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*Memorandum*

TO: Commission

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FR: Legislation Committee

WI: 1131

RE: Committee Recommendations

The Legislation Committee met on May 13 and referred six items to the Commission.

**1. AB 1086 (Wiecowski)**

AB 1086 would grant Alameda County a one-time exception to the two percent cap on local sales taxes for the purpose of allowing the Alameda County Transportation Commission the option of seeking voter approval for a transportation sales tax between 0.5 to one percent on the November 2012 ballot.

**Committee Recommendation: Support AB 1086 (Wiecowski)**

**2. AB 345 (Atkins)**

AB 345 would require Caltrans to consult with groups representing the users of streets, roads and highways, prior to adopting rules and regulations for the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and ensure that an advisory committee organized for the purpose of such consultation includes representatives of non-motorized users.

**Committee Recommendation: Support AB 345 (Atkins)**

**3. AB 710 (Skinner)**

AB 710 would reduce the amount of parking that is required for new or expanded housing and commercial/retail development in proximity to transit.

**Committee Recommendation: Support AB 710 (Skinner)**

**4. AB 892 (Carter)**

AB 892 would extend state authorization for Caltrans to assume responsibility for approving environmental documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act until 2019.

**Committee Recommendation: Support AB 892 (Carter)**

**5. AB 427 (Pérez)**

AB 427 would improve expenditure of Transit Security funds funded by Proposition 1B funds in a timely manner by requiring eligible sponsors to notify the California Emergency Management Agency when they intend to spend their designated shares.

**Committee Recommendation: Support AB 427 (Pérez)**

**6. H.R. 1123 (Richardson) — The TIFIA Expansion Act of 2011**

H.R. 1123 would increase annual funding authorized for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program from \$122 million to \$375 million per year through 2015 and raise the share of a project's TIFIA funding from 33 percent to 49 percent.

**Committee Recommendation: Support H.R. 1123 (Richardson)**