



## **FINAL 2012 Legislative Program: State Issues**

- 1S. Preserve funding and delivery schedule of priority transportation projects.**
- 2S. Seek state funding for the Agency's high priority projects, in priority order:**
  1. US 101 - San Juan Road interchange (Red Barn)
  2. State Route 156 improvements
  3. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
  4. Operations, vehicle acquisition, and construction of passenger rail and bus transit facilities and services: Rail Extension to Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula light rail transit, New Coast Daylight train, Monterey-Salinas Transit
  5. Local streets and roads projects
- 3S. Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation and transit funding.**
- 4S. Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures.**
- 5S. Monitor state proposals for budget and pension reform.**
- 6S. Support state legislation to ensure federal transportation authorization bill implemented fairly for all regions, including maintaining bicycle and pedestrian project funds.**
- 7S. Raise awareness of the Highway 101 Corridor and its importance as a transportation facility of state and national significance.**
- 8S. Monitor climate change legislation implementing state law (AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, and SB 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act) as relates to transportation.**
- 9S. Support legislation that reduces the cost of litter removal from transportation facilities and seek funding for litter removal efforts.**
- 10S. Seek California High-Speed Rail project funding for connections with Monterey County rail projects.**
- 11S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, transit villages and smart growth, and support eligibility for housing bond funds.**
- 12S. Support "complete streets" and development guidelines that integrate alternative forms of transportation, such as transit, bicycle and pedestrian commuting.**
- 13S. Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.**



## **FINAL 2012 Legislative Program: Federal Issues**

- 1F. Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other funding** for the Agency's high priority projects, in priority order:
1. US 101 - San Juan Road interchange (Red Barn)
  2. State Route 156 improvements
  3. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
  4. Reauthorization of passenger rail and bus transit facilities and service:  
Rail Extension to Monterey County and Monterey Peninsula light rail transit
  5. Local streets and roads projects
  6. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
- 2F. Support the following priorities for federal authorization legislation:**
1. Stabilize and increase transportation funding sources in order to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
    - a. Index the gas tax to inflation or increase the gas tax to meet the nation's transportation needs.
    - b. Identify additional funding sources for maintenance and operations on the existing network.
    - c. Support removal of procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
    - d. Focus funding on projects that support safety, economic development and job creation.
  2. Maintain the current Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) population threshold of 50,000 or redefine MPOs by cumulative urbanized area population to allow communities to address issues of job access, congestion, safety, goods movement, economic competitiveness, job creation, and livability through a transparent local and regional process.
  3. Ensure sufficient funds for "active transportation" projects such as bicycling and walking.
  4. Streamline project delivery.
  5. Allocate funding to support goods movement programs, especially for highway and rail projects that transport agricultural goods to market.
  6. Support "complete streets" programs.
  7. Support infrastructure bank programs.
- 3F. Support federal jobs stimulus bills that invest in infrastructure** and:
1. Relieve local agencies from funding match requirements; and
  2. Prioritize shovel-ready local streets and roads maintenance projects and transit operations.
- 4F. Seek federal funding for Monterey County rail and busway projects** through the Federal Transit Administration New Starts/ Small Starts program, the railroad safety grant program, the high-speed rail program, or other sources.
- 5F. Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California's state requirements** and do not adversely affect transportation projects.
- 6F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak** in the annual appropriations bill and authorization legislation and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 7F. Support member agencies' requests** for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and **support partner agency legislative efforts** as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.