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2015 State Legislative Calendar

<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>
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<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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State Assembly Bills

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 Transportation Committee	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 Transportation Committee; Assembly Education Committee	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 8	Gatto	Emergency Services: Hit and Run Incidents	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes a law enforcement agency to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been killed or suffered serious bodily injury due to a hit-and-run incident and a law enforcement agency has specified information concerning the suspect or the suspect's vehicle.	
AB 21	Perea	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit: Scoping Plan	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	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 Natural Resources Committee	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.	

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AB 28	Chu	Bicycle Safety: Rear Lights	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Transportation Committee	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 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 33	Quirk	Global Warming Solutions Act: Scoping Plan Update	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Requires the California Air Resources Board to include in its next update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan a greenhouse gas reduction target for 2040 and 2050, along with an evaluation of the 2030 goal.	
AB 40	Ting	Golden Gate Bridge: Sidewalk Fees	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Transportation Committee	Prohibits the district from fixing or collecting any tolls or access fees for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks.	
AB 61	Allen	Shuttle Services: Use of Public Bus Stops	Introduced 12/1/2014	Assembly Transportation Committee	Allows a local transit operator to enter into agreements with a shuttle service provider vehicles to use curb spaces dedicated to the loading and unloading of passengers	
AB 102	Rodriquez	Railroad Safety and Emergency Planning and Response	Introduced 1/8/2015	Assembly	Makes technical changes to provisions in law related to the requirement that the California Environmental Protection Agency develop a state railroad accident prevention and immediate deployment plan, in consultation with specified state entities, other potentially affected state, local, or federal agencies, and affected businesses, and designate the Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment Force as responsible for implementing the plan, acting cooperatively and in concert with existing local emergency response units.	
AB 157	Levine	Richmond-San Rafael Bridge	Introduced 1/20/2015	Assembly Transportation Committee	Requires, in the event that MTC and Caltrans develop a project to open the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to automobile traffic on the eastbound level and to bicycle traffic on the westbound level, that the lead agency complete the design work for the project simultaneously with the environmental review conducted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.	
AB 194	Frazier	High Occupancy Toll Lanes	Introduced 1/28/2015	Assembly Transportation Committee	Renews the authority of the California Transportation Commission to approve applications by regional agencies for the development of high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes and authorizes Caltrans to also apply for such authority. Removes the requirement that HOT lane facilities be consistent with the established standards, requirements, and limitations that apply to specified facilities and instead	

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					requires the California Transportation Commission to establish guidelines for the development and operation of the facilities it approves on or after January 1, 2016. Provides that CTC is not authorized to approve conversion of any existing non-toll or non-user-fee lanes into tolled or user-fee lanes, except that a high-occupancy vehicle lane may be converted into a high-occupancy toll lane.	
AB 198	Frazier	Vehicles: Tow Truck Assistance	Introduced 1/28/2015	Assembly Transportation Committee	Authorizes a driver of a tow truck operating under an agreement with the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating traffic collisions on the roadway to utilize the center median or right shoulder of a roadway in the event of an emergency that requires the rapid removal of impediments to traffic or rendering of assistance to a disabled vehicle obstructing a roadway if specified conditions are met.	
AB 208	Bigelow	Bikeways	Introduced 1/29/2015	Assembly	Spot bill related to provisions in current law regarding requirement that city, county, regional, and other local agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways utilize all minimum safety design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices established under these provisions, except under certain conditions.	
AB 210	Gatto	High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: County of Los Angeles — Part-Time Operation			Beginning on July 1, 2016, prohibits any high-occupancy vehicle lane from being established on specified portions of state highway routes in Los Angeles County, unless the lane is established as a high-occupancy vehicle lane only during the hours of heavy commuter traffic, as determined by the department. Requires any existing high-occupancy vehicle lane established on the specified portions of these routes to be modified to conform to those requirements. Authorizes Caltrans, on or after May 1, 2017, to reinstate 24-hour high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the specified portions of these routes if the department makes a specified determination and requires Caltrans to report to the Legislature on the impact on traffic of limiting the use of high-occupancy lanes only during the hours of heavy commuter traffic.	
AB 227	Alejo	Transportation Funding	Introduced 2/3/2015	Assembly	Requires any loan made to the General Fund from specified transportation funds and accounts with a repayment date of January 1, 2019 or later to be repaid by December 31, 2018.	

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AB 235	Frazier	Provisional Driver's Licenses	Introduced 2/5/2015	Assembly	Extends the period of driving restrictions for minors from 12 months after the issuance of a provisional license until the person reaches 18 years old and the provisional period ends.	
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.	

State Senate Bills

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	Jointly referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee and Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	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 Rules Committee	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 Environmental Quality Committee	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 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.	

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SB 34	Hill	Automated License Plate Recognition Systems: Use of Data	Introduced 12/1/2014	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	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	High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Introduced 12/1/2014	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	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.	
SB 61	Hill	Driving Under the Influence: Ignition Interlock Device	Introduced 12/29/2014	Senate Public Safety Committee	Provides that an individual whose license has been suspended for driving a motor vehicle when he or she has a certain blood-alcohol concentration and who is eligible for a restricted driver's license may be eligible for a restricted driver's license without serving any period of the suspension if the person meets all other eligibility requirements and the person installs an ignition interlock device. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	
SB 64	Liu	California Transportation Plan	Introduced 1/5/2015	Senate Transportation & Housing Committee	Requires the California Transportation Commission to review recommendations in the update to the California Transportation Plan prepared by the department in 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, to prepare specific recommendations for statewide integrated multimodal transportation system improvements, and to submit a report in that regard to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2016 and every 5 years thereafter.	
SB 158	Huff	Comprehensive Development Lease Agreements	Introduced 2/3/2015	Senate	Current law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes the Department of Transportation or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease with a public or private entity for a transportation project. This bill would delete obsolete cross-references and make technical changes to these provisions.	
SB 192	Liu	Bicycle Helmets	Introduced 2/10/2015	Senate	Requires every person, regardless of age, to wear a bicycle helmet when operating a bicycle, riding on a bicycle as a passenger, or riding in a trailer towed by a bicycle. Requires a person riding a bicycle in the dark to wear retroreflective high-visibility safety apparel, as specified.	

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SB 194	Canella	High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Introduced 2/10/2015	Senate	Spot bill related to high-occupancy vehicle lanes.	

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H.R. 127	Green	Transportation for Heroes Act	Introduced 1/6/2015	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Requires that transit operators receiving FTA Urbanized Area 5307 funds provide a 50% discount fare to veterans during non-peak hours using a facility or equipment financed by the grant.	
H.R. 198	Sires	MOVE Freight Act	Introduced 1/7/2015	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Revises the definition of the national freight network to provide that it is a multimodal network including rail, seaports and inland waterways. Establishes a national infrastructure discretionary grant program to be implemented by the DOT Secretary.	
H.R. 199	Sires	Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvement Act	Introduced 1/7/2015	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Authorizes the DOT Secretary to establish a pilot program to make loans and loan guarantees to eligible entities to carry out bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. Requires at least 25 percent of funds to support projects in low-income communities.	
H.R. 200	Sires	Commute Less Act	Introduced 1/7/2015	House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	Requires metropolitan planning organization (MPO) transportation plans to include, among other things, employer and transportation management organization outreach activities and strategies to help create and expand employer-based commuter programs.	
H.R. 309	Huffman	Gas Tax Replacement Act	Introduced 1/13/2015	House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) repeal the excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels; (2) add a carbon dioxide equivalent rate to the tax on crude oil and petroleum products; and (3) impose a new excise tax on the carbon content of methanol, ethanol, and biodiesel produced in the United States and entered into the United States for consumption, use, or warehousing. Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to send to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and make public a report on the total life-cycle emissions of carbon dioxide for gasoline, diesel fuel, biofuel, and other regulated fuels.	
H.R. 680	Blumenauer	Update, Promote, and Develop America's Transportation Essentials (UPDATE) Act	Introduced 2/3/2015	House Ways and Means Committee	Increases the federal excise tax on gasoline to 26.3 cents for FY 2016, rising to 33.3 cents in FY 2017 and thereafter until FY 2028; and for diesel fuel to 32.3 cents in FY 2016 rising to 39.3 cents by FY 2017 and thereafter until FY 2027.	

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S. 206	Ayotte	Local Transportation Infrastructure Act	Introduced 1/21/2015	Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Revises and reauthorizes the state infrastructure bank program for FY2015 and FY2016.	
S. 268	Sanders	Rebuild America Act	Introduced 1/27/2015	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee	Establishes a National Infrastructure Bank for transportation, water infrastructure and national parks. Appropriates \$75 billion/year to the Highway Trust Fund per year for FY 2015-2022. Appropriates \$15 billion/year to the DOT Secretary for grants for Amtrak and high-speed rail. Appropriates \$2 billion/year for TIFIA credit assistance program for FY 2015-2019. Appropriates \$5 billion/year for the TIGER discretionary grant program and \$3.5 billion/year for the NextGen Air Transportation System.	
S. 280		Federal Permitting Improvement Act	Introduced 1/28/2015	Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee	Establishes the Federal Permitting Improvement Council to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.	

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