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## *Memorandum*

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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RE: State Legislative Update

While the 2014 state legislative session ended on August 31, there are still many bills whose outcome will not be known until September 30, the deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills. Below is a status of bills that MTC supported or are of interest. Staff will return in October with a complete scorecard of the 2013-14 legislative session.

### MTC Supported Bills on the Governor's Desk

- **AB 1193 (Ting) Bicycle Facilities:** Creates a new category of bicycle facilities for cycle tracks or separated bikeways to be known as Class IV bikeways.
- **AB 1532 (Gatto) Pedestrian Safety:** Requires a driver of a vehicle involved in an accident where a person is struck to stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident to provide specified information, including name and address. Provides that a violation of these provisions would be an infraction, punished by a fine of up to \$250 or a misdemeanor and the DMV would be required to suspend the driver's license of a convicted driver for six months.
- **AB 1646 (Frazier)** Beginning on July 1, 2015, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include at least one question in the test for a driver's license to verify that the applicant has read and understands the distractions and dangers associated with handheld cellular phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.
- **AB 2090 (Fong) Express Lane Operations:** Authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), to require a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) using express lanes operated by either of those agencies to have an electronic transponder or other electronic device to aid enforcement. Deletes reference to Level of Service C or D from express lane performance standards and instead requires SANDAG and VTA to establish, with the consent of the Department of Transportation, appropriate performance measures, such as speed or travel times, for the purpose of ensuring optimal use of the HOT lanes.
- **AB 2565 (Muratsuchi) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Requires a lessor to approve a written request of a lessee to install an electric vehicle charging station at a parking space allotted to the lessee if the request complies with the lessor's requirements for modification of the property. Voids any term in a lease, contract, or other instrument of commercial or residential property executed, renewed or extended on or after July 1, 2015 that prohibits or

unreasonably restricts the installation or use of an electric vehicle charging station in a lessee's designated parking space or a parking space in a common area at the lessee's expense.

- **SB 628 (Beall) Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts:** Authorizes the legislative body of a city or a county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district, adopt an infrastructure financing plan, and issue bonds, upon approval by 55% of the voters; to finance public capital facilities, including transit projects, affordable housing, and any projects that implement an adopted sustainable communities strategy or other specified projects of communitywide significance.
- **SB 1077 (DeSaulnier) Road Usage Charge Pilot Program:** Requires the California Transportation Commission to establish a Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee in consultation with the Secretary of the Transportation Agency.
- **SB 1433 (Hill) Transit Agency Design-Build contracts:** Extends the authorization for a transit operator to enter into a design-build contract for two additional years—from January 1, 2015 until January 1, 2017.

#### **MTC Supported Bills Enacted**

- **AB 1811 (Buchanan) Express Lane Operations:** Authorizes the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority (SSCLJPA), consisting of the Alameda County Transportation Commission and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, to require a HOV using express lanes to have an electronic transponder or other electronic device to aid enforcement.

  
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