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2015 State Legislative Calendar

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| <p>January</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect.</p> <p>5 Legislature reconvenes.</p> <p>10 Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor.</p> <p>19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed.</p> <p>30 Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.</p> | <p>June</p> <p>1 – 5 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> <p>5 Last day for bills to be passed out of house of origin.</p> <p>8 Committee meetings may resume.</p> <p>15 Budget bill must be passed by midnight.</p> |
| <p>February</p> <p>16 Presidents' Day observed.</p> <p>27 Last day for bills to be introduced.</p> | <p>July</p> <p>3 Independence Day observed.</p> <p>17 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.</p> |
| <p>March</p> <p>26 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.</p> <p>30 Cesar Chavez Day observed.</p> | <p>August</p> <p>17 Legislature reconvenes from Summer recess</p> <p>28 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor.</p> <p>31 – Sept. 11 Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose.</p> |
| <p>April</p> <p>6 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.</p> | <p>September</p> <p>4 Last day to amend bills on the Floor</p> <p>7 Labor Day observed.</p> <p>11 Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Study Recess begins upon adjournment.</p> |
| <p>May</p> <p>1 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>15 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.</p> <p>22 Last day for policy committees meet prior to June 8.</p> <p>25 Memorial Day observed.</p> <p>29 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 8.</p> | <p>October</p> <p>11 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 11 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 11.</p> |

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| <p>January</p> <p>1 New Year's Day 6 House/Senate Convenes 15-16 House Republican Issues Conference 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 20 State of the Union (tentative) 29-30 House Democrat Issues Conference</p> | <p>July</p> <p>1-3 House District Work Period 1-6 Senate District Work Period 4 Independence Day</p> |
| <p>February</p> <p>2 President's Budget submission* 16 President's Day 17-20 House/Senate District Work Period 18 Ash Wednesday</p> | <p>August</p> <p>3-31 House District Work Period 10-31 Senate District Work Period</p> |
| <p>March</p> <p>9-13 House District Work Period 30-31 House/Senate District Work Period</p> | <p>September</p> <p>1-4 House/Senate District Work Period 7 Labor Day 13 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown 15 Rosh Hashanah ends at sundown 21-25 House District Work Period 22 Yom Kippur begins at sundown 23 Yom Kippur ends at sundown</p> |
| <p>April</p> <p>1-10 House/Senate District Work Period 3 Good Friday .Passover begins at sundown 5 Easter</p> | <p>October</p> <p>1 FY 2015 begins 12 Columbus Day 13-16 House/Senate District Work Period</p> |
| <p>May</p> <p>4-8 House District Work Period 25 Memorial Day 26-29 House/Senate District Work Period</p> | <p>November</p> <p>9-13 House District Work Period 11 Veterans' Day 23-27 House/Senate District Work Period 26 Thanksgiving Day</p> |
| <p>June</p> <p>29-30 House/Senate District Work Period</p> | <p>December</p> <p>14 Hanukkah begins at sundown 21-31 Senate District Work Period 25 Christmas Day Target House/Senate Adjournment Date TBD</p> |

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| AB 2 | Alejo | Community Revitalization Authority | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization, and to provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues. | |
| AB 4 | Linder | Vehicle Weight Fees: Transportation Bond Debt Service | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Prohibits, until January 1, 2020, weight fee revenues from being transferred from the State Highway Account to the Transportation Debt Service Fund, the Transportation Bond Direct Payment Account, or any other fund or account for the purpose of payment of the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds, and would also prohibit loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund. | |
| AB 6 | Wilk | Redirection of High Speed Rail Bonds to Education | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects in the Phase 1 blended system. Subject to voter approval, requires unspent bond proceeds and future bonds sold under high-speed rail act to be made available for construction of school facilities for K-12 and higher education. | |
| AB 21 | Perea | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit: Scoping Plan | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Requires the State Air Resources Board, no later than January 1, 2018, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature a specific target of statewide emissions reductions for 2030 to be accomplished in a cost-effective manner. | |
| AB 23 | Patterson | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Cap & Trade Funding | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Exempts transportation fuels from the state's Cap and Trade program. | |
| AB 24 | Nazarian | Transportation Network Companies: Public Safety | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that promotes public safety relating to transportation network companies. | Support |
| AB 28 | Chu | Bicycle Safety: Rear Lights | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Requires that a bicycle operated during darkness upon a highway, a sidewalk (where bicycle operation is not prohibited by the local jurisdiction) or a bikeway be equipped with a white flashing light on the rear that is | |

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| | | | | | visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, or, in lieu of the white flashing light, reflective gear worn by the bicyclist. | |
| AB 40 | Ting | Golden Gate Bridge: Sidewalk Fees | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Prohibits the district from fixing or collecting any tolls or access fees for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks. | |
| ACR 1 | Levine | Robin Williams Tunnel | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Assembly | Designates the tunnel on State Highway Routes 1 and 101 at post-mile .89 in the County of Marin as the Robin Williams Tunnel. Requests Caltrans determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs. | Support |

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| SB 1 | Gaines | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Cap & Trade Funding | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Exempts transportation fuels from the state's Cap and Trade program. | |
| SB 5 | Vidak | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Cap & Trade Funding | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Exempts transportation fuels from the state's Cap and Trade program. | |
| SB 9 | Beall | Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Modifies the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (funded by Cap and Trade funds) to delete references to operational investments and instead provide for the funding of large, transformative capital improvements with a total cost exceeding \$100,000,000. Requires the Transportation Agency, in prioritizing and selecting projects for funding, to consider the extent to which a project reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and adds additional factors to be considered in evaluating applications. | |
| SB 16 | Beall | Department of Transportation: Invest Budget Savings in Road Repair & Litter Cleanup | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | States the intent of the Legislature that Caltrans identify savings from implementing efficiencies in its current programs and direct those resources into expanded activities for road repair and litter cleanup. | |
| SB 32 | Pavley | California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Interim Targets for 2030 and 2040 | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emission limit that is equivalent to 80% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2050, as specified. Authorizes the state board to adopt interim greenhouse gas emissions level targets to be achieved by | |

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| | | | | | 2030 and 2040. States the intent of the Legislature for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary policies that ensure long-term emissions reductions advance specified criteria. | |
| SB 34 | Hill | Automated License Plate Recognition Systems: Use of Data | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Imposes specified requirements on an “ALPR operator” as defined, including, among others, ensuring that the information the ALPR operator collects is protected with certain safeguards, and implementing and maintaining specified security procedures and a usage and privacy policy with respect to that information. | |
| SB 39 | Pavley | Vehicles: High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes | Introduced 12/1/2014 | Senate | Increases from 70,000 to an unspecified amount the number of Clean Air Vehicle decals the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue to plug-in hybrid vehicles meeting the “enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicles” (Enhanced AT PZEV) emission standard for authorized use of high-occupancy vehicles without the required number of occupants. | |

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| S. 4 | Reid | Rebuild America Act | Introduced 1/22/2013 | Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation | Expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should (1) create jobs and support businesses while improving our Nation’s global competitiveness by modernizing and strengthening our national infrastructure (2) invest resources in transportation corridors of national and regional significance that promote commerce and reduce congestion; (3) update and enhance our national network of rail, dams, and ports of the United States; (4) develop innovative financing mechanisms for infrastructure, such as an infrastructure bank, to leverage Federal funds with private sector partners; (5) eliminate wasteful tax subsidies that promote pollution and fail to reduce our reliance on foreign oil; among other items. | |
| S. 7 | Reid | Extreme Weather Prevention & Resilience Act | Introduced 1/22/2013 | Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation | Expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should prepare and protect communities from extreme weather, sea-level rise, drought, flooding, wildfire, and other changing conditions exacerbated by carbon pollution by promoting investment in new infrastructure and replace aging and obsolete infrastructure to ensure resilience to extreme weather, disasters, and hydrological change. | |
| S. 488 | Stabenow | Advanced Vehicle Technology Act | Introduced 3/7/2013 | Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee | Requires the Secretary of Energy to conduct a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application at the Department of Energy with respect to vehicle technology with potential to on materials, | |

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| | | | | | technologies, and processes with the potential to substantially reduce or eliminate petroleum use and the emissions of the nation's passenger and commercial vehicles. | |
| S. 570 | Bennet | Clean Energy Race to the Top | Introduced 3/14/2013 | Senate Finance Committee | Establishes a competitive grant program at the Department of Energy to provide grants to states and local government to promote clean energy and carbon reduction measures. | |
| S. 601 | Boxer | Water Resources Development Act | Amended 3/20/2013 | House | Provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and authorizes the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States and port-related infrastructure projects. | |
| S. 743 | Enzi | Marketplace Fairness Act | Introduced 4/16/2013 | House | Authorizes each state under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (the multistate agreement for the administration and collection of sales and use taxes adopted on November 12, 2002) to require all sellers not qualifying for a small-seller exception (applicable to sellers with annual gross receipts in total U.S. remote sales not exceeding \$1 million) to collect and remit sales and use taxes with respect to remote sales under provisions of a specified agreement, but only if such agreement includes minimum simplification requirements relating to the administration of the tax, audits, and streamlined filing. | |
| S. 1116 | Schumer | Transportation Fringe Benefits | Introduced 6/7/2013 | Senate Finance Committee | Provides parity at \$245/month for the exclusion of parking and transit benefits from income tax and employer payroll taxes. | Support & Seek Amendment |
| S. 1702 | Lee | Transportation Empowerment Act | Introduced 11/14/2013 | Senate Finance Committee | Transfers almost all authority over federal highway and transit programs to the states over a five-year period. Lowers the federal gas tax to 3.7 cents from 18.4 cents over the same time period. Caps funding for federal highway programs to the amount available in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). During the five-year phase-out, states will receive block grants that come with vastly fewer federal strings attached. Terminates the Mass Transit Account as of October 1, 2014 and transfer funds remaining in the account to the HTF. | |
| S. 1716 | Warner | Building and Renewing Infrastructure for Development and Growth in Employment (BRIDGE) Act | Introduced 11/14/2013 | Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Creates an infrastructure financing authority to provide \$10 billion to provide loans and loan guarantees to help states and localities fund "the most economically viable road, bridge, rail, port, water, sewer, and other significant infrastructure projects." Establishes a minimum project cost of \$50 million and requires that projects be of either national or regional significance. Allows the authority to finance up to 49 percent of total project costs. | |

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| S. 2322 | Boxer | MAP 21 Reauthorization Act | Amended 5/15/2014 | Passed Senate Environment & Public Works Committee | Reauthorizes the current surface transportation authorization act for six years at current funding levels, plus inflation. New policy provisions include establishment of a National Freight Program. | |
| S. 2891 | Booker | Innovation in Surface Transportation Act | Introduced 9/18/2014 | Senate Environment & Public Works Committee | Requires states to make competitive grants for innovative surface transportation projects to local entities by diverting portions of existing highway formula funding. Provides an exception process for states that suballocate a significant share of federal funds. | |
| HR 2288 | Grimm | Transportation Fringe Benefits | Introduced 6/6/2013 | House Ways and Means Committee | Provides parity at \$220/month for the exclusion of parking and transit benefits from income tax and employer payroll taxes. Reforms the bicycle provisions to allow a person to exclude bicycling along with transit, vanpooling or parking expenses. | Support |
| HR 3486 | Graves | Transportation Empowerment Act | Introduced 11/14/2013 | House Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation & Infrastructure, & Budget | See summary of S. 1702, identical bill. | |
| HR 3636 | Blumenauer/ Petri | The Update, Promote, and Develop America's Transportation Essentials (UPDATE) Act | Introduced 12/3/2013 | House Ways and Means Committee | Increases the federal excise tax on gasoline by 12 cents per gallon by 2015, and an additional 3 cents per gallon (cpg) between 2016-2025, for a total 15-cpg increase. The total gas tax rate would increase from 18.4 cpg at present to 26.4 cpg in 2014, 30.4 cpg in 2015 and 33.4 cpg between 2015 and 2025. Provides for annual indexing to the Consumer Price Index after 2016. Raises diesel fuel tax from 24.3cpg today to 32.3 cpg in 2014, 36.3 cpg in 2015 and 39.3 cpg between 2016-2025. | Support |
| HR 3638 | Blumenauer | Road Usage Fee Pilot Program Act | Introduced 12/3/2013 | House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means | Authorizes \$30 million for the Secretary of Treasury to establish a competitive grant program known as the Road Usage Fee Pilot Program to make grants eligible to (1) conduct pilot studies of methods of recording and reporting the number of miles traveled; (2) conduct pilot studies of methods of payment, enforcement and privacy protection methods for mileage based fee systems; and (3) implement mileage-based fee systems in jurisdictions that have adopted a plan for such systems. | |
| HR 4726 | Davis | Innovation in Surface Transportation Act | Introduced 5/22/2014 | House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure | Requires states to make competitive grants for innovative surface transportation projects to local entities by diverting portions of existing highway formula funding. Provides an exception process for states that suballocate a significant share of federal funds. | |

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| HR 5021 | Camp | Highway and Transportation Funding Act | Introduced 7/8/2014 | Enacted 8/8/14 | Extends the authorization of the current surface transportation act, Moving Ahead for the 21 st Century (MAP 21) through May 2015, at current funding levels. Transfers \$10.8 billion in General Fund revenues to the Highway Trust Fund to avoid a default. | |
| HR 5449 | Shuster | Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014 | Amended 12/1/2014 | Reported by House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure | Reauthorizes Amtrak for four years through FY 2018. Provides \$300 million per year in capital grants. Establishes new requirements for grant requests whereby requests must be submitted to the Secretary of Transportation and to Congress with detailed justifications. Prohibits funds from being used to subsidize operating losses of commuter rail passenger or rail freight transportation. Requires adoption of a 5-year capital and operating plan. | |
| HR 5624 | Lowenthal | Economy in Motion: National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act | Introduced 9/18/2014 | Referred to House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means | Establishes a new Freight Transportation Infrastructure Trust Fund to support a new competitive grant program, as well as a new multimodal freight formula program. Provides approximately \$8 billion/year from a new 1% waybill fee that would be assessed on the cost of goods movement. Each entity paying for cargo to be shipped via ground transportation would be required to pay a fee of 1% of the cost of that transportation. | |

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