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CSAC – California State Association of Counties

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Assembly Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
<b>AB 2 a (Evans)</b> Elimination of Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales Tax/Imposition of New Fees/Income Tax	Provides for the elimination of taxes under the Motor Vehicle Fuel License Tax Law. Imposes an additional sales and use tax rate. Provides an exemption from sales and use taxes for motor vehicle fuel. Imposes an additional tax at a specified rate of tax liability under the Personal Income Tax Law. Imposes an oil severance tax upon any producer for the privilege of severing oil from the earth and water at a specified rate of gross value of each barrel of oil severed to be placed in the General Fund. (Introduced 12/8/08)	Vetoed	
<b>AB 5 a (Evans)</b> CEQA Exemption: Transportation Projects	Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) specified transportation projects if certain conditions are met. Authorizes the extension of development lease agreements with public and private entities for certain transportation projects that charge tolls and user fees and increases the number of projects in the state. Requires all projects to be submitted to specified entities. Relates to project related bidding. Requires indemnity agreements. Authorizes design build method. (Introduced 12/8/08)	Vetoed	
<b>AB 6 a (Evans)</b> Transfer of Transportation Funds to General Fund	Revises the provisions governing the Transportation Debt Service Fund to authorize the Director of Finance to reimburse the General Fund any amount necessary to offset the cost of debt service made in any fiscal year for transportation-related general obligation bond expenditures. Allows Indian gaming fees that were collected between July 2008 and July 2013 and that were intended for transportation purposes to be deposited in the General Fund. (Amended 12/18/09)	Vetoed	
<b>AB 7 a (Evans)</b> Advancing of Proposition 1B Bond Funds	Authorizes the appropriation of additional bond funds from Proposition 1B for the current fiscal year, including \$700 million for local streets and roads, \$800 million for public transit capital projects, \$500 million for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), \$110 million for the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund, \$200 million for the State Local Partnership Program, and \$170 million for Highway 99. (Amended 12/18/09)	Vetoed	
<b>AB 20 (3x) (Bass)</b> Distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds	Provides for the distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds in California, such that 62.5 percent of the funds are suballocated to regional agencies, while 37.5 percent are spent by Caltrans. Of the state share, provides that \$935 million shall be for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, but that \$310 million shall be made available as a loan to advance Proposition 1B projects. States the intent of the Legislature that at least 40 percent of the regional share be suballocated to cities and counties. (Enacted, 3/27/09)	Enacted, Chapter 21	

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<b>AB 109 (Feuer)</b> Outdoor Advertising	Amends the Outdoor Advertising Act; prohibits an advertising display that is visible from a state, county or city highway from being constructed as, or converted, enhanced, improved, modified, modernized, or altered into a digital advertising display unless it complies with a specified permitting process which requires significant public notice to neighboring residents and businesses; prohibits until January 1, 2012 an official highway changeable message sign from being constructed as or converted, enhanced, improved, modified, modernized, or altered into a digital advertising display for the purpose of displaying messages other than official traffic operations or public safety messages. Prohibits the painting, installation, or application of a very large graphic advertising display to an exterior building wall until the State Fire Marshal promulgates safety regulations governing such signs. (Amended 4/23/09)	Assembly Governmental Organization Committee; Failed passage, reconsideration granted	
<b>AB 112 (Beall)</b> Santa Clara VTA: Authority to Repair and Maintain State Highways	Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to provide for repair and maintenance of transportation facilities, including state highways, necessary or convenient for vehicular and pedestrian transportation. Authorizes the authority to provide funding, subject to the Department of Transportation's approval, for repair and maintenance of state highways within its boundaries and would prohibit the authority from repairing and maintaining any state highway. (Amended 3/25/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>AB 116 (Beall)</b> Bay Area Transportation Authorities: Lowest Bidder/Best Value Requirement	Requires certain purchases made by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, or the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District to be let to the lowest responsible bidder or to the responsible bidder who submits a proposal that provides the best value. Requires that notices requesting bids be published in at least one general circulation newspaper and on the authority's or district's procurement Internet Web site. Requires the authority or district to obtain a minimum of three quotations. Requires a contract by the San Mateo County Transit District for the purchase of all supplies, equipment and materials, when the expenditure required exceeds \$100,000, to be by contract to the lowest responsible bidder or to the responsible bidder who submitted a proposal that provides the best value. Requires the district, as practicable, to obtain a minimum of three quotations whenever the expected expenditure exceeds \$2,500 but does not exceed \$100,000, and requires notice requesting bids to be published, as specified. (Amended 4/21/09)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

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<b>AB 144 (Ma)</b> Parking Enforcement: Disabled Placards	<p>Makes loaning of a disabled placard by the person to whom it has been issued for use by a person whom is not entitled to it or the fraudulent displaying of the placard punishable as either a misdemeanor or by the issuance of a parking citation. If treated as a parking citation, a violation would be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000. The punishment would remain the same for a violation treated as a misdemeanor, except that the fine for a misdemeanor punishment for a person who, with fraudulent intent, displays or causes or permits to be displayed a forged, counterfeit, or false disabled person placard would be not less than \$250, rather than not less than \$500, and not more than \$1,000. Authorizes a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to prohibit a vehicle for which the Department of Motor Vehicles' records indicate the disabled placard or license plate has been reported as lost, stolen, surrendered, canceled, revoked, or expired, or was issued to a person who has been reported deceased for a period exceeding 60 days from parking in a space designated for disabled persons. Requires a person who commits a violation by parking in a space reserved for disabled persons or blocking access to those parking spaces to be subject to the issuance of a parking citation imposing a civil penalty of \$250 to \$750, regardless of whether the person previously committed the offense. (Amended 5/11/09)</p>	Senate	
<b>AB 153 (Ma)</b> High Speed Rail Authority	<p>Removes the requirement that the High Speed Rail Authority must obtain legislative approval for its plan to construct and operate a high speed train system and before it enters into contracts, acquire rights-of-way through purchase or eminent domain, issues debt, enters into joint development agreements, raises fares or relocates highways or utilities. (Introduced 1/23/09)</p>	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	
<b>AB 177 (Price)</b> Green Economy Inclusion Act	<p>States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure greater equity and inclusion of all Californians in the future of developing and implementing climate change, transportation, land use, and economic stimulus policies to reduce such emissions in the state. Creates the California Urban Communities Collaborative Initiative in state government. Establishes an Inter-Agency Initiative Workgroup, partnership, and local committees for "at-risk urban communities" and assigns these entities specified duties with respect to coordinating and improving government efforts for such communities. Requires the workgroup to report annually to the Governor and Legislature on its activities. (Amended 4/23/09)</p>	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and The Economy Committee	

