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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	Amended 4/14/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee;	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide any outstanding notices of toll evasion to all persons who have requested the confidentiality of their home address. Further requires the DMV to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle with outstanding toll violations if the person has not paid the violations after notification by DMV.	Support
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 Rai Authority	12/6/2010	Senate Floor	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	Amended 3/24/2011	Assembly Local Government Committee;	Establishes the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program, applicable to specified cities and counties that have an approved high-speed rail station, 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. Authorizes the establishment of an infrastructure financing district without a local vote to finance the improvements contained in the master plan Provides an exemption from CEQA for development projects consistent with the environmental impact report approved for the master plan. Requires 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. Requires 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.	Support

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AB 41	Hill	Conflicts of interest: disqualification	Amended 8/22/2011	Senate Floor	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. Prohibits authority board members from "ex parte communication," defined as oral or written communication between a member of the authority and an interested person, about a matter within the authority's jurisdiction that does not occur in a public hearing, workshop, or other official proceeding, or on the official record of the proceeding on the matter. <i>Includes a representative acting on behalf of a regional or local agency in the definition of an "interested person."</i>	
AB 57	Beall	MTC Board Structure	Amended 5/19/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee; Hearing canceled at author's request	Adds two new seats to MTC's board, including one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Oakland and one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of San Jose. Requires the initial term of those 2 members to end in February 2015. Effective with the commission term commencing February 2015, prohibits more than 3 members of the commission from being residents of the same county.	Sponsor
AB 58	Galgiani	High-speed rail	Amended 3/17/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires a salary survey to be conducted to determine the compensation for the executive director and additional exempt officers, and requires the salaries to be established by the authority and approved by the Department of Personnel Administration.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 61	Jeffries	Neighborhood electric vehicles	8/4/2011	Enacted	Would authorize the County of Riverside or any city in the county 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	Amended 2/28/2011	Assembly Budget Committee	Would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year.	
AB 105	Committee on Budget	Transportation Trailer Bill	3/24/2011	Enacted, Chapter 6, Statutes of 2011	Reenacts the taxes that were approved as part of the gas tax swap and provides funding for State Transit Assistance.	

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AB 133	Galgiani	High-speed rail	1/12/2011	Introduced	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	Amended 6/21/2011	Senate Appropriations; On suspense	Repeals the California High-Speed Rail Act, establishing a new Act in its place. Places the High-Speed Rail Authority within the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. Authorizes the Governor to appoint an executive director and up to six additional staff.	
AB 147	Dickinson	Transportation Mitigation Fees	Amended, 5/31/2011	Enrolled	Authorizes a local ordinance to require payment of a fee as a condition of approval of a final map or condition of approving a permit to defray cost of constructing transportation facilities, defined as pedestrian, bicycle, transit or traffic-calming facilities. Requires a public hearing on the ordinance. Clarifies that the authority granted by the bill is in addition to existing authority.	Support

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AB 294	Portantino	Design- Sequencing Contracts <i>Transportation Projects: Procurement</i>	Amended 8/31/2011	Senate Appropriations Committee; On suspense	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. Requires Caltrans to use Caltrans staff or consultants under contract with Caltrans to perform all design services. Requires the Department of Transportation to use department employees or consultants under contract with the department to perform all project development services and preparation of documents and construction inspection services, for design sequencing projects and projects approved by the California by SB 4 (Cogdill, 2009), Streets & Highways Code 143 (public-private partnerships authorization).	
AB 333	Grove	AB 32: Cap and Trade Program	Amended 5/11/2011	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the state board to make findings regarding the state's readiness to implement a cap and trade program by July 31, 2011. Authorizes the board to commence such a program after January 1, 2012 but no later than January 1, 2013. If such a program is implemented, requires annual status reports to Legislature on the program.	
AB 343	Atkins	Redevelopment Plans: Environmental Goals	Amended 6/14/2011	Senate Governance and Finance	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.	

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AB 345	Atkins	Traffic Control Devices: Consultation	Amended 6/20/2011	Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires Caltrans to establish an advisory committee for the purpose of developing its traffic control devices and requires that such committee include representatives recommended by the Active Transportation and Livable Communities Committee established by Caltrans.	Support
AB 348	Buchanan	Double Fine Zone	Amended 7/7/2011	Assembly (for concurrence with Senate amendments)	Authorizes the Alameda and Contra Costa counties boards of supervisors to establish a double fine zone on Vasco Road between State Highway 580 and Walnut Boulevard. Requires a report to the Legislature (<i>developed in consultation with Caltrans</i>) on the effectiveness of the zone one year prior to the termination of the zone.	
AB 427	Pérez, J.	Transportation bond funds: transit system safety.	Amended 8/15/2011	Assembly (for concurrence with Senate amendments)	Modifies eligibility and reporting requirements for the transit security grant program funded by Proposition 1B (2006) to improve timely expenditure of funds. Provides mechanism for funding to be reassigned if an eligible claimant indicates it does not intend to spend funds.	Support
AB 441	Monning	Health and Health Equity: Regional Transportation Plans	Amended 3/24/2011	Assembly	Requires the California Transportation Commission to address health and health equity factors, strategies, objectives, and goals in the next set of 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.	

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AB 471	Lowenthal B.	High-speed rail: Inspector General	Amended 4/25/2011	Assembly	Creates an independent Office of the Inspector General to oversee the activities of the High Speed Rail Authority. Requires the Governor, subject to advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint an inspector general. Requires the inspector general to provide quarterly reports at authority meetings on authority expenditures and to submit a summary of audit findings to the Legislature annually.	
AB 485	Ma	Infrastructure Financing	Amended 6/29/2011	Senate Floor	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. If a special district providing fire protection services would be affected by the tax diversion, requires approval by district's board.	Support
AB 492	Galgiani	High Speed Rail; Consideration of California Jobs When Awarding Contracts	Amended 6/27/2011	Senate Rules Committee	Authorizes the High Speed Rail Authority to consider, to the extent permitted by federal and state law, the creation of jobs and participation by small business enterprises in California when awarding major contracts or purchasing high-speed trains.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 516	Pérez, V.	Safe Routes to School	Amended 7/14/2011	Enrolled	Makes school districts eligible applicants for Safe Routes to School funding and Adds "low-income school" to the factors that must be considered in developing the grant program. Requires up to 5 percent of Safe Routes to School funding to be spent on technical assistance to low-income schools to encourage strong applications for projects benefiting low-income communities.	
AB 605	Dickinson	Trip Generation Rates: Update Requirement	2/16/2011	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	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.	

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AB 650	Blumenfield	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Public Transportation for the 21st Century	Amended 8/15/2011	Senate Floor	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 January March 31, 2012. Requires the task force to prepare a written report by September 30, 2012 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. Requires Caltrans to provide staffing for the task force and authorizes them to contract with consultants for expert research, advice and report writing. Appropriates \$750,000 from the Public Transportation Account to fund the study.	
AB 664	Ammiano	Infrastructure financing districts: America's Cup venues	Amended 8/31/2011	Senate Floor	Authorizes the adoption of special waterfront districts in San Francisco designated as America's Cup venues and the use of infrastructure financing district (IFD) revenues produced in the districts for construction of maritime facilities at Pier 27 and improvement of publicly held waterfront lands used as viewing sites. Requires the county board of supervisors to submit a fiscal analysis to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for review and approval before adopting the resolution authorizing the issuance of debt backed by IFD revenue.	

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AB 710	Skinner	Transit Oriented Development: Reform of Parking Requirements	Amended 8/18/2011	Senate Floor	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-unless the local agency has determined a shortage of parking availability, as specified. Exempts projects that are: 1) restricted to a floor area ratio below 0.75; 2) rent controlled; 3) affordable restricted deed properties; <i>or areas within a specific plan area adopted prior to 2012 with offstreet parking requirements set at a lower rate within the plan area than parking requirements in the same jurisdiction outside a transit intensive area.</i>	Support
AB 819	Wieckowski	Bikeways	Amended 3/31/11	Assembly Transportation Committee	Creates a new Class IV bikeway category to include a segregated bike lane which provides for exclusive use of bicycles, demarcated by either a physical barrier or distinct paint markings.	
AB 845	Ma	High Speed Rail Connectivity Funds	Amended 5/10/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	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 2007 data in the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database.	Support
AB 892	Carter	Caltrans Environmental Review: Federal Pilot Program	Amended 7/13/2011	Enrolled	Removes <i>Extends the sunset date to January 1, 2017 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. Modifies date a report is due to the Legislature to January 1, 2016. Provides that the state shall remain liable for any decisions made by the state applicable federal statutes of limitation for filing citizens' suits in federal courts.</i>	Support

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AB 952	Jones	High Speed Rail: Restrictions on Gift Giving	Amended 8/16/2011	Assembly (for concurrence with Senate amendments)	Prohibits a member or employee or consultant 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. Authorizes the authority to receive gifts and to transfer those gifts, subject to written approval from the Department of Finance. <i>Prohibits the authority from receiving grants, fees, or allocations from foreign governments.</i>	
AB 953	Jones	High Speed Rail: New Ridership Study	2/18/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	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 Natural Resources Committee	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.	

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AB 1041	Ma	Video Imaging: Parking Violations	Amended 7/12/2011	Assembly (for concurrence with Senate amendments)	Extends until January 1, 2016 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. Removes prohibition on sending video images captured for this purpose wirelessly, and requires the devices record the date and time of the violation at the same time as the video images are captured. Requires the City and County of San Francisco to provide to the transportation <i>and judiciary committees</i> of the Legislature an evaluation of the pilot program's effectiveness <i>and impact on privacy</i> no later than March 1, 2015, if it implements the pilot program.	
AB 1068	Ma	Proposition 1B: Ferry Security Funding	2/18/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee; hearing canceled at author's request	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	Wieckowski	Sales Tax: Exception to Cap for Alameda County	Amended 6/29/2011	Enrolled	Allows 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. Limits the amount to 0.5%. Provides that this exception to state law will expire on January 1, 2013.	Support
AB 1092	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority: Report Requirements	2/18/2011	Senate Rules Committee	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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date Introduced/ Amended	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 1097	Skinner	Federal Transit Funds: Preferential Scoring for Higher Domestic Content	Amended 8/29/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Requires the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to Authorizes a state or local agency to use 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. Adds findings and declarations regarding purpose of bill.	
AB 1105	Gordon	High Occupancy Toll Lanes: San Mateo County	7/25/2011	Enacted, Chapter 114	Authorizes one of the high-occupancy toll lanes under development in Santa Clara County on <i>State Highway Route 101</i> to be extended into San Mateo county for the full length of the high-occupancy vehicle lane that existed as of January 1, 2011 subject to upon approval of agreement of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County.	
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.	
AB 1134	Bonilla	Project Study Reports	Amended 3/21/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	Revises current law with respect to project study reports (PSRs) and requires Caltrans to submit revised PSR guidelines to the California Transportation Commission by July 1, 2012 for adoption by October 1, 2012.	

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AB 1164	Gordon	Federal Transportation Fund Loans for Proposition 1B	Amended 8/15/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Authorizes Caltrans to make loans of federal transportation funds to advance projects funded by Proposition 1B (2006) that meet certain requirements. Appropriates those federal transportation funds in the State Highway Account for these purposes and requires those funds to be obligated to advance the bond-funded projects. Requires the loans to be repaid to the State Highway Account from the proceeds of bonds sold pursuant to the bond act and provides for the appropriation of those repaid funds to the department for use on projects in the state highway operation and protection program or the local assistance program, as specified. Requires Caltrans to report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee each year that federal transportation funds are loaned pursuant to these provisions.	No position (Amendments agreed to by author remove our opposition)
AB 1182	Hernandez	CalWORKs Eligibility: Motor Vehicle Asset Limit	Amended 8/22/2011	Senate Floor	Excludes the value of a licensed motor vehicle from consideration when determining or re-determining CalWORKs (the state's general welfare program) eligibility.	

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AB 1215	Blumenfield	Mandatory Electronic Processing of Vehicle Registration	Amended 8/18/2011	Assembly (Concurrence with Senate amendments)	Beginning on July 1, 2012, requires a new motor vehicle dealer that sells or leases vehicles 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. <i>Raises the document processing fee for the purchase of new vehicles from \$55 to \$80 for dealers registering vehicles electronically (at a minimum, all new car dealers) and to \$65 for dealers not contracting with the department for electronic service. Further authorizes dealers to charge customers purchasing or leasing a vehicle an "electronic filing charge" that may not exceed the actual amount the dealer is charged by a first line service provider. Establishes the amounts of those charges that may be charged to the purchaser or lessee of a vehicle and indexes those charges to inflation up to a maximum of \$100.</i> Imposes new requirements related to the sale of a vehicle that had been a junk or salvage vehicle.	Support and Seek Amendment
AB 1229	Feuer	Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Notes (GARVEE bonds)	Amended 6/21/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee; On suspense	Raises the maximum share of the state's federal funds that may be spent on debt service for GARVEE bonds from 15% to 25%. Reserves 40 percent of that amount for projects proposed by transportation planning agencies, subject to the approval of the California Transportation Commission and notification to Caltrans and the Treasurer. Limits annual debt service to 50 percent of a transportation planning agency's federal apportionment from regional Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality funds.	

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AB 1285	Fuentes	Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Program	Amended 5/11/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee	Requires the Air Resources Board to establish a program to maximize regional greenhouse gas emission reduction and sequestration projects. Require creation of a system by which emission reductions achieved by projects under the program result in the creation of qualified units of exchange that may be transferred to entities subject to an emissions cap adopted pursuant to the act for compliance towards the cap, as determined by the state board. Conditions bill's provisions on the state's adoption of a market-based compliance mechanism that allows compliance offsets created from greenhouse gas emission reduction or sequestration projects in a sector that is not subject to an emissions cap as part of the market-based compliance mechanism regulation.	
AB 1291	Davis	DMV: Use of Existing and Emerging Technologies	Amended 5/18/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee	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. Allows DMV to use a solutions-based procurement and a savings-based compensation model for this purpose.	
AB 1308	Miller	Highway User Tax Account: Continuous Appropriation	2/18/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	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.	Support
ABX1 8	Ma	Transportation bond funds	12/6/2010	Assembly	See AB 1068 (identical bill in regular session).	

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ACA 4	Blumenfield	Local government financing: voter approval	12/6/2010	Assembly Local Government Committee	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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State Senate Bills

SB 22	La Malfa	High-speed rail	Amended 3/24/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Reduces the amount of general obligation debt authorized pursuant to the high-speed rail bond to the amount contracted as of January 1, 2012.	
SB 28	Simitian	Vehicles: electronic wireless communications devices: prohibitions	Amended 7/7/2011	Enrolled	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. Assesses a violation point for 2 nd or additional violations of the law prohibiting driving a motor vehicle while talking on a cell phone or texting. Raises the fines for violating these laws when driving or riding a bicycle. Authorizes the county treasurer to withhold a sufficient amount from each fine collected for violations involving riding a bicycle while using a wireless device to reimburse the courts for costs associated with those provisions.	Support

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SB 29	Simitian	Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems	Amended 8/26/2011	Senate	Requires that no later than January 1, 2013 automated traffic enforcement systems installed as of January 1, 2012 identify 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 103	Liu	State government: meetings: teleconference	Amended 7/14/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee; On suspense	Urges a state body, to the extent legally or financially possible, to conduct teleconference meetings. Provides that a state body shall hold a meeting by teleconference if requested to do so by a member of the state body, unless the chair determines that it would be more costly to hold the meeting by teleconference than in person. Requires a state body to provide a live audio or video broadcast of each of its meetings that are open to the public and to <i>provide information on how to access the live audio or video broadcast in a convenient location on its Internet Web site</i> . Authorizes a member of a state body to request a meeting by teleconference if it would make the meeting less burdensome for specified reasons.	
SB 125	Emmerson	Toll Evasion Enforcement	Amended 4/25/2011	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	Authorizes law enforcement to impound a vehicle registered to a "chronic evader of toll payments," defined as a person who has been issued more than 76 notices of delinquent toll evasion or who has been issued one or more notices of delinquent toll evasion and whose vehicle is not registered.	Support

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SB 126	Steinberg	California Transportation Commission: guidelines	Introduced 1/27/2011	Assembly Floor	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 214	Wolk	Infrastructure Financing Districts	Amended 6/21/2011	Assembly Floor	Revises the provisions governing the public facilities that may be financed by infrastructure financing districts (IFD) and eliminates the requirement of voter approval to create a district, adopt a plan, and issue bonds backed by IFD tax-increment revenue. Authorizes an IFD to finance specified actions and projects and prohibits an IFD from providing financial assistance to a vehicle dealer or big box retailer.	
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.	

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SB 310	Hancock	Local Development/ Transit Priority Project Program	Amended 8/29/2011	Assembly Local Government Committee	Eliminates the requirement of voter approval to create an infrastructure financing district and issue bonds for various capital improvements within the district. Establishes the Transit Priority Project Program (TPPP) to encourage developers to meet various environmental and affordable housing requirements in exchange for allowing an additional three or more stories to be built above current zoning requirements. <i>Provides that a city or a city and county may participate in the TPPP if it adopts an ordinance indicating its intention to do so and forms an infrastructure financing district.</i>	Support
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 325	Rubio	Central California Railroad Authority	Amended 6/9/2011	Enrolled	Creates the Central California Railroad Authority as an alternative for ensuring short-line railroad service in the Counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Merced. Requires the authority to be governed by a board of directors who would be appointed by the council of governments or county association of governments within the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Merced, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. Authorizes the counties of Madera, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin to elect to join the authority.	

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SB 468	Kehoe	Capacity-Increasing Transportation Projects in Coastal Zone: New Sequential Review Requirements	Amended 8/26/2011	Assembly	Imposes new requirements on Caltrans with respect to proposed capacity-increasing state highway projects that would widen the existing paved highway in the coastal zone, including that Caltrans collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure that multimodal transportation options are evaluated in the project design, that construction of the capacity-increasing highway project move forward concurrently with multimodal transit projects (<i>unless constructoin in phases will result in an environmentally superior project</i>) and that environmental review evaluate traffic impacts on local streets and roads and mitigate for those impacts.	
SB 475	Wright	Infrastructure Financing: Public-Private Partnerships	Amended 6/20/2011	Assembly	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. Prior to entering into an agreement with a private entity to finance a project in which some public financing is used and could be used to finance the whole project, requires a public agency to assess the financial benefits of using private financing as opposed to financing a project entirely with public funds and using competitive bidding.	

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SB 517	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority	Amended 6/30/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee; On suspense	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	Communities Healthy Air Revitalization	Amended 7/5/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee; On suspense	Establishes the California Communities Healthy Air Revitalization Trust. Provides that funds may be used for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the health impacts of climate change or fund "green collar employment or training opportunities for the most impacted and disadvantaged communities." Requires a minimum of 10 percent of funds deposited in the Air Pollution Control Fund to be allocated to the Trust.	
SB 582	Emmerson Yee	Regional Commute Benefit Policies	Amended 7/7/2011	Vetoed	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 50 or more (at the discretion of the regional agencies) covered employees to offer those employees certain commute benefits. Limits the benefit to employees working half-time or greater. Provides that the program would sunset in 2017. Prohibits a metropolitan planning organization from using federal planning funds in the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance.	Support (Sponsor)

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SB 653	Steinberg	Local Taxation	Amended 6/6/2011	Senate Floor	Authorizes the governing board of any county or city and county, school district, community college district, and county office of education subject to specified constitutional and voter approval requirements, to levy, increase, or extend a local personal income tax, transactions and use tax, vehicle license fee, and excise tax, including, but not limited to, an alcoholic beverages tax, a cigarette and tobacco products tax, a sweetened beverage tax, and an oil severance tax.	
SB 730	Kehoe	Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Pilot Program	Amended 5/11/2011	Senate	Establishes the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Pilot Program to be administered by the California Energy Commission, to consist of strategies for expedited permitting and consumer education, among other items.	
SB 739	Lowenthal	Ports: Congestion Relief and Air Pollution Mitigation	Amended 7/7/2011	Assembly	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.	
SB 774	Hancock	Public Post-Secondary Education: Parking Fees	Amended 6/23/2011	Enrolled	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 authorizes the governing board of each community college to adjust the fee annually to keep pace with inflation. 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.	

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SB 791	Steinberg	California Transportation Commission: Annual Report <i>Regional Congestion Reduction Charge</i>	Amended 8/25/2011	Assembly Rules Committee	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Authorizes a metropolitan planning organization, subject to majority voter approval, to impose, for up to 30 years, a regional transportation congestion reduction charge on purchasers of motor vehicle fuel or, for electric vehicles, annual vehicle registration, in all or part of its jurisdiction. Prior to adopting a regional congestion reduction charge, the metropolitan planning organization would be required to make certain determinations, including that the transportation demand reduction projects funded by the charge would directly and specifically benefit motorists within the region by reducing vehicle congestion so as to increase overall mobility for motorists who are paying the charge.</i></p>	

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SB 800	Hancock	Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund	Introduced 2/18/2011	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	<p>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.</p>	
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SB 867	Padilla	Build California Bonds	Introduced 2/18/2011	Senate	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.	
SB 878	DeSaulnier	Regional Planning: San Francisco Bay Area	Amended 6/9/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing	Requires the Joint Policy Committee to submit a report to the Legislature by January 31, 2013 regarding methods and strategies for developing and implementing a multiagency set of policies and guidelines relative to the Bay Area region's sustainable communities strategy, including recommendations on organizational reforms for the regional agencies. Further requires preparation of a work plan for a regional economic development strategy and for the member agencies to report on public outreach efforts that they individually or jointly perform.	

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SB 907	Evans	Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission	Amended: 5/3/2011	Assembly	Creates the Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission. Requires the commission to prepare and submit a strategy and plan for infrastructure development in California that meets certain criteria to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2013. Provides that the commission would dissolve 30 days after submission of its final report. Conditions creation of the commission on appropriation of to support its work in the budget.	
SB 910	Lowenthal	Bicycles: Passing Distance	Amended 8/30/2011	Assembly	Requires the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction to pass on the left at a minimum clearance of three feet, except that a driver may pass at a distance less than three feet at a speed not exceeding 15 miles per hour faster than the speed of the bicycle, without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle. Provides that a violation of this provision is punishable by a \$35 fine, and subjects a driver who is involved in a collision that causes bodily harm to the bicyclist and is found to have violated this provision to a \$220 fine. Allows a driver to cross double parallel solid lines to pass a person riding a bicycle in the same direction if it is safe to do so.	

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Federal Bills

HR 229	Lee	State Safety Inspection of Motor Vehicles	Introduced 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	Introduced 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.	
HR 260	Sires	Commute Leveraging Employer Support and Successes (LESS) Act	Introduced 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.	

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HR 304	Gallegly	Passenger Rail Accident Liability	Introduced 1/18/2011	House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Judiciary	Effective September 2008, increases the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents operated by non-government entities to \$275 million.	
HR 328	Filner	Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act	Introduced 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)	Introduced 1/19/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	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.	

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HR 375	Kildee	Fix United States Government Contracting Deficit with China Act	Introduced 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	Introduced 1/24/2011	House Committees on Energy & Commerce, Transportation & Infrastructure; Financial Services	<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>	
HR 572	Nadler	Clean Ports Act of 2011	Introduced 2/9/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	<p>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.</p>	

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HR 596	Rogers	Private Investment in Commuter Vanpooling	Introduced 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	Introduced 2/11/2011	House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials	Strengthens "Buy America" requirements as they pertain to airports, roads, rail and public transit.	
HR 632	Flake	Highway Fairness and Reform Act	Introduced 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	Introduced 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	Introduced 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."	

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HR 825	Rahall	Surface Transportation Safety Act	Introduced 2/28/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	Makes various changes to improve highway safety.	
HR 873	Lewis	Motorcoach Safety	Introduced 3/7/2011	House Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure	Requires the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe regulations requiring motorcoaches to be installed with safety seat belts, improved fire extinguishers, advanced glazing to prevent passenger ejection, stability enhancing technology to prevent rollovers and tire pressure monitoring systems. Requires other safety provisions.	
HR 897	Grimm	Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act of 2011	Introduced 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.	
HR 995	Carnahan	Smart Technologies for Communities Act	Introduced 3/10/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Establishes a Smart Communities pilot program to provide grants to five communities for deployment of intelligent transportation system technology. Authorizes funds for the program from 2012 through 2017.	Support
HR 1034	Camp	Airport and Airway Trust Fund Financing Reauthorization Act	Reported 3/29/2011	Passed Ways & Means Committee; House Floor	Extends and increases the excise taxes on aviation fuels, the excise tax on air transportation of persons and property and the expenditure authority for the Trust Fund.	

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HR 1122	Richardson	FRIEGHT Focus Act	Introduced 3/16/2011	House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; House Ways and Means Committee	Establishes an Office of Freight Planning and Development within the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Requires the Office to submit to Congress a national freight plan. Requires establishment of "freight corridors of national significance," a Freight Advisory Committee and a Freight Corridor Coalition. Establishes a grant program for various freight related projects. Reserves 7 percent of funding for grants to benefit the environment and 1 percent for grants to improve freight security.	
HR 1123	Richardson	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	Introduced 3/16/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Increases the annual funding authorized for the TIFIA Program from \$122 million to \$375 million per year through 2015. Allows the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to make upfront conditional credit commitments for a package of projects that meet certain criteria, rather than just a single project. Increases from 33 percent to 49 percent the maximum share of a project's anticipated costs that can be funded through TIFIA and permits TIFIA to provide interest rate subsidies.	Support
HR 1338	Sires	Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance To Help Transportation (FREIGHT) Act	Introduced 4/1/2011	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; referred to various subcommittees	Establishes an Office of Freight Planning and Development within the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Requires the Office to submit to Congress a national freight plan	
HR 1504	McNerney	The Altamont Corridor Rail Improvement Act	Introduced 4/13/2011	House	Authorizes up to \$450 million over the next 10 years to fund a dedicated rail line for the Altamont Corridor Express.	

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HR 1585	Lankford	State Highway Flexibility Act	Introduced 4/15/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Requires the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a direct federal aid highway program whereby a state opts out of the federal highway program and receives its share of federal fuel excise taxes directly. Provides that such funds shall not be subject to any federal requirements that otherwise govern the use of federal transportation funds. Authorizes a state to waive its right to receive funding from the Mass Transit Account and to instead receive its share of such funds directly for highway purposes.	
HR 1825	Blumenauer	Commuter Relief Act	Introduced 5/11/2011	House Committee on Ways and Means	Revises the Transportation Fringe Benefit Program to make permanent the equal treatment of parking, vanpooling and public transit benefits, eligible for exclusion from taxation up to \$200/month (from \$230/month in 2011). Raises the bicycle reimbursement benefit from \$20 to \$40 per month and allows the bicycle benefit to be used in conjunction with other benefits.	Support
S 190	Hutchison	Freedom from Tolls Act	Introduced 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	Introduced 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	Introduced 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.	

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S 223	Rockefeller	FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act	Passed Senate 2/17/2011	House	Federal Aviation Administration authorization and improvement act.	
S 252	Hutchison	Highway Fairness and Reform Act	Introduced 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.	
S 326	Rockefeller	Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2011	Introduced 2/10/2011	Senate 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.	

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S 371	Lautenberg	Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation (FREIGHT) Act of 2011	Introduced 2/16/2011	Senate 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.	
S 800	Harkin	Safe Routes to School Reauthorization	Introduced 4/12/2011	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	Extends the Safe Routes to School program for FY 2012 through 2016 at \$183 million per year.	
S 1034	Schumer	Transportation Fringe Benefit: Extension of Parity	Introduced 5/19/2011	Senate Finance Committee		

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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