AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES
AND
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Members are: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)

Wednesday, April 1, 2015
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.
BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1-3.4 below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the CONSENT AGENDA for discussion and action.

3.1 **APPROVE** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 4, 2015. – Rodriguez

3.2 **RECEIVE** the legislative advisor’s six-month evaluation. – Watson

3.3 **APPROVE** out-of-state travel for two staff or one staff and one Board member to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Conference in Salt Lake City, UT in June 2015. – Watson

3.4 **RECEIVE** federal legislative update and report from meetings in Washington, DC. – Watson

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** update on transportation expenditure plan development activities. – Wright

5. **RECEIVE** update on state audit action plan implementation. – Hale

6. **RECEIVE** state legislative update, and **RECOMMEND** the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency. – Watson

7. **CLOSED SESSION**
Public Employment pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Executive Committee will confer concerning employment contract with the Agency’s Executive Director. **(Enclosure sent separately)**

**RECONVENE** in open session and report any actions taken.
8. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 22, 2015. – Hale *(Handout)*

9. **ADJOURN**

Next Executive Committee meeting is:

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

Please mark your calendars.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members are: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
*** 9:00 a.m. ***
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
   Committee members present: Armenta, Chavez, Huitt, and alternate Markey for Parker.
   Staff present: Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present:
   Agency Counsel Reimann; Sam Teel, MCHA and John Arriaga, JEA & Associates.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:
   On a motion by Committee Member Chavez and seconded by Committee Member Huitt,
   the committee voted 4–0 to approve the consent agenda.

   3.1 APPROVED minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 4, 2015.
   3.2 APPROVED cash incentive award of $100 to Principal Planner Christina Watson for her
       leadership in the update of materials and the training of staff on state and federal
       procurement rules.

       Committee Alternate Markey expressed concern with meeting state law regarding
       bonuses for public employees and asked that staff make sure that the policy is well
       defined. Executive Director Hale replied that this program was adopted in 2003, and that
       staff would reevaluate the policy and bring it back to the committee for review.

END OF CONSENT
4. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
   On a motion by Committee Member Markey and seconded by Committee Member Armenta, the committee voted 4–0, the following:

   1. **RECEIVED** the state legislative update; and
   2. **RECOMMENDED** that the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the list of state bills was an early version and would be updated before going to the Board in March, and a more complete list would be brought back to this Committee in April.

Agency State Legislative consultant John Arriaga provided an update on state legislative activities. He reported the Governor is serious about transportation investments, and two hearings have already been held on the topic, focusing on transportation funding options such as the gas tax and truck weight fees.

Mr. Arriaga noted that the draft bill language originally submitted to legislative counsel pertaining to a waiver on the 2% cap on local tax measures was dropped following the discussion at the February Committee meeting, and that the draft bill on the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander has been deferred, pending consultations with State Fish and Wildlife and consideration of possible administration solutions.

Mr. Arriaga also noted that the Senate has reauthorized its Select Committee on Passenger Rail, and the Assembly has formed a similar committee, and that they are planning a joint hearing on April 28.

Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that Monterey County was represented on both Select Committees, via Senator Cannella and Assembly Member Alejo.

Committee Member Chavez asked about the background of the chair of the Assembly Select Committee, Assembly Member Adam Gray. Mr. Arriaga noted he represents the Central Valley.

Mr. Arriaga presented the draft bill list and explained the relevance of bills to the Agency and the recommended positions on each bill.

Assembly Bill 464 (Mullin) is a bill to raise the cap on local sales taxes statewide from 2% to 3%. The Committee voted to defer discussion of a position on that bill to the April Committee meeting.

Senate Bill 192 (Liu) is a bill requiring adults to wear helmets while biking, which staff said might discourage biking and bike-sharing. The Committee noted it might be more effective to require an education campaign on bike safety and offer incentives instead of fines; the Committee recommended the Board oppose the bill as is.
5. **Provided** input on development of the Sales Tax Expenditure Plan and Public Outreach Plan.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, presented “Investing in our Regional Transportation Network,” the “TAMC stump speech” currently being used by Agency staff for public presentations. The speech provides an overview of TAMC, its mission and its record of success on delivering on projects.

The presentation also focuses on future transportation needs, the transportation funding crisis and the need to explore alternative ways to fund future projects. These alternatives include a new express toll-road on Highway 156 and a “self-help” transportation sales tax. The presentation concludes with asking the audience what they think are important transportation issues that should be addressed.

In conclusion of the speech, she outlined a schedule that included key target dates for a transportation sales tax measure in November 2016, noting that we need to start laying the groundwork now. She also pointed out that polling would be conducted by EMC Research in May/June 2015, and again in June 2016.

Committee member Armenta recommended adding more information on the rail to Salinas project, including the purpose and why is it an important project. Committee alternate Markey commented that it is important to show projects that the people want to fund, and be sure to include all modes of transportation.

Sam Teel commented that he was involved in Measure Z, and one of the biggest objections was the lack of funding for Highway 68; he recommended including improvements in that corridor. He recommended leaving Highway 156 out of the sales tax speech since it will receive separate funding. He also noted that confirming the level of matching funds we will receive if we become a self-help county would be helpful.

Director Hale thanked the committee for its feedback and asked for their input on who TAMC should reach out to in their communities for initial input.
6. **RECEIVED** briefing on Brown Act requirements for meeting quorums.

All public agencies must comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act, which has rules related to business that cannot be conducted unless there is a quorum of the body that is meeting. Agency Counsel Reimann reported recently that a TAMC Board meeting lost a quorum and, on advice from counsel, the meeting was adjourned without finishing the agenda. There were some questions asked if informational reports could be heard without a quorum. She reported on what is allowed if there is a lack of a quorum during public meetings, noting that based upon universally accepted protocol, if there is no quorum, the body can legitimately take only four actions:

- It can adjourn and end the meeting
- It can recess the meeting (and try to round up a quorum)
- It can act on a motion to fix the time to adjourn
- It can form a committee to round up a quorum

She added that as part of the normal agenda various other entities (Caltrans, MST, Airport District and Air District) give informational reports and loss of quorum should not prevent them from doing so, but noted that the Executive Director’s report was not permissible if a quorum is lost. The Committee recommended that this information be reported to the Board of Directors along with a written memo from Agency Counsel Reimann.

7. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of March 25, 2015.

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda items proposed for March 25, 2015. She reported the Board would be holding a Highway 156 workshop to discuss short-term improvements for the residents of Oak Hills and asked to approve the resolution to use federal earmark funds for staff cost. The Board will also be asked to approve the Request for Proposals for the Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan Environmental Review, also to authorize staff to publish the Request for Proposals, and return to the Board of Directors with recommendations for approval of consultants, including the final scopes of work.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

\[Signature\]

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 1, 2015
Subject: State Legislative Analyst/Advocate 6-month Evaluation

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RECEIVE the legislative advisor’s six-month evaluation.

SUMMARY

The Board of Directors approved an evaluation protocol for the state legislative analyst/advocate consultant. Staff has prepared a 6-month evaluation and has reviewed it with the advisor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action has as yet undetermined implications for the Agency budget in terms of staff time. The evaluation takes staff time to prepare; that said, a well-performing consultant will save staff additional rewriting and monitoring time.

DISCUSSION

On October 1, 2014, the Executive Committee recommended that the Board direct staff to establish a contract evaluation protocol for the state legislative consultant. The Board approved this recommendation at its October 22, 2014 meeting. On November 5, 2014, the Executive Committee discussed a proposed evaluation protocol for the contract and provided input, and on January 7, 2015, the Committee recommended the Board approve the final protocol, which the Board approved on January 28, 2015. The Executive Committee’s concept behind the protocol was to provide the consultant and the Board with a more formalized review relative to the consultant’s performance prior to the expiration of the contract, so that any problems could be identified and rectified and the Board could have a better sense of staff recommendations for future services.

The 6-month anniversary of the contract is March 22. Under the approved protocol, staff has prepared the 6-month evaluation and it is attached. The next evaluation will be completed prior to contract completion on October 22, to provide feedback to the consultant and determine next steps on the contract.

Approved by: ____________________________ Date signed: ____________________________
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda
Attachment: 6-month State Legislative Advisor Evaluation
Reviewed by Counsel: Yes
Admin/Finance Approval: N/A
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<th>Evaluation Criteria</th>
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<td><strong>Responsiveness</strong> : Timely responses to requests for information (By the deadline provided in the request, generally one day to return a call and 3 days to provide information.)</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Consultant responds quickly to requests for information but occasionally needs to be reminded of agenda packet deadlines.</td>
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<td><strong>Proactiveness</strong> : Suggests bills to watch, hearings to attend, and/or grants to pursue. As applicable, drafts and promotes Agency-sponsored bills and secures a bill author. Notifies the Agency in a timely manner about transportation-related developments or proposals.</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Consultant suggested many bills to review; Agency staff gave feedback about bills that were or were not of interest from that list, added a recommended position, added the appropriate legislative priority, and edited the bill descriptions. Agency staff identified several bills to add to the list that the Consultant had not suggested. Consultant succeeded in submitting draft bill language to legislative counsel by the deadline, however, Consultant/Agency staff were unable to secure an author for either of the two proposed bills and both were pulled for this year.</td>
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<td><strong>Positive Relationships</strong> : Gets positive feedback/references from elected representatives: for example, receives positive comments from legislators, and has success in setting up meetings in a timely manner and, as applicable, engaging with sponsors and author(s) of potential Agency bills.</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Consultant engaged Senator Monning's staff about a potential bill related to the Highway 156 project and successfully arranged meetings and calls on that topic. Agency staff received unsolicited negative feedback from legislators on Consultant.</td>
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<td><strong>Quality of Work</strong> : Produces written work of a high quality and with sufficient detail, that does not require Legislative and/or Agency staff to rewrite or redo.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Consultant produces legislative summaries and bill lists when asked, but Agency staff needs to rewrite the work and often initiates the work instead of relying on the Consultant to do so.</td>
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<td><strong>Project Understanding</strong> : Exhibits an understanding of the Agency's priority projects and promotes those priority projects.</td>
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<td>Consultant understands the Agency priority projects and legislative platform, but relies on Agency staff for the deeper understanding of the project details.</td>
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<td><strong>Overall Evaluation:</strong></td>
<td>100</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>Room for improvement. Consultant is team very easy to work with and quite responsive, but is more of a local government generalist rather than a transportation specialist. Updates and other materials are more oriented towards local government issues in general rather than the nuts and bolts of key transportation issues.</td>
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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: April 1, 2015

Subject: Out-of-State Travel

RECOMMENDED ACTION

APPROVE out-of-state travel for two staff or one staff and one Board member to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in June 2015.

SUMMARY

Transportation Agency rules require the Executive Committee to approve all out-of-state travel requests. The APTA Rail Conference is an opportunity to get up-to-date information on initiating and providing rail service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Rail Conference would cost $775 per person (by the early-bird deadline of May 5) or $825 per person (after May 5).

Alaska Airlines has direct flights from Monterey for under $200 as of March 13. Federal hotel rate is $106 per night plus tax, and the state meal maximum totals $46 per day, based on actual receipts. Travel expenses are estimated to be less than $750 per person.

If two T AMC representatives attended the conference, the total financial impact of registration and travel would be no more than $3,500. Registration, staff time and all travel related expenses will be covered by local funds designated for travel and training in the budget.

DISCUSSION

The 2015 Rail Conference is scheduled for June 21-24, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT. Workshops and technical sessions cover timely issues of widespread interest in operations, technology, safety, security, planning, finance, capital projects, and the technical aspects of providing all modes of rail service: urban, commuter, high-speed, and intercity. This conference features the industry’s premier products and services showcase to learn more about advances in railroad and rail transit markets.
Out-of-State Travel

Executive Committee
April 1, 2015

Agency staff attended the 2014 APTA Rail Conference and found it extremely useful, attending such sessions as Innovative Business Models in Rail Service; USDOT Update; Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), Joint Development and Value Capture; and Public-private partnerships (P3) opportunities. In addition to information gleaned during the sessions, the conference provided a great opportunity to network with rail professionals from across the country and the globe.

Administrative Policy No. 3 Official Travel requires Executive Committee approval for all out-of-state travel.

Approved by: ____________________________  Date signed: 3/6/15
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda

Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: YES
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 1, 2015
Subject: Federal Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RECEIVE federal legislative update and report from meetings in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY

Three Agency representatives visited Washington, DC in early March.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Information only. No financial impact.

DISCUSSION

From March 8-11, Committee Member Potter and Principal Planner Watson attended the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. A write-up on the conference speakers will be provided at the April 22, 2015 Board meeting. Throughout the conference, Agency representatives held meetings with decision-makers about the Salinas Rail extension project and other Agency priorities. Attached is the final itinerary of meetings.

Agency Chair Craig was also in DC from March 5-10, for the National League of Cities (NLC) conference. While there, she met with Congressman Farr and discussed Agency priority projects, among other topics.

Approved by: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: 3/26/15

Consent Agenda

Attachment: Final Washington, DC Itinerary

Agenda Item: 3.4
FINAL
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Washington, DC Itinerary
March 8-11, 2015

Kimbley Craig, TAMC Chair, Salinas City Council Member
David Potter, TAMC Board Member, Monterey County Supervisor
Christina Watson, TAMC Principal Transportation Planner

Sunday, March 8
5:00 - 6:30 pm  APTA Welcome to Washington General Session

Monday, March 9
10:30 am  Kyle Chapman, office of Senator Barbara Boxer
11:20-12  APTA Mayor's Roundtable
1:45-3:15 pm  APTA General Session: Update from the FTA and FRA
3:45-5 pm  APTA General Session: View from the Hill

Tuesday, March 10
8:30 - 10:30 am  APTA GENERAL SESSION: Get Started With Members of Congress
Breakfast
12:00 pm  Debbie Merrill, Legislative Director, and Tom Tucker, Deputy Chief of Staff,
Office of Congressman Sam Farr
3:00 pm  Helena Zyblikewycz, Minority Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on
Highways & Transit and Auke Mahar-Piersma, Legislative Director, Office of
Peter DeFazio, T&I Ranking Member

Wednesday, March 11
9:30 am  Colin Cunliff, Legislative Fellow, office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
11:00 am  Tyler Rushforth, Minority Counsel, Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
12:00 pm  Homer Carlisle, Minority Staff and Shannon Hines, Majority Staff, Senate
Banking Committee
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 1, 2015
Subject: State Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RECEIVE state legislative update, and RECOMMEND the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

SUMMARY

The bill list has been updated since the Committee received an update on March 4. Several new bills of interest to the Agency have been introduced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Agency staff and consultant time are in the adopted Agency budget.

DISCUSSION

Attachment 1 is a revised bill list for discussion and consideration. Attachment 2 is the adopted 2015 legislative program.

Agency staff will provide a verbal update on state legislative activities and the bill list.

Approved by: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director  Date signed  3/18/15

Regular Agenda
Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: N/A

Attachment:
1. Draft bill list as of March 17
2. Final TMC Legislative Program, adopted January 28, 2015
AB 2 (Alejo) - Community Revitalization Investment Authority  
Introduced: 12/1/14  
Status: 12/2/14: From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.  
Summary: Would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization, and to provide for the financing of these activities by the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues.  
Priority: 12S - Seek funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.  
Position: SUPPORT

Introduced: 12/1/14  
Status: 1/16/15-Referred to Com. on TRANS.  
Summary: Would, until January 1, 2020, prohibit weight fee revenues from being transferred from the State Highway Account to any 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.  
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.  
Position: SUPPORT

Introduced: 12/1/14  
Status: 1/16/15-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and ED.  
Summary: Would provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for early improvement projects in the Phase 1 blended system. Would require redirection of the unspent high-speed rail bond proceeds for use in retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those bonds and for school construction projects. These provisions would become effective only upon approval by voters.  
Priority: 11S - Support and seek funding for Monterey County rail connections to the California High-Speed Rail project.  
Position: Watch

AB 79 (Mathis R): State highway routes: route numbers.  
Introduced: 1/5/15  
Status: 1/6/15-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.  
Summary: Spot bill related to state highway system route numbers.  
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.  
Position: Watch
AB 102 (Rodriguez D): Railroad safety and emergency planning and response.
Introduced: 1/8/15
Status: 1/9/15-From printer. May be heard in committee February 8.
Summary: Spot bill: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop a state railroad accident prevention and immediate deployment plan, and designates the Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment Force as being responsible for implementing the plan, acting cooperatively with existing local emergency response units.
Priority: 13S - Support transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.
Position: Watch

Introduced: 1/20/15
Status: 2/2/15-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Summary: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance to develop a 3-year investment plan for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This bill would require the department to include in the 3-year investment plan an allocation to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities to assist them in proposing specified projects for inclusion in the plan.
Priority: 6S - Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.
Position: Watch

AB 208 (Bigelow R): Bikeways.
Introduced: 1/29/15
Status: 1/30/15-From printer. May be heard in committee March 1.
Summary: Spot bill related to safety design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices for bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch

AB 212 (Achadjian R): State highways.
Introduced: 2/2/15
Status: 2/3/15-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5.
Summary: Spot bill related to Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, state highways and all property and rights in property acquired for state highway purposes.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch

AB 227 (Alejo D): Transportation funding.
Introduced: 2/3/15
Status: 2/17/15-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and BUDGET.
Summary: Current law provides for loans of revenues from various transportation funds and accounts to the General Fund, with various repayment dates specified. This bill, with respect to any loans made to the General Fund from specified transportation funds and accounts with a repayment date of January 1, 2019, or later, would require the loans to be repaid by December 31, 2018.
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
Position: SUPPORT
AB 464 (Mullin D): Transactions and use taxes: maximum combined rate.
Introduced: 2/23/15
Status: 3/5/15-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Summary: Existing law authorizes cities and counties, subject to certain limitations and approval requirements, to levy a transactions and use tax for general purposes, in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes imposed in accordance with that law in the county not exceed 2%. This bill would increase that maximum combined rate to 3%.
Priority: 3S - Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures, without state spending restrictions, and monitor the need to seek a waiver to allow the County to exceed the 2% limit on local sales taxes for transportation.
Position: Watch

AB 1098 (Bloom): Transportation: congestion management
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Spot bill related to congestion management plans.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch

AB 1115 (Salas D) Transportation funds.
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Spot bill re: funding for transportation projects.
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
Position: Watch

AB 1250 (Bloom D) Vehicles: buses: gross axle weight.
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Seeks long-term solutions for transit agencies to provide reprieve from California’s decades-old bus axle weight limits.
Priority: 14S - 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.
Position: Watch

AB 1265 (Perea D) Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements.
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Deletes 2017 expiration date on authorization for Caltrans and regional transportation agencies to enter into comprehensive development lease agreements with public and private entities, or consortia of those entities, for certain transportation projects that may charge certain users of those projects tolls and user fees.
Priority: 5S - Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
Position: SUPPORT
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Would amend the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 so as to no longer limit the applicability of a regulation that establishes a system of market-based declining annual aggregate emissions limits for sources or categories of sources that emit greenhouse gases from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2020.
Priority: 6S - Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.
Position: Watch

Introduced: 12/1/14
Summary: Would, under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, modify the purpose of the program 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. The bill would require the Transportation Agency, in prioritizing and selecting projects for funding, to consider the extent to which a project reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and would add additional factors to be considered in evaluating applications for funding.
Priority: 6S - Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.
Position: Watch

SB 16 (Beall D): Department of Transportation.
Introduced: 12/1/14
Status: 3/2/15- amended, re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Would require Caltrans, by April 1, 2016, and as part of its budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, to prepare a plan to identify up to $200,000,000 annually in cost savings from its budget.
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
Position: Watch

Introduced: 12/1/14
Status: Amended 3/16/15, set for hearing @ Com. on E.Q. 4/15/15
Summary: Would require the state board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to 80% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2050. emissions limit that is equivalent to 80% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2050.
Priority: 6S - Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.
Position: Watch
SB 55 (Knight R): Department of Transportation: administration.
Introduced: 12/19/14
Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Spot bill related to the construction, improvement, maintenance, or use of all highways that are under Caltrans jurisdiction, possession, or control.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch

SB 64 (Liu D): California Transportation Plan.
Introduced: 1/5/15
Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Summary: Would require 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.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch

SB 154 (Huff R): California Environmental Quality Act.
Introduced: 2/2/15
Status: 2/19/15-Referred to Com. on RLS
Summary: Spot bill related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Priority: 9S - Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
Position: Watch

SB 158 (Huff R): Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements
Introduced: 2/3/15
Status: 2/19/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Spot bill related to the ability of Caltrans and/or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease with a public or private entity for a transportation project.
Priority: 5S - Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
Position: Watch

SB 166 (Gaines R): California Environmental Quality Act.
Introduced: 2/5/15
Status: 2/19/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Spot bill related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Priority: 9S - Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
Position: Watch
Introduced: 2/5/15
Status: 2/19/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Spot bill related to the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
Priority: 6S - Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.
Position: Watch

Introduced: 2/10/15
Status: 2/19/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Summary: This bill would require 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. The bill would also require a person engaged in these activities in the darkness to wear retroreflective high-visibility safety apparel, as specified. Because a violation of this requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Would levy a $25 fine on violators.
Priority: NA – bill may result in discouraging bicycling and bike-sharing. Possibly may be modified to focus on safety education and incentives for helmet use.
Position: OPPOSE pending modifications

SB 321 (Beall D): Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments
Introduced: 2/23/15
Status: 2/24/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.
Summary: Current law exempts motor vehicle fuel from specified sales and use taxes and increases the excise tax on motor vehicle fuel. This bill would, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, require the State Board of Equalization to adjust the excise tax rate in a manner as to generate an amount of revenue equal to the average amount of revenue loss attributable to the sales and use tax exemption over the next five fiscal years, based on estimates made by the board, and continuing to take into account adjustments required by existing law to maintain revenue neutrality.
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
Position: SUPPORT

SB 413 (Wieckowski D) Public transit: prohibited conduct.
Introduced: 2/25/15
Status: 3/5/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Summary: Would amend the Public Utilities Code and the Penal Code to allow transit agencies to use an administrative process to cite and process minors in violation of specified prohibited acts (e.g. fare evasion, smoking where prohibited, unauthorized sale of goods) occurring on transit properties. Additionally, this proposal would make it a violation for failing to yield seating reserved for elderly and disabled individuals, and clarify what constitutes a noise violation on a transit property.
Priority: 14S - 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.
Position: Watch
SB 508 (Beall D) Transit operations: financial requirements.
Introduced: 2/26/15
Status: 3/12/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Summary: Would delete the requirement for transit operators to maintain higher farebox recovery ratios based on the 1978-79 fiscal year; create parity in the list of exclusions from the definition of operating costs for both the farebox recovery ratio requirement and the STA program qualifying criteria; create new exemptions for health and pension costs, and standard facilities financing costs; and, eliminate the “pass/fail” nature of the STA program qualifying criteria in favor of a sliding scale or proportional approach to penalizing operators.
Priority: 14S - 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.
Position: Watch

SB 516 (Fuller R): Motorist Aid legislation
Introduced: 2/26/15
Status: 3/12/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Summary: Would make other services eligible for vehicle registration funds currently dedicated to call boxes, including traveler information services; freeway service patrols; changeable message signs; litter removal; law enforcement patrols; and intelligent transportation systems.
Priority: 7S - Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
Position: SUPPORT

SB 782 (Allen D) State highways: relinquishment.
Introduced: 2/27/15
Status: 3/2/15-Read first time.
Summary: Spot bill related to state highway relinquishment.
Priority: NA – pending more information on purpose of bill.
Position: Watch
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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. State Route 156 improvements
   2. Rail Extension to Salinas
   3. MST Bus Replacements
   4. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
   5. Monterey Peninsula light rail transit and bus rapid transit
   6. Local streets and roads projects
   7. Coast Daylight train

3S. Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures, without state spending restrictions, and monitor the need to seek a waiver to allow the County to exceed the 2% limit on local sales taxes for transportation.

4S. Support the California Passenger Rail Program Guiding Principles and the formation and/or continuation of California State Legislative Passenger Rail Select Committees.

5S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.

6S. Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.

7S. Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.

8S. Oppose efforts to shift transportation funding away from regions and oppose unfunded mandates for transportation agencies and local governments in providing transportation improvements and services.

9S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.

10S. Support efforts to improve the ability of agencies to plan and deliver transportation projects in a timely and cost effective manner, including updates to storm water runoff requirements.

11S. Support and seek funding for Monterey County rail connections to the California High-Speed Rail project.

12S. Seek funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
13S. **Support transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.**

14S. **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.
1F. Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other funding for the Agency’s high priority projects, in priority order:
1. State Route 156 improvements
2. Rail Extension to Salinas
3. MST Bus Replacements
4. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
5. Monterey Peninsula light rail transit and bus rapid transit
6. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
7. Local streets and roads projects
8. Coast Daylight train

2F. Support the following priorities for federal transportation 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, such as a transition to a vehicle-miles traveled fee.
   c. Support removal of procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
   d. Allocate funding for projects that support safety, economic development and job creation.
2. Support enhanced infrastructure bank programs.

3F. Seek funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

4F. Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California’s state requirements and do not adversely affect transportation projects.

5F. Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing rail service for the traveling public.

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.