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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: AB 487 (Linder) Motor Vehicle Registration: Address for Toll Violation Processing
AB 493 (Daly): Nationwide Interoperability of Electronic Toll Collection

Background

AB 487 and AB 493 would both improve current law with respect to toll collection.

- AB 487 seeks to close a loophole in current law by requiring that someone who requests the confidentiality of his or her home address when registering their vehicle (as permitted for a number of different public offices) be required to provide the department with a current employment address for purposes of processing the service and collection of a traffic, parking, or toll road violations.
- AB 493 would allow California's toll road operators to fully implement technologies or business practices that provide for nationwide interoperability of electronic toll collection programs by July 2016, as required by MAP 21.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

The DMV's confidential address program began about 31 years ago with the goal of protecting the privacy of law enforcement officers in their homes. Over the years, the program has been broadened to include employees and their family members, who work for or are affiliated with 1,800 different state and local agencies, resulting in approximately 1 million vehicles registered without an address statewide. As a result, toll road operators are unable to mail notices of toll road violations to the vehicle owner's address and are therefore unable to collect past due fines and tolls in a timely manner. AB 487 is the third attempt to address this problem in recent years, most recently proposed as AB 3 (Miller) in 2010, which MTC supported.

Following the passage of SB 1268 (Simitian) in 2010, the sharing of license plate information is now considered an illegal sharing of "personally identifiable information" under Streets & Highways Code § 31490 (o) and is punishable by fines up to \$2,500 per violation. While the bill did grant an exception for toll agencies to share this type of information to administer interoperable programs within California, this exception does not apply across state lines. AB 493 will ensure that California law doesn't prohibit state toll agencies from meeting the interoperability requirement established in MAP 21, which in the near term is expected to be met through a national clearinghouse in which the license plates of registered toll road customers may be shared. Once interoperability is implemented nationwide, California motorists who have

active accounts with local toll agencies will be able to drive across the country, using any toll facility, and automatically charge these tolls to their existing FasTrak account.

Staff recommends a support position on AB 487 and AB 493 because these bills would improve the efficiency of toll collection in the region's toll bridges and express lanes.

Known Positions

Support

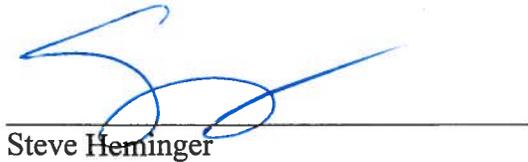
(AB 487) Orange County Transportation Authority

(AB 487) Riverside County Transportation Commission

(AB 493) Transportation Corridor Agencies – sponsor

Oppose

None on file



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