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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Legislation Committee

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RE: Committee Recommendations

The Legislation Committee met on May 11 and referred five items to the Commission:

- **SB 1396 (Dutton)** would cap the state's gasoline excise tax at 35.7 cents per gallon and exempt gasoline purchases above \$4 per gallon from the sales tax. For diesel, the bill would exempt purchases above \$4 per gallon from the sales and use tax and would set the cap at \$3.52 per gallon (excluding the diesel excise tax and the sales tax), which would bring \$3.52 to a \$4 per gallon cap.

Committee Recommendation: Oppose SB 1396 (Dutton)

- **SB 654, SB 1151, SB 1156 (Steinberg)** outline strategies for supporting affordable housing and redevelopment in the wake of the recent dissolution of redevelopment agencies.

Committee Recommendation: Support SB 654, SB 1151, SB 1156 (Steinberg)

- **SB 1189 (Hancock)** appropriates \$523 million in funds for local rail projects from Proposition 1A (the Safe, Reliable, High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century passed by the voters in 2008) for allocation by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) pursuant to its guidelines.

Committee Recommendation: Support SB 1189 (Hancock)

- **AB 296 (Skinner)** would require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to publish or post on its website a Cool Pavements Handbook by January 1, 2014, conduct one or more cool pavement pilot projects by January 1, 2015, and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2018 on the results of the pilot project and the costs and benefits associated with various pavement options.

Committee Recommendation: Support AB 296 (Skinner)