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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 Rail 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.	
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.	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. Includes a representative acting on behalf of a regional or local agency in the definition of an "interested person."	
AB 57	Beall	MTC Board Structure	Amended 5/19/2011	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	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.	
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.	

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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 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	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 294	Portantino	Transportation Projects: Procurement	Amended 8/31/2011	Senate Appropriations Committee	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).	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
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.	
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 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.	
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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
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	Status	Summary	MTC Position
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.	
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; 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.	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.	

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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 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.	
AB 1068	Ma	Proposition 1B: Ferry Security Funding	2/18/2011	Assembly Transportation Committee	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.	

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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.	
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.	
AB 1229	Feuer	Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Notes (GARVEE bonds)	Amended 6/21/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee	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.	
AB 1250	Alejo	Redevelopment	Amended 1/4/2012	Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee	Modifies the calculation of the remittance a community is required to make in the 2012-13 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter in order to continue operating as a redevelopment agency (upon the enactment of a local ordinance by the community to comply with specified provisions).	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 1254	Davis	High-Speed Rail: Contracts	Amended 1/4/2012	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires the authority, in awarding contracts for the construction of the high-speed rail system, to require that a minimum of 25% of the workforce used at each worksite be from the local workforce, as defined, and that a minimum of 25% of the aggregate dollar amount of contracts awarded be subject to project labor agreements, as defined. Requires the authority to post on its Internet Web site, by January 31 of each year, the percentages it achieved in compliance with those requirements.	
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. Requires 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 that 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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 1308	Miller	Highway User Tax Account: Continuous Appropriation	Introduced 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
AB 1444	Feuer	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Expedited Judicial Review: Public Transit Projects	Introduced 1/4/2012	Assembly	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide the judicial expediting provisions related to CEQA that were included in AB 900 (Buchanan), enacted last year, for new public rail transit infrastructure projects.	
AB 1446	Feuer	Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro): Sales Tax Extension	Introduced 1/4/2012	Assembly	Authorizes LA Metro to seek voter approval to extend its sales tax beyond the allowable 30 years. Requires LA Metro to use proceeds from an extension to accelerate the completion of certain projects and programs and to amend its expenditure plan in a specified manner.	
AB 1448	Furutani	Home to School Transportation: Appropriation	Introduced 1/4/2012	Assembly	Restores \$248 million in funding for home-to-school transportation for the FY 2011-12 budget. Funding in the same amount was eliminated by the Department of Finance last year. Urgency statute.	
AB 1455	Harkey	High-Speed Rail	Introduced 1/9/2012	Assembly	Reduces the amount of general obligation debt authorized pursuant to Proposition 1A to the amount contracted as of January 1, 2013.	
ACA 4	Blumenfield	Local government financing: voter approval	Introduced 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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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 103	Liu	State government: meetings: teleconference	Amended 7/14/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee	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 provide information on how to access the live audio or video broadcast in a convenient location on its Internet Web site. 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
SB 214	Wolk	Infrastructure Financing Districts	Amended 6/21/2011	Assembly Inactive File	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.	

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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	Introduced 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 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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
SB 517	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority	Amended 6/30/2011	Assembly Appropriations 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	Communities Healthy Air Revitalization	Amended 7/5/2011	Assembly Appropriations Committee	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 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.	

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SB 800	Hancock	Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Program Fund	Introduced 2/18/2011	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	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.	
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.	

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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.	
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 949	Vargas	Community Development Districts	1/4/2012	Senate	Authorizes a local agency, such as a city or county, to form a community benefit district by complying with specified procedures and requirements, to be operated by a nonprofit management company, and to levy an assessment for the support of the district.	

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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.	
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.	

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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.	
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.	
HR 402	DeLauro	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act	Introduced 1/24/2011	House Committees on Energy & Commerce, Transportation & Infrastructure; Financial Services	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.	

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HR 572	Nadler	Clean Ports Act of 2011	Introduced 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	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.	

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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."	
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.	

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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.	
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

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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.	
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
HR 2412	McGovern	Commuter Benefits Equity Act	Introduced 7/6/2011	House Committee on Ways and Means	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to equalize and increase to \$230, with a cost-of-living adjustment after 2012, the tax exclusion for both transportation (public transit and vanpooling) and parking fringe benefits.	Support

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HR 2974	Moore	High Speed Rail: Small Businesses Contracts	Introduced 9/20/2011	Various Committees	Requires that not less than 10 percent of the amounts made available for certain high-speed rail projects be expended through small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.	
HR 3019	Carson	Modernizing Public Transit Act	Introduced 9/22/2011	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Revises the criteria for the Federal Transit Administration's capital investment grant program, known as New Starts to take greater consideration of population density and land use as well as reduction in transit time for existing passengers.	
HR 3021	Carson	Community Transit Promotion Act	Introduced 9/22/2011	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Revises the cap on the federal share of Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom grant funds to be used for operating purposes from 50% to 80%, consistent with the requirement for capital projects.	
HR 3200	Carnahan	Local Flexibility for Transit Assistance Act	Introduced 10/13/2011	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Allows federal transit formula funds to be used for operating expenses, with certain caps depending on the population size of the service area.	
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	Extends parity for the pre-tax transit, carpooling and parking benefits.	Support
S 1813	Boxer	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21)	Introduced 11/7/2011	Passed Senate Environment & Public Works Committee	Reauthorizes the federal surface transportation program elements under the jurisdiction of the EPW committee (not including public transportation or finance provisions) for 2 years. Makes significant changes to the programs, including consolidation of many programs, elimination of earmarks, and holds funding steady, as adjusted for inflation.	

2012 State Legislative Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect.</p> <p>4 Legislature reconvenes.</p> <p>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor.</p> <p>20 Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house in 2011.</p> <p>27 Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.</p>	<p>July</p> <p>6 Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided the Budget Bill has been passed.</p>
<p>February</p> <p>21 Presidents' Day</p> <p>24 Last day for bills to be introduced</p>	<p>August</p> <p>6 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.</p> <p>17 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor.</p> <p>20-31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p>
<p>March</p> <p>29 Spring recess begins upon adjournment</p>	<p>September</p> <p>2 Last day to amend bills on the Floor.</p> <p>5 Labor Day</p> <p>30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1.</p>
<p>April</p> <p>9 Legislature reconvenes.</p> <p>27 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p>	<p>October</p> <p>2 Non-urgency bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2013.</p>
<p>May</p> <p>11 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>20 Last day for policy committees meet prior to June 4.</p> <p>27 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>28 Memorial Day</p> <p>29-1 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p>	<p>November</p> <p>6 General Election</p>
<p>June</p> <p>1 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin</p> <p>4 Committee meetings may resume</p> <p>15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight</p> <p>28 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. ballot.</p>	<p>December</p> <p>3 2013-14 Regular Session convenes for organizational session.</p>

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<p>January</p> <p>17 House reconvenes</p> <p>23 Senate Reconvenes</p> <p>28-29 Republican Caucus Issues Conference (House)</p>	<p>July</p> <p>2-6 House/Senate district work period.</p>
<p>February</p> <p>20 President's Day</p> <p>20-24 Senate/House district work period</p>	<p>August</p> <p>6-Sep 7 House/Senate District Work Period</p> <p>TBD Target Adjournment Date (Senate)</p>
<p>March</p> <p>12-16 House district work period</p>	<p>September</p> <p>5 Labor Day</p> <p>26-30 State Work Period (Senate)</p>
<p>April</p> <p>2-13 Senate/House district work period</p>	<p>October</p> <p>8-31 House district work period</p> <p>8 Columbus Day</p>
<p>May</p> <p>1-4 House district work period</p> <p>21-25 House district work period</p> <p>28-Jun 1 Senate state work period</p> <p>28 Memorial Day</p>	<p>November</p> <p>12 Veterans' Day</p> <p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p>
<p>June</p> <p>11-15 House district work period</p> <p>17 Father's Day</p>	<p>December</p>

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