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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 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 41 | Hill | High-Speed Rail Authority: Disqualification for Conflict of Interest | 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 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. | |

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| 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). | |
| 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. | |

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| 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. | |

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| 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 890 | Olsen | CEQA Exemption for Specified Roadway Projects in Existing Right-of-Way | Amended 1/13/2012 | Senate Rules Committee | Would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects initiated by a city or a county to repair, maintain or make minor alterations to an existing roadway that are all of the following: 1) designed to improve public safety, do not cross a waterway; and 3) the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing uses. | |
| 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. | |
| 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. | |

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| 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 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 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. | |

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| 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. | |
| AB 1523 | Perea | High Speed Rail: Apprenticeship Program | | | Appropriates \$2 million from the High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Fund to the High-Speed Rail Authority to fund a 3-year pilot project in the Central Valley to train unemployed workers for high-speed rail construction jobs. Requires the authority to work with various labor organizations to train a total of 400 clients in pre-apprenticeship programs that will lead to direct referrals to building trades unions. | |
| AB 1532 | Perez | Cap-and-Trade Revenues: Transportation | Introduced 1/23/2012 | Assembly Natural Resources Committee | Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account for cap-and-trade revenue and requires funds to be spent on measures and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including low-carbon transportation and sustainable infrastructure development, including transportation and housing. | |
| AB 1535 | Halderman | Highway Signs: HOV Lanes | Introduced 1/24/2012 | Assembly Transportation Committee | Requires that the department of transportation or a local authority, when replacing signs designating high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane use in an area that permits motorcycles to use those lanes, to include language on the new sign stating that motorcycles are permitted in the HOV lanes. | |
| AB 1570 | Perea | CEQA: Record of Proceedings | Introduced 2/1/2012 | Assembly Natural Resources Committee | Requires that the lead agency for CEQA review prepare a record of proceedings concurrent with the administrative process. Requires that the lead agency make all documents that are part of the CEQA review available to the public in an electronic format. | |

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| AB 1572 | Fletcher | San Diego Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) | Introduced 2/2/2012 | Assembly | Suspends the collection of the \$1 vehicle registration fee that is collected in San Diego county for the purpose of operating its call box program and other freeway aid services, including freeway service patrol, until January 2016. Limits reserves that the SAFE may hold to \$4 million and requires funds in excess of that amount to be redistributed to the cities in proportion to their contribution to be spent on public safety programs. Requires the SAFE to develop a plan regarding its long-term existence by 2016. If the plan is rejected by the San Diego County City Selection Committee, the authority shall be dissolved and its responsibilities will be transferred to the San Diego Association of Governments. Halts the authority's role in marketing of 511, requiring it to instead contract with SANDAG for such purpose. | |
| AB 1574 | Galgiani | High Speed Rail | Introduced 2/9/2012 | Assembly Transportation Committee | Repeals the California High Speed Rail Act and replaces it with a new act, which continues the High-Speed Rail Authority in existence with limited responsibilities and operating within the Business Transportation and Housing Agency. The five members of the authority appointed by the Governor would be subject to Senate confirmation, but existing members could continue to serve the remainder of their terms. The bill would authorize the authority to appoint an executive director, and would provide for the Governor to appoint up to six additional individuals exempt from civil service as authority staff. | |

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| AB 1627 | Dickinson | Healthy Neighborhoods Act: Vehicle Miles Traveled Building Standards | Introduced 2/9/2012 | Assembly | Requires the Energy Commission to prescribe, by regulation, standards for reducing vehicle miles traveled by occupants of a building that would be applicable to new residential and nonresidential buildings and modification of existing residential and nonresidential buildings. Requires the commission to publish the standards, upon adoption, in the energy conservation manual. Prohibits a local building department from issuing a building permit for a residential or nonresidential building unless the department confirms that the building plan complies with the standards. Because a local building department would be required to confirm that a building plan complies with the vehicle miles traveled standards, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to prescribe, by ordinance or resolution, a schedule of fees sufficient to cover the costs incurred in the enforcement of these standards. | |
| 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 52 | Steinberg | AB 900 Clean-Up: CEQA Streamlining Provisions | Amended 1/31/2012 | Senate | Revises provisions enacted in 2011 in the Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act (AB 900, Buchanan) to clarify the definition of “applicant” and “transportation efficiency”, clarify that the minimum \$100 million project investment is spent on planning, design and construction, and other provisions. | |
| 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 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 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. | |
| 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. | |

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| 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 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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| HR 7 | Mica | American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act (Surface Transportation Reauthorization) | Introduced 2/7/2011 | House Floor | Provides \$260 million in funding for the federal highway, transit programs for five years. Eliminates the transfer of 2.86 cents per gallon of the federal gas tax to the Mass Transit Account. Shifts CMAQ funding to a new "Alternative Transportation Account, which would also fund federal transit programs and be financed by a transfer from the General Fund. | |
| 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. | |

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| HR 304 | Galleghy | 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. | |
| 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 526 | Calvert | National Trade Gateway Corridor Fee | Introduced 2/8/2011 | ?? | Establishes authority for collection of a goods movement fee at the rate of 0.075% of the value of goods imported into and exported out of the U.S. or \$500, whichever is less. Provides that the revenue from the fee shall be used for grants to be administered by state departments of transportation to support transportation improvements in the trade corridors where the fee is collected. Authorizes appropriations of revenue generated by the fee from 2012-2012 equivalent to the amount generated the preceding fiscal year. | |
| 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. | |

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| 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 658 | Mica | Federal Aviation Modernization & Reform Act | Enacted, 2/14/2012 | Public Law 112-95 | Reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration at \$63 billion over for four years. | |
| 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. | |

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| HR 2766 | Miller | Breaking Down Barriers Act | Introduced 8/1/2011 | House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit | Makes various changes to expedite project delivery of federal transportation projects, including allowing a letter of no prejudice for highway projects, making permanent the surface transportation project delivery pilot program and other items. | |

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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 | Senate Floor | 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. | |
| S. 2006 | Lautenberg | Commuter Protection Act | Introduced 12/15/2011 | Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation | Requires that tolls for passage on any bridge or tunnel on a federal aid highway must be "just and reasonable" and subject to review and regulation by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT). | |

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| <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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