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AB 16	Perea	High-Speed Rail Authority	8/22/2012	Enrolled	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. Specifies that bill does not create a private “right of action” in any civil litigation.	
AB 41	Hill	High-Speed Rail Authority: Disqualification for Conflict of Interest	Amended 8/16/2012	Enrolled	Would add members of the High-Speed Rail Authority to those specified officers who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly. Provides that each individual selected to serve in a peer review capacity to the authority shall be deemed a designated employee of the authority, subject to the provisions of the authority’s conflict-of-interest code and to the various other restrictions.	Senate
AB 57	Beall	MTC Board Structure	Enacted, 7/13/2012	Enacted, Chapter 88	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. Specifies that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission seat shall be a BCDC member who resides in San Francisco and is approved by the Mayor of San Francisco.	Sponsor

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AB 294	Portantino	Transportation Projects: Procurement	Amended 8/23/2012	Vetoed	Authorizes Caltrans to let contracts for construction of not more than 8 transportation projects utilizing the design-sequencing method until January 1, 2017. The bill would require the department to use department employees or consultants under contract with the department to perform all design services related to design plans for the transportation projects.	
AB 296	Skinner	Cool Pavement Building Standards	Amended 6/21/2011	Died; Senate Appropriations Committee	Requires the Department of Transportation 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.	Support
AB 343	Atkins	Redevelopment Plans: Environmental Goals	Amended 6/14/2011	Died; Senate Governance and Finance Committee	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	Redevelopment	Amended 8/21/2012	Vetoed	Requires a redevelopment agency to include additional information relating to any major audit violations, as defined, any corrections to those violations, and planning and general administrative expenses of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund.	Support
AB 441	Monning	Health and Health Equity: Regional Transportation Plans	Enacted 9/19/12	Enacted, Chapter 365	Requires the California Transportation Commission, to attach a summary of the policies, practices or projects that have been employed by metropolitan planning organizations that promote health and health equity in the next set of guidelines developed for regional transportation plans.	

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AB 485	Ma	Infrastructure Financing	Amended 6/29/2011	Died; Senate Inactive File	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 affected by the tax diversion, requires approval by district's board.	Support
AB 492	Galgiani	Administrative Penalties for Fare Evasion	Enacted 9/19/2012	Enacted, Chapter 366	Authorizes all transit operators in California to adopt and enforce an ordinance to impose and enforce civil administrative penalties for fare evasion or passenger misconduct, other than by minors, on or in a transit facility or vehicle in lieu of the criminal penalties otherwise applicable, with specified administrative adjudication procedures for the imposition and enforcement of the administrative penalties. Requires the penalties collected by a public transportation agency to be deposited in the general fund of the county in which the citation is administered.	
AB 539	Williams	Electronic Toll Collection Systems: Information Sharing	Amended 6/27/2012	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Permits a transportation agency or its designee to share data regarding a vehicle's use of toll facilities with another transportation agency, including a toll facility from another state.	

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AB 693	Huffman	Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority	Enacted, 9/27/2012	Enacted, Chapter 599	Extends the statute creating the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2019.	
AB 710	Skinner	Transit Oriented Development: Reform of Parking Requirements	Amended 8/18/2011	Dead	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 controled; 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	Enacted, 9/28/12	Enacted, Chapter 716	Requires Caltrans to develop by June 30, 2013 guidelines for cities, counties and local agencies to be granted exceptions from standard use design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices for purposes of research, experimentation, testing, evaluation or verification. Requires Caltrans to report to the Legislature on the impact of the law by November 1, 2014.	Support
AB 890	Olsen	CEQA Exemption for Specified *Safety* Roadway Projects in Existing Right-of-Way	Enacted, 9/25/2012	Enacted, Chapter 528	Until January 1, 2016, 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 is designed to improve public safety.	

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AB 904	Skinner	Parking Spaces: Minimum Requirements	Amended 7/5/2012	Dead	Commencing on January 1, 2014, prohibits a city or county from requiring a minimum number of off-street parking spaces in transit-intensive areas, as defined, greater than 2 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet in nonresidential projects of 20,000 square feet or less on a single property, one parking space per unit in non-income-restricted residential projects, and specified portions, as applicable, of a parking space per unit for certain affordable housing projects. Allows a local jurisdiction to opt out of the bill's requirement under specified circumstances.	
AB 1229	Feuer	Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Notes (GARVEE bonds)	Amended 6/21/2011	Dead	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 1444	Feuer	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Record of Proceedings	Amended 5/1/2012	Dead	Until January 1, 2016, requires the lead agency to prepare or cause to be prepared a record of proceedings of the environmental review at the request of the project sponsor and upon agreement of the project sponsor to cover the cost.	
AB 1446	Feuer	Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro): Sales Tax Extension	Enacted, 9/30/2012	Enacted, Chapter 806	Authorizes LA Metro to seek voter approval to extend its sales tax indefinitely. 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.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 1448	Furutani	Home to School Transportation: Appropriation	Amended 3/19/2012	Dead	Provides that the Legislature shall not reduce funding for Home to School transportation below the level provided in the FY 2011-12 State Budget. Urgency statute.	
AB 1455	Harkey	High-Speed Rail	Amended 2/9/2012	Dead	Reduces the amount of general obligation debt authorized pursuant to Proposition 1A to the amount contracted as of January 1, 2013. Specifies that this provision does not apply to the $950 million that was authorized for intercity and commuter rail connectivity improvements.	
AB 1523	Perea	Transportation for the 21st Century Partnership Academies	Amended 5/2/2012	Dead	Establishes a new category of “partnership academies” for the 2013-14 school year. Partnership academies are an existing program whereby school districts may elect to develop academies for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.	
AB 1532	Perez	Cap-and-Trade Revenues: Transportation	Amended 8/31/2012	Enrolled	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. Requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt guidelines related to the allowable uses of cap and trade revenue. Provides that prior to approving funding for a measure or program, the state shall determine that the use of funds is consistent with the use of regulatory fees. Specifies other goals that the funds shall be used to achieve, to the extent feasible. Requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the ARB, to develop and adopt three investment plans for the following time periods: 2013-14, 2015-17 and 2018-2020 for the use of revenue by April 1, 2013 and every three years thereafter. Requires two public workshops to be held in different regions of the state and one public hearing prior to the DOF adoption of an investment plan.	

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AB 1535	Halderman	Highway Signs: HOV Lanes	Amended 3/14/2012	Dead	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 1536	Miller	Hand-Free Texting While Driving: Exception to General Prohibition	Enacted, 7/13/2012	Enacted, Chapter 92	Removes the prohibition on driving while using a an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication unless the person is using an electronic wireless communications device that is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send, or listen to a text-based communication, and it is used in that manner while driving.	
AB 1570	Perea	CEQA: Record of Proceedings	Amended 8/24/2012	Dead	Until January 1, 2016, permits an applicant to request that the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prepare a record of proceedings concurrent with the preparation of a negative declaration and mitigated negative declaration. Requires that the lead agency make all documents that are part of the CEQA review available to the public in an electronic format.	
AB 1572	Fletcher	San Diego Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)	Enacted 9/13/2012	Enacted, Chapter 299	Shifts authority for the call box program in San Diego County from an independent service authority, which would be dissolved, to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and limits the reserves that SANDAG may hold to $4 million. 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. Authorizes SANDAG to continue funding specified helicopter programs. Requires the authority to develop a plan for transitioning responsibility to SANDAG and requires SANDAG's approval for expenditure of any funds prior to January 1, 2013. Urgency statute.	

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AB 1574	Galgiani	High Speed Rail	Introduced 2/9/2012	Dead	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.	
AB 1627	Dickinson	Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Strategies: OPR Manual	Amended 4/10/2012	Dead	Requires the Office of Planning & Research (OPR), not later than January 1, 2014, to prepare and make available a manual containing specified information designed to be used by local governments, local agencies, and project developers to evaluate and incorporate measures and strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in new residential and commercial building projects.	
AB 1645	Norby	State Highways: Naming and Designation	Introduced 2/13/2012	Dead	Transfers the authority for naming highways, bridges, pathways, and other transportation infrastructure from the Legislature to the California Transportation Commission.	

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	MTC Position
AB 1706	Eng	Transit Bus Weight Limits: Exemption	Enacted 9/29/2012	Enacted, Chapter 717	Prohibits *until 2015* a publicly-owned or operated transit system from procuring through solicitation issued after January 1, *2013* ~~2019~~ a new transit bus whose unladed weight on any axle exceeds *20,500* ~~21,000~~ pounds ~~and whose gross weight on any one axle exceeds 24,000 pounds~~. ~~Applies the same restrictions from 2013-2018 unless every city and county through which the bus would operate has approved the procurement or the operation of the transit bus.~~ *Requires state regulatory agencies that are required to promulgate administrative regulations to take into account vehicle weight impacts and the ability of vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators to comply with laws limiting the weight of vehicles.*	
AB 1722	Alejo	Changeable Message Signs	Amended 4/9/2012	Dead	Requires Caltrans to update it policies prior to June 30, 2013, to permit displays of specified messages on changeable roadside message signs related to the following: (1) Safety messages. (2) Transportation-related messages. (3) Reminders to register to vote. (4) Reminders to vote as elections approach.	Oppose
AB 1768	Davis	Vehicle Registration Fees: Vehicle Theft Crime Prosecution & Deterrent	Introduced 2/17/2012	Dead	Authorizes a county board of supervisors to impose a $3 fee on the registration of motor vehicles (as an alternative to the $1 already authorized) for the purpose of funding programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.	
AB 1770	Lowenthal	California Transportation Financing Authority (CTFA): Rolling Stock	Enacted 9/14/2012	Enacted, Chapter 316	Broadens the definition of a rail project that can be funded through the CTFA to include “rolling stock” and allows an eligible project to be owned or operated by the project sponsor.	

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AB 1780	Bonilla	Project Study Reports	Amended 3/29/2012	Dead	Requires the Department of Transportation to cover the cost of reviewing and approving a project study report (PSR) that was prepared by an outside entity for any project on the state highway system that is included in a regional transportation plan or a voter approved expenditure plan. For other projects, requires the cost of review and approval to be paid for by the entity that requests it. If the department determines it cannot prepare a PSR or "equivalent planning document," in a timely manner, authorizes the local agency to do so at its own expense. Requires continuous dialogue between the department and the project sponsor during development of a PSR or equivalent planning document.	Support
AB 1890	Solorio	Motorcycles: Electronic Toll Payment	Enacted, 7/10/2012	Enacted, Chapter 81	Requires a motorcyclist who uses a transponder or other electronic device to enter a toll highway to use one of five methods: (1) place a transponder in his/her pocket; (2) place transponder in cycle net; (3) mount transponder on license plate device provided by toll operator (4) keep transponder in glove compartment or (5) mount the transponder on the windshield.	
AB 1915	Alejo	Safe Routes to Schools: Bus Stops	Amended 6/26/2012	Enacted, Chapter 640	Authorizes up to 10 percent of Safe Routes to Schools funding to be used for infrastructure improvements that create safe routes to *school* bus stops located outside of the vicinity of schools.	
AB 1962	Allen	Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District	Enacted 7/13/2012	Enacted, Chapter 98	Eliminates requirement that SMART comply with the design-review process of the local jurisdictions in which any of its rail transit facilities are to be constructed.	

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AB 1989	Carter	Surcharge on New Bicycles for State Parks	Amended 4/18/2012	Dead	Imposes a $2 surcharge on the purchase of every new bicycle for the purpose of paying for grants to local agencies and nonprofits for bicycle trails and paths, and bicycle parking facilities (60 percent) and the maintenance of bicycle trails and paths within units of the state park system, the maintenance of signage with respect to those trails and paths, and the maintenance of related bicycle facilities within units of the state park system assisting state park bicycle facilities (40 percent). Requires the Board of Equalization administer the fee. Requires the bicycle retailers subject to the fee submit specified paperwork. Urgency statute.	
AB 2053	Allen	BART: Post-Employment Health Benefits	Introduced 2/23/2012	Vetoed	Authorizes the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to make contributions for postretirement health benefits for members of the district board of directors, the districts' unrepresented employees, and for any unit of employees whose terms and conditions of employment are determined through collective bargaining.	
AB 2163	Knight	CEQA: Judicial Review	Introduced 2/23/2012	Dead	Deletes the requirement that projects be located on an infill site in order to qualify for expedited judicial review under CEQA, as enacted in AB 900 (2011).	
AB 2173	Skinner	MTC: Regional Gas Tax	Introduced 2/23/2012	Dead	Revises MTC's existing regional gas tax enabling statute to allow the commission to submit the proposed ballot measure to voters of one or more counties within the 9-county region rather than to all counties. Makes other minor amendments.	

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AB 2200	Ma	High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Amended 8/23/2012	Vetoed	Until January 1, 2020 or until the Director of the Department of Transportation determines that the lanes have been converted to high-occupancy toll lanes, eliminates the hours of operation of the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on Interstate 80 within MTC's jurisdiction during the eastbound direction in the morning commute subject to the change being consistent with the State Implementation Plan and federal law.	
AB 2231	Fuentes	Sidewalk Repairs: Liability	Amended 6/28/2012	Dead	Prohibits a city, county or city and county that has an ordinance in place that requires a local entity to repair sidewalks from imposing a fee, charge or assessment, except a voluntary contractual assessment, for sidewalk repairs against an owner of private property fronting on any portion of a sidewalk, unless a repeal of that sidewalk repair ordinance is approved by a majority of voters.	
AB 2382	Gordon	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: Innovative Delivery Team Demonstration Program	Amended 6/26/2012	Dead	Requires the Department of Transportation and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement the Innovative Delivery Team Demonstration Program, which would, until January 1, 2020, provide a different business model for the application of advanced technologies with the goal of delivering transportation projects and services in Santa Clara County in a more responsive, cost-effective manner. Requires the VTA to report to the Legislature by July 1, 2015 on the activities undertaken in the program and its results.	
AB 2404	Fuentes	Cap and Trade: Local Emission Reduction Fund	Amended 5/1/2012	Dead	Creates the Local Emission Reduction Fund and require moneys collected under the state's cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gas emissions are deposited in that fund. Require the Air Resources Board, in coordination with the Strategic Growth Council, to provide grants to local agencies with an adopted local greenhouse gas emission reduction plan.	

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AB 2405	Blumenfield	Toll Exemptions: Low Emission Vehicles	Amended 9/27/2012	Enacted, Chapter 674	Exempts any vehicle that qualifies for access to the state's high-occupancy vehicle lanes without the required number of occupants from toll charges imposed on single-occupant vehicles in lanes designated for tolls unless prohibited by federal law. Clarifies that bill does not apply to toll charged for crossing a state-owned bridge.	
AB 2433	Hill	San Francisco Water Emergency Transportation Authority: Staggered Board Member Terms	Enacted 9/13/2012	Enacted, Chapter 305	Provides that the next terms of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority shall be split between 4-year and six-year terms in order to create staggered terms for the members of the board of directors of WETA. Thereafter, all members shall serve 6-year terms.	
AB 2498	Gordon	Construction Manager/ General Contractor Method	Amended 9/29/2012	Enacted, Chapter 752	Authorizes Caltrans to engage in a Construction Manager General Contractor project delivery method, as specified, for up to six projects at least three of which shall have construction costs greater than $10 million, for the construction of a highway, bridge, or tunnel. Requires Caltrans to use department employees or consultants under contract with the department to perform project design and engineering services, project development services, and construction inspection Services. Provides that Caltrans shall advertise, award, and administer the contract when using this method. Requires Caltrans issue various reports when using this method.	
AB 2583	Blumenfield	Alternative Fuel Infrastructure: Public Parking Facilities	Amended 9/27/2012	Enacted, Chapter 676	Requires the Department of General Services to encourage development of commercial infrastructure for alternative fuel charging stations at or near state vehicle fueling or parking sites. Requires development of advanced technology vehicle parking incentive programs in public parking facilities and park-and-ride lots to incentivize the purchase of alternatively fueled vehicles.	

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ACA 4	Blumenfield	Local government financing: voter approval	Introduced 12/6/2010	Dead	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.	
ACA 23	Perea	Local Special Taxes for Transportation: 55% Approval	Amended 8/20/2012	Dead	Provides that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. Provides that the measure shall become effective immediately and apply to any applicable special tax measure on the ballot at the same election.	Support

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State Senate Bills						
SB 52	Steinberg	AB 900 Clean-Up: CEQA Streamlining Provisions	Amended 6/26/2012	Dead	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. Requires a lead agency to place the highest priority on feasible measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the project site and in the neighboring communities of the project site.	
SB 103	Liu	State government: meetings: teleconference	Amended 7/12/2011	Dead	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.	

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SB 214	Wolk	Infrastructure Financing Districts	Amended 8/24/2012	Enrolled	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 a newly created public financing authority, consisting of 5 members, 3 of whom are members of the city council or board of supervisors that established thedistrict, and 2 of whom are members of the public, to adopt the infrastructure financing plan, subject to approval by the legislative body, and issue bonds by majority vote of the authority by resolution. 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.	Support
SB 517	Lowenthal	High Speed Rail Authority	Amended 6/30/2011	Dead	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	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Disadvantaged Communities	Amended 9/30/2012	Enacted, Chapter 830	Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities. Requires the Department of Finance to invest at least 25 percent of revenues from cap and trade funding in projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities. Further requires a minimum of 10 percent of funds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be used for projects located in disadvantaged communities.	

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SB 654	Steinberg	Redevelopment	Amended 1/31/2012	Dead	Allows the host city or county of a dissolving redevelopment agency to retain the funds on deposit in the agency's housing fund and expands the types of agency loans from the host city or county that are considered enforceable obligations.	
SB 829	Rubio	Public Contracts: Project Labor Agreement	Enacted, 4/26/2012	Enacted, Chapter 11	Provides that if a charter provision, initiative, or ordinance of a charter city prohibits the governing board's consideration of a project labor agreement that includes specified taxpayer protection provisions for some or all of the construction projects to be awarded by the city, state funding or financial assistance may not be used to support any construction projects awarded by the city. For charter cities with such an ordinance in existence prior to November 2011, this restriction will not go into effect until January 1, 2015.	
SB 878	DeSaulnier	Establishment of Office of Transportation Inspector General	Amended 8/22/2012	Vetoed	Establishes the Office of the Transportation of the Inspector General to ensure that all state, local and regional transportation agencies are operating efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with the state and federal laws governing the performance of transportation agencies. Provides for the Governor to appoint the Inspector General to a 6-year term, subject to confirmation by the Senate.	
SB 907	Evans	Master Plan for Infrastructure Financing and Development Commission	Amended: 5/3/2011	Dead	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 sufficient appropriation of funds to support its work in the budget.	

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SB 949	Vargas	Community Development Districts	Introduced 1/4/2012	Dead	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.	
SB 972	Simitian	California Environmental Quality Act: Scoping Meeting and Notice of Completion	Enacted 8/29/2012	Enacted, Chapter 218	Makes various changes to the notice and document distribution requirements relative to approvals of an environmental impact report or a determination by a lead agency that an EIR has to be prepared.	
SB 984	Simitian	CEQA: Record of Proceedings	Amended 8/20/2012	Dead	Until January 1, 2016, requires a lead agency, upon request of a project applicant, for specified projects, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation and certification of an EIR. For a lead agency that is a state agency, requires consent of lead agency for concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings. Adds requirements and deadlines for public agencies to prepare a record of proceedings, allows the plaintiff to prepare the record of proceedings, and specifies the contents of that record.	

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S 1029	Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review	High Speed Rail Funding	Enacted 7/18/2012	Enacted, Chapter 152	Budget trailer bill that appropriates $713 million for high-speed rail connectivity funding, consistent with the Bay Area's MOU with the High Speed Rail Authority and local rail operators along with $3.2 billion for construction of the high-speed rail system, including $2.6 billion for the Initial Operating Segment of the high-speed rail system in the Central Valley and $1.1 billion for "bookend" funding, as articulated in the 2012 High Speed Rail Final Business Plan. Funds must be encumbered by 2018. Specifies that funding for the Bay Area segment may not be used to expand the "blended system" into a "four track" system. Imposes various new requirements on the authority with respect to future forecasting of ridership, operations and maintenance cost models, and benefit-cost analysis. Also requires a report by June 30, 2013 estimating the net impact the project will have on greenhouse gas emissions.	
SB 1102	DeSaulnier	State Transportation Improvement Program	Enacted 9/7/2012	Enacted, Chapter 272	Revises the State Transportation Improvement Program to provide that project costs include right of way and construction support costs, which would become subject to allocation by the CTC. By November 15, 2014 requires Caltrans, as part of the annual project delivery report, to report on the difference between the original allocation made by the California Transportation Commission and the actual construction capital and support costs at project close for all state transportation improvement program projects completed during the previous fiscal year.	

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SB 1117	DeSaulnier	Passenger Rail Planning	Amended 8/20/2012	Vetoed	Requires Caltrans to develop a statewide passenger rail transportation plan December 1, 2015 and to update the plan every five years. Requires Caltrans to submit a draft plan to plan to CTC and the High Speed Rail Authority by December 1, 2015 and requires public hearings on the plan. Requires the final plan to be approved by the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency by March 1, 2016 and subsequently submitted to the Legislature, Governor and various state agencies. Requires the High Speed Rail Authority to submit a draft of its blended program to the CTC and the Legislature by December 31, 2013 and to be incorporated into its business plan. Requires this to be consistent with any written agreements with 3rd parties operating or hosting connecting passenger rail services.	
SB 1123	DeLeon	Disabled Placards: Enforcement & Renewal	Amended 4/17/2012	Dead	Applies the same standards required for the initial application for a distinguishing placard for a disabled person or veteran to an application for a renewal of a placard unless the disability is readily observable and uncontested. Requires the application filed with the DMV for this purpose to be submitted under penalty of perjury. Suspends for 30 days the driver's license of a person who knowingly permits the use of a disabled parking placard by a person not entitled to use such a placard or whose placard was canceled or revoked. Imposes a $100 penalty for the reapplication of a disabled placard by a person that violated the requirements related to use of disabled placards. Authorizes a local jurisdiction to require payment for parking as long as the parking meters are in compliance with the federal Americans for Disabilities Act of 1990.	

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SB 1149	DeSaulnier	Bay Area Regional Commission	Amended 5/1/2012	Dead	Creates the Bay Area Regional Commission (BARC) in state law, a new body that would consist of a directly-elected 15 member board for the nine- county San Francisco Bay Area to oversee all matters of regional policy. Assigns BARC responsibility for the budgets of the four members of the Joint Policy Committee – MTC, ABAG, BAAQMD and BCDC. Gives BARC authority over these agencies' planning documents and the authority to develop its own policies. Prohibits toll revenue from being spent on "real property."	Oppose
SB 1151	Steinberg	Sustainable Economic Development and Housing Trust Fund	Amended 5/29/2012	Dead	Requires assets from a former redevelopment agency that are not needed for approved development projects to be transferred to the Sustainable Economic Development and Housing Trust Fund to be administered by a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority to serve as a repository of the unencumbered balances and assets of the former redevelopment agency. Requires an authority to prepare a long-range asset management plan that governs the disposition and ongoing use of the fund and to submit that plan to the Department of Finance for approval.	Support

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SB 1156	Steinberg	Sustainable Communities Investment Authority	Amended 8/24/2012	Vetoed	Authorizes the legislative body of a city, county or special district, to collectively or individually form a a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority after July 1, 2012, and to carry out the provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law. Requires the authority to adopt a plan for a sustainable communities investment area (which must include transit priority project areas or small walkable communities) and authorizes it to include in that plan a provision for the receipt of tax increment funds or new voter-approved sales tax. Establishes prequalification requirements for construction contracts that will receive more than $1 million from an authority and requires the Department of Industrial Relations to monitor and enforce compliance with prevailing wage requirements. Deposits funds from developer charges in the State Public Works Enforcement Board.	Support
SB 1189	Hancock	High Speed Rail: Connectivity Funds	Amended 3/26/2012	Dead	Appropriates $523 million from the $950 million net proceeds of bonds from the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, for connectivity funding consistent with guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission.	Support
SB 1220	DeSaulnier	Housing Opportunity Trust Fund	Amended 4/16/2012	Dead	Enacts the Housing Opportunity Trust Fund Act of 2012 to be financed by a new fee of $75 to be paid at the time of the recording of *a* real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, excluding recordings made in connection with the sale of a property. Requires revenues be used to support affordable housing.	

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SB 1257	Hernandez	Utility User Tax: Public Transit Vehicle Exemption	Enacted 8/28/2012	Enacted, Chapter 213	Prohibits a local jurisdiction from imposing a utility user tax on the consumption of electricity or compressed natural gas that is dispensed by a gas compressor, within a local jurisdiction, that is separately metered and dedicated to providing electricity or compressed natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel or battery charging mechanism for use by the local agency or public transit operator.	
SB 1269	Fuller	Income Tax Credit: Highway Maintenance and Enhancement	Introduced 2/23/2012	Dead	Authorizes a credit against income taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and before January 1, 2017, in an amount equal to 50% of the value of materials, equipment, or, in the case of individuals, services donated, as defined, by the taxpayer during the taxable year for maintenance or roadside enhancement of a section of a state highway.	
SB 1310	Simitian	Hand-Held Cell Phone Usage While Driving or Bicycling	Amended 8/20/2012	Vetoed	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include a test of a driver's license applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cellular phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Imposes a point on a driving record for a 2nd or subsequent violation of the law prohibiting using and hand-held phone while driving. Raises the fine for driving while using a hand-held cell phone by $10, from $20 to $30 for a first offense and from $50 to $60 for a second offense.	Support
SB 1339	Yee	Commuter Benefit Ordinance: SF Bay Area Pilot	Enacted 9/30/2012	Enacted, Chapter 871	Authorizes the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to jointly adopt a commute benefit ordinance that requires employers with 50 or more full time employees who operate within the common area of the 2 agencies to offer those employees certain commute benefits.	Support

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SB 1380	Rubio	CEQA: Bicycle Transportation Plan	Amended 8/21/2012	Dead	Until January 1, 2018, exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) a bicycle transportation plan and requires the person who determines that the bicycle transportation plan is exempt under this provision to file a notice of the determination with the Office of Planning & Research.	
SB 1396	Dutton	Gas Tax Cap	Amended 4/11/2012	Dead	Caps the state's gasoline excise tax at 35.7 cents per gallon and exempts gasoline purchases above $4 per gallon from the sales tax. For diesel, the bill exempts purchases above $4 per gallon from the sales and use tax and sets the cap at $3.52 per gallon (excluding the diesel excise tax and the sales tax), which brings $3.52 to a $4 per gallon cap.	Oppose
SB 1417	Hancock	Infrastructure Financing Districts	Amended 4/9/12	Dead	Extends the term of an infrastructure financing district from 30 years to 45 years. Removes the prohibition of an infrastructure financing district area from including any portion of a redevelopment project area.	
SB 1464	Lowenthal	Bicycles: Passing Distance	Amended 8/29/2012	Vetoed	Prohibits, with specified exceptions, the driver of a vehicle that is overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction from passing at a distance of less than 3 feet between any part of the vehicle and any part of the bicycle or its operator. Imposes a $35 fine for violation of this provision. Imposes a $220 fine on a driver if a collision occurs between a motor vehicle and a bicyclist causing bodily harm to the bicyclist and the driver is found to be in violation of the minimum 3-foot clearance requirement. Permits a driver of a motor vehicle to cross double parallel lines in order to pass a person operating a bicycle in the same direction under certain conditions.	

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SB 1499	Anderson	CTC: STIP Expenditures	Introduced 2/24/2012	Dead	Requires the California Transportation Commission to allocate funds for construction support costs for a project in the state transportation improvement program at the time of allocation of funds for construction capital costs. Requires a supplemental project allocation request to be made for all state transportation improvement program projects that experience construction support costs equal to or more than 120% of the amount originally allocated. Requires Caltrans report on the difference between the original allocation made by CTC and the actual construction support costs at project close for each STIP project completed the previous year.	
SB 1545	DeSaulnier	MTC: Expenditure of Funds on New Office Building	Amended 6/26/2012	Dead	Requires the Bay Area toll Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, acting through the Bay Area Headquarters Authority, to bring an action to determine the validity of using toll revenue to purchase a new headquarters building unless the State Auditor determines the action valid. Prohibit toll moneys from being used for the validation action and would prohibit additional contracts from being entered into with respect to the office building until the validation action is complete.	Oppose
SB 1549	Vargas	San Diego Association of Governments: Contracting Methods Pilot Program	Enacted, 9/29/2012	Enacted, Chapter 767	Allows the San Diego Association of Governments to utilize alternative project delivery methods, as defined, for public transit projects within its jurisdiction. The bill would require the San Diego Association of Governments to pay fees related to prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement into the State Public Works Enforcement Fund. Requires, upon completion of a project, a progress report to be submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments to its governing board and posted on its Internet Web site.	

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SB 1572	Pavley	AB 32 Investment Fund	Amended 8/31/2012	Dead	Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account within the Air Pollution Control Fund. Requires cap and trade revenue moneys be deposited in this account. Requires those moneys, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be used for purposes of carrying out AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Specifies the uses of revenues from the fund for FY 2012-13, including 75%to the Air Resources Board to fund projects at covered entities and 25% to the Strategic Growth Council to fund a competitive grant program for metropolitan planning organizations and councils of government.	

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Federal Bills						
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	Gallegly	Passenger Rail Accident Liability	Introduced 1/18/2011	House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Judiciary	Effective September 2008, increases the limitation on liability for passenger rail accidents or incidents operated by non-government entities to $275 million.	
HR 328	Filner	Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act	Introduced 1/19/2011	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Requires that public employees carry out the construction inspection functions for all surface transportation projects receiving federal funding.	
HR 341	Johnson	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	Introduced 1/19/2011	House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Raises the maximum share of a project's cost that may be funded through TIFIA from 33 percent to 49 percent. Authorizes $285 million for TIFIA for FY 2012-2016.	
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	House Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade	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 3140	Speier	Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act	Passed House 5/30/2012	Senate	Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to make it a priority to assign DHS officers and intelligence analysts, including from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to participating state and urban area fusion centers located in high-risk jurisdictions with mass transit systems to enhance security of such systems by assisting law enforcement authorities in identifying, investigating, and otherwise interdicting persons, weapons, and contraband that pose a threat to homeland security.	
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.	

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HR 3408	Lamborn	PIONEERS Act	Passed House 2/16/2012	Senate	Enacts the Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act or PIONEERS Act, which deems the final regulations associated with oil shale extraction to be in compliance with all federal environmental laws. Directs the Secretary of the Interior to implement the oil shale leasing program in order to finance the House transportation bill.	
HR 3857	Turner	Transit Security Grant Program	Reported by Committee 5/30/2012	House	Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program, and for other purposes.	
HR 4281	Mica	Extension of SAFETEA	Enacted, 3/30/2012	Public Law 112-102	Extends the current surface transportation law, Safe Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA) until June 30, 2012.	
HR 4348	Mica	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP 21)	Enacted	Enacted, Public Law 112-141	Establishes a new $105 billion surface transportation authorization through September 30, 2014.	
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.	

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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.	
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)	Amended 3/15/2012	Conference 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.	
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).	

2012 State Legislative Calendar

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

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

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