria related to trip generation and vehicle miles traveled.</p> <p><i>Two-year bill.</i></p>	

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AB 650	Blumenfield	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Transportation for the 21st Century	2/16/2011	Assembly	<p>Establishes the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Transportation for the 21st Century. Requires the task force to be comprised of 12 members, including a representative of a regional transportation planning agency, to be appointed by March 31, 2012.</p> <p>Requires the task force to prepare a written report by March 31, 2013 relating to the state of California's transit system, the estimated cost of creating the needed system over various terms, and potential sources of funding to sustain the transit system's needs, and to submit the report. Requires the task force to consult with appropriate state agencies and departments and would require the Institute of Transportation Studies of the University of California, subject to their agreement, to provide staffing. Appropriates \$750,000 from the Public Transportation Account to fund the study.</p>	
AB 710	Skinner	Transit Oriented Development: Reform of Parking Requirements	2/17/2011	Assembly	<p>Prohibits a city or county from requiring more than one parking space per residential unit and more than one parking space per 1,000 square feet of commercial or other nonresidential space for a residential or mixed-use residential project located in a transit intensive area, or subject to an adopted downtown area plan, an adopted neighborhood plan, or an adopted redevelopment project area.</p>	
AB 819	Wiecowski	Bicycle Safety	2/17/2011	Assembly	<p>Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to bicycle lanes and transportation, as specified.</p>	

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AB 845	Ma	High Speed Rail Connectivity Funds	2/17/2011	Assembly	Codifies the existing California Transportation Commission guidelines for this program, including that the funding share for each eligible commuter and urban rail recipient be based on the most current available data in the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database.	
AB 892	Carter	Caltrans Environmental Review: Federal Pilot Program	2/17/2011	Assembly	Removes the sunset date for the federal environmental review program that allows Caltrans to assume responsibility for environmental review of certain projects and to allow for the jurisdiction of federal courts over its assumption of such duties.	
AB 952	Jones	High Speed Rail: Restrictions on Gift Giving	2/18/2011	Assembly	Prohibits a member or employee of the High Speed Rail Authority from being the recipient of any gift, as defined, for purposes of the Political Reform Act. Prohibits a former staff member or contractor from appearing before the authority for three years after terminating employment or contract with the authority.	

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AB 953	Jones	High Speed Rail: New Ridership Study	2/18/2011	Assembly	Provides that no funds from Proposition 1A (2008) shall be available to the High-Speed Rail Authority until adequate environmental studies are completed based on a new ridership study that uses an acceptable ridership evaluation methodology. Requires the authority to contract with the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California at Berkeley to complete a revised ridership study, using the ridership methodology of the institute. Requires the authority to use that ridership study as the basis for subsequent environmental studies. Further requires the authority to reconsider its adoption of the optimal high-speed rail route based both on the new ridership study and the ridership methodology.	
AB 995	Cedillo	Expediting Environmental Review: OPR Report	2/18/2011	Assembly	Requires the Office of Planning and Research, not later than July 1, 2012, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing recommendations for expedited environmental review for transit-oriented development.	
AB 1041	Ma	Video Imaging: Parking Violations	2/18/2011	Assembly	Makes permanent the City and County of San Francisco's temporary authorization to use automated video imaging equipment on public transit vehicles to enforce parking violations in transit-only traffic lanes.	

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AB 1068	Ma	Proposition 1B: Ferry Security Funding	2/18/2011	Assembly	Authorizes entities receiving an allocation of funds prior to June 30, 2011 from Proposition 1B bond funds (2006) for regional public waterborne transit agencies up to 4 fiscal years from the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds were received to expend those funds.	
AB 1086	Wiecowski	Sales Tax: Exception to Cap for Alameda County	2/18/2011	Assembly	Allows any city within Alameda County to adopt a sales tax for countywide transportation purposes, causing the local portion of the sales tax to exceed the 2 percent statewide cap.	
AB 1092	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority: Report Requirements	2/18/2011	Assembly	Requires the authority to report biannually to the Legislature beginning March 1, 2012, on the status of the project, including overall progress, the project budget, expenditures to date, a comparison of the current and project work schedule and the baseline schedule contained in the 2009 business plan, and project milestones.	
AB 1097	Skinner	Federal Transit Funds: Preferential Scoring for Higher Domestic Content	2/18/2011	Assembly	Requires the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to authorize preferential scoring for a contractor that uses a higher share of domestic content in the materials, supplies and equipment than otherwise required by federal law for a project funded with federal transit funds.	
AB 1105	Gordon	High Occupancy Toll Lanes: San Mateo County	2/18/2011	Assembly	Authorizes one or both of the high-occupancy toll lanes under development in Santa Clara County to be extended to adjacent counties, upon approval of the congestion management agency.	
AB 1107	Fletcher	Bicycle Rules of the Road	2/18/2011	Assembly	Spot bill related to when a bicycle may move out of a designated bicycle lane.	

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AB 1134	Bonilla	Proposition 1B: Extension of Deadline for Expenditure of Transit Security Funds	2/18/2011	Assembly	Extends from three years to four years the length of time for spending funds allocated to a project from the transit security program approved by the voters in Proposition 1B (2006) if it was allocated prior to June 30, 2011.	
AB 1215	Blumenfield	Mandatory Electronic Processing of Vehicle Registration	2/18/2011	Assembly	Beginning on July 1, 2012, requires a new motor vehicle dealer to use electronic programs provided by the dealer's first-line service provider to register any vehicle sold or leased and to disclose any document processing charge or electronic registration or transfer charge. Establishes the amounts of those charges that may be charged to the purchaser or lessee of a vehicle.	
AB 1229	Feuer	California Transportation Financing Authority: Local Revenue Bonds	2/18/2011	Assembly	Authorizes the California Transportation Financing Authority to direct the Treasurer to utilize unrestricted moneys to subsidize the payment of interest by project sponsors on revenue bonds issued by those project sponsors.	
AB 1291	Davis	DMV: Use of Existing and Emerging Technologies	2/18/2011	Assembly	Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to pursue the use and development of existing or emerging technologies for the purpose of maximizing the efficiency of service delivery and achieving cost savings for business partners, service providers, or other customer groups as determined by the department.	

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AB 1308	Miller	Highway User Tax Account: Continuous Appropriation	2/18/2011	Assembly	Authorizes any funds from the Highway Users Tax Account to be continuously appropriated and may be encumbered for prior fiscal year appropriations if the fiscal year has begun without a budget.	
ABX1 8	Ma	Transportation bond funds	12/6/2010	Assembly	See AB 1068 (identical bill in regular session).	
ACA 4	Blumenfield	Local government financing: voter approval	12/6/2010	Assembly	Creates 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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SB 22	La Malfa	High-speed rail	12/6/2010	Senate Rules Committee	States 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	Vehicles: electronic wireless communications devices: prohibitions	12/6/2010	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires 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.	Support
SB 29	Simitian	Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems	12/6/2010	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires 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. Requires, 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. Requires 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.	
SB 50	Correa	Conflicts of interest: disqualification	12/15/2010	Senate	Adds 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
SB 68	Leno	2011-12 Budget	1/10/2011	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Makes appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year.	
SB 103	Liu	State government: meetings: teleconference	1/12/2011	Senate	Urges a state body, to the extent legally or financially possible, to conduct teleconference meetings.	
SB 125	Emmerson	Toll Evasion Enforcement	1/26/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to attach a wheel boot to, and in some cases impound, a vehicle registered to a "chronic evader of toll payments" (a person who has not paid three or more toll evasion notices over a designated time period).	
SB 126	Steinberg	California Transportation Commission: guidelines	1/27/2011	Senate	Establishes 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.	
SB 132	Lowenthal	School facilities: state planning priorities	1/27/2011	Senate	Requires 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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
SB 241	Canella	California Environmental Quality Act Litigation Protection Pilot Program	2/9/2011	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Enacts the CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program of 2011, requiring the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to select projects that meet specified requirements from specified regions for each calendar year between 2012 and 2016. Exempts from judicial review, pursuant to CEQA, a lead agency's decision to certify the EIR of, or to adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for, the selected projects, a lead agency's and responsible agency's approval of the selected project, and the agency' s selection of the projects.	
SB 316	Emmerson	Meal Periods: Transportation Industry Exemption	2/14/2011	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee	Adds employees in the transportation industry to the list of employees exempt from meal provisions in current labor law.	
SB 468	Kehoe	Capacity-Increasing Transportation Projects in Coastal Zone: New Sequential Review Requirements	2/18/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Imposes new requirements on Caltrans with respect to proposed capacity-increasing state highway projects in the coastal zone, including requiring that any proposed public transportation project in the same corridor of the highway project be completed before the highway project can proceed. Requires that if there are multiple projects in the same corridor, they proceed sequentially.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
SB 475	Wright	Infrastructure Financing: Public-Private Partnerships	2/17/2011	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	Authorizes a local governmental agency to enter into an agreement with a private entity for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects. Requires an agreement entered into under these provisions to include adequate financial resources to perform the agreement, and permits the agreements to lease to the private entity for a term of up to 50 years.	
SB 517	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority	2/17/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Places the High Speed Rail Authority within the Business, Transportation and Housing (BTandH) Agency. Provides that the BTandH Secretary shall serve on the authority as a nonvoting, ex officio member. Requires the secretary to propose an annual budget for the authority. Requires the members of the authority appointed by the Governor to be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate and requires the members to have specified background or experience.	
SB 535	De Leon	California Climate Change Community Benefits Fund	2/17/2011	Senate Rules Committee	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish the California Climate Change Community Benefits Fund, and require a certain percentage of revenues to be deposited into that fund. States the intent of the Legislature that moneys in the fund would be used in the most impacted and disadvantaged communities to fund programs or projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or mitigate direct health or environmental impacts of climate change through competitive grants, loans, or other funding mechanisms.	

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SB 582	Emmerson	Regional Commute Benefit Policies	2/18/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes a metropolitan planning organization, in partnership with the local air quality management district, to adopt a commute benefit ordinance that requires covered employers operating within the common jurisdiction of the organization and district with 20 or more covered employees to offer those employees certain commute benefits.	Support (Sponsor)
SB 730	Kehoe	Electric Vehicle Charging: On-Line Permit Form	2/18/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires a city, county, or city and county to make available an online building permit form for residential and nonresidential property owners who seek to install vehicle charging equipment, and to approve an online building permit submitted by such an owner within 24 hours of its receipt.	
SB 739	Lowenthal	Ports: Congestion Relief and Air Pollution Mitigation	2/18/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Requires the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Oakland, beginning January 1, 2012, to assess their infrastructure and air quality improvement needs, including, but not limited to, projects that improve the efficiency of the movement of cargo, reduce congestion impacts associated with the movement of cargo, and reduce pollution associated with the movement of that cargo.	

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SB 774	Hancock	Public Post-Secondary Education: Parking Fees	2/18/2011	Senate	Raises the parking fees that community college boards are allowed to charge their employees and students by \$10 per semester and \$5 per intersession and provides an annual indexing mechanism for future years. Authorizes higher fees if they are used to finance the cost of building a new parking structure, provided such a structure is warranted. Maintains parking discount for students who receive financial assistance.	
SB 791	Steinberg	California Transportation Commission: Annual Report	2/18/2011	Senate	Deletes provisions in current law requiring that the California Transportation Commission's annual report provide a summary and discussion of loans made from transportation funds to the General Fund.	

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SB 800	Hancock	Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund	2/18/2011	Senate	Creates the Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund, providing that funds received by the state on a voluntary basis from the federal government, individuals, businesses, organizations, industry, or other sources for the mitigation of climate change impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions be deposited in this fund. The moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation, for expenditure by the Natural Resources Agency for specified projects through a competitive grant process. Requires that moneys from the fund be directed to the California Conservation Corps and local conservation corps for specified projects. Requires the Natural Resources Agency, by January 1, 2013, to adopt guidelines for the distribution of moneys from the fund and to develop strategies for the sale of voluntary greenhouse gas emission offsets by the state and other opportunities for contributions by the public to the Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund.	

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SB 867	Padilla	Build California Bonds	2/18/2011	Senate	<p>Authorizes the California Transportation Finance Authority to issue Build California Bonds for specified transportation capital improvements. Bondholders would be entitled to nonrefundable tax credits against their personal income tax or corporate tax liability. The bonds would not be a debt or liability of the state or a political subdivision of the state, except for the authority. Allow the authority to enter into financing agreements with participating local transportation authorities for the purpose of financing or refinancing transportation projects. Each series of bonds issued by the authority would be secured by a financing agreement between the authority and the local transportation authority. Limit the principal amount of bonds to \$5 billion over a 5-year period commencing January 1, 2012.</p>	
SB 910	Lowenthal	Bicycles: Passing Distance	2/18/2011	Senate	<p>Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a minimum passing distance that would be required of motorists who are passing bicyclists on highways and roads in the state.</p>	

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Federal Bills

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.	

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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.	

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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.	
HR 375	Kildee	Fix United States Government Contracting Deficit with China Act	1/20/2011	Multiple committees	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. 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.	

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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>	

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HR 572	Nadler	Clean Ports Act of 2011	2/9/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Declares that federal preemption of state and local law relating to a price, route, or service of any motor carrier of property shall not apply to the authority of a state, local government, or the political authority of two or more states to adopt requirements for motor carriers providing services at port facilities that are reasonably related to the reduction of environmental pollution, traffic congestion, the improvement of highway safety, or the efficient utilization of such port facilities, provided adoption or enforcement of such requirements does not conflict with federal law.	
HR 596	Rogers	Private Investment in Commuter Vanpooling	2/9/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Allows the local matching share provided by a public transportation capital project assistance recipient to include expenditures by a private commuter vanpooling service provider to acquire rolling stock (vans). Authorizes such a private provider to use vanpool revenues exceeding operating costs to acquire such vans, if there is a binding agreement requiring the vans to be used in the state or local government's service area.	
HR 613	Garamendi	Airports, Highways, High-Speed Rail, Trains, and Transit: Make it in America Act	2/11/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Strengthens "Buy America" requirements as they pertain to airports, roads, rail and public transit.	

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HR 632	Flake	Highway Fairness and Reform Act	2/11/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Allows a Governor of a state to elect, at least 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year, to receive its contributions to the Highway Trust Fund in lieu of its Federal-aid Highway program apportionment for the next fiscal year, subject to certain requirements. See also S. 582.	
HR 662	Mica	Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011	2/11/2011	Public Law No: 112-5	Extends the current surface transportation program authorized under SAFETEA through September 30, 2011.	
HR 792	Weiner	Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act of 2011	2/17/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Clarifies the existing authority of, and as necessary provides express authorization for, public authorities to offer discounts in transportation tolls to "captive toll payers."	
HR 825	Rahall	Surface Transportation Safety Act	2/28/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Makes various changes to improve highway safety.	
HR 897	Grimm	Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act of 2011	3/3/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Provides that states, counties, municipalities, and multi-jurisdictional transportation authorities that operate or manage roads, highways, bridges, railroads, busses, ferries, or other transportation systems are authorized to establish programs that offer discounted transportation tolls, user fees, or other fares for residents of specific geographic areas in order to reduce or alleviate toll burdens imposed upon such residents.	

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S 190	Hutchison	Freedom from Tolls Act	1/26/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Prohibits tolls from being imposed on lanes that are currently operating toll-free on the interstate highway system, with the exception of high occupancy toll lanes.	
S 198	Casey	Unexpended Highway Funds: Redistribution	1/26/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Requires the return and redistribution among State transportation departments of certain unexpended highway funding.	
S 199	Casey	Use it or Lose It: Earmarks	1/26/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Provides that funds made available to a specific transportation project under Title 23 must be obligated within three years. Funds that were assigned to a specific earmark but were not obligated in time will revert to the state department of transportation for redistribution.	
S 233	Rockefeller	FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act	1/27/2011	Passed Senate	Federal Aviation Administration authorization and improvement act.	
S 252	Hutchison	Highway Fairness and Reform Act	2/1/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Allows a Governor of a state to elect, at least 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year, to receive its contributions to the Highway Trust Fund in lieu of its Federal-aid Highway program apportionment for the next fiscal year, subject to certain requirements. See also HR 632.	

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S 326	Rockefeller	Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2011	2/10/2011	Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Sets forth certain U.S. policy objectives and goals, including to: (1) reduce national per capita motor vehicle miles traveled annually; (2) reduce national surface transportation-generated carbon dioxide levels by 40% by 2030; (3) reduce national surface transportation (including passenger and freight) delays and congestion at U.S. points of entry; (4) increase the total usage of public transportation, intercity passenger rail services, and non-motorized transportation; and (5) ensure adequate transportation of domestic energy supplies Directs the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) develop performance criteria and data collections systems to evaluate the effectiveness of federal surface transportation programs; (2) implement such programs to meet the policy, objectives, goals, and performance criteria established by this Act; and (3) develop and implement a National Surface Transportation Performance Plan.	
S 371	Lautenberg	Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation (FREIGHT) Act of 2011	2/16/2011	Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Provides that it is the policy of the United States to improve the efficiency, operation, and security of the national transportation system to move freight by leveraging investments and promoting partnerships that advance interstate and foreign commerce, promote economic competitiveness and job creation, improve the safe and efficient mobility of goods, and protect the public health and the environment. Establishes a competitive grant program for freight infrastructure.	

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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