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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 18, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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1. Hon. Jose Luis Solache
   LCMC Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26

2. Hon. Peggy Huang
   LCMC Vice Chair, TCA Representative

3. Hon. Sean Ashton
   Downey, RC District 25

4. Hon. Megan Beaman-Jacinto
   Coachella, RC District 66

5. Hon. Margaret Finlay
   Duarte, RC District 35

6. Hon. Jan C. Harnik
   RCTC Representative

7. Hon. Mark Henderson
   Gardena, RC District 28

8. Hon. Clint Lorimore
   Eastvale, RC District 4

9. Hon. Ray Marquez
   Chino Hills, RC District 10

10. Hon. Frank Navarro
    Colton, RC District 6

11. Hon. Kim Nguyen
    Garden Grove, RC District 18

12. Hon. David Pollock
    Moorpark, RC District 46

13. Hon. Carmen Ramirez
    Oxnard, RC District 45

14. Hon. Deborah Robertson
    Rialto, RC District 8

15. Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells
    Culver City, RC District 41
   Bell, RC District 27

17. Hon. David Shapiro  
   Calabasas, RC District 44

18. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker  
   El Centro, RC District 1

19. Hon. Donald Wagner  
   Orange County
The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(The Honorable José Luis Solache, Chair)

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Meeting

2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

3. Legislative Tracking Report

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Sacramento Update with Scott Lay, Editor, Around the Capitol
   (Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager)

5. November 2020 Statewide Ballot Measures
   (Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst)
6. Federal Appropriations and COVID-19 Legislation Update
   *(Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst III)*

7. Media/Public Affairs Update
   *(Margaret de Larios, Public Affairs Specialist II)*

**POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE**
*(Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs)*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

**ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

**ADJOURNMENT**
The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee held its July 21, 2020 meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Imperial County**
Cheryl Viegas-Walker  
_District 1_

**Los Angeles County**
Sean Ashton  
_District 25_
Margaret Finlay  
_District 35_
Mark Henderson  
_District 28_
Megan Sahli-Wells  
_District 41_
Ali Saleh  
_District 27_
Jose Luis Solache (CHAIR)  
_District 26_
David Shapiro  
_District 44_

**Orange County**
Peggy Huang (VICE-CHAIR)  
_Transportation Corridor Agencies_
Kim B. Nguyen  
_District 18_
Don Wagner  
_Orange County_

**Riverside County**
Jan Harnik  
_Riverside County Transportation Commission_
Clint Lorimore  
_District 4_

**San Bernardino County**
Ray Marquez  
_District 10_
Frank J. Navarro  
_District 6_
Deborah Robertson  
_District 8_

**Ventura County**
David Pollock  
_District 46_
Carmen Ramirez  
_District 45_

**CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order by the Chair José Luis Solache, at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was confirmed and roll call was taken.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no public comments submitted via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS
There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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3. Legislative Tracking Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to APPROVE the Consent Calendar.

The MOTION was SECONDED (Marquez) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Federal Legislative Update with Congresswoman Julia Brownley
Chair Solache introduced Congresswoman Julia Brownley, who represents the 26th Congressional District. Congresswoman Brownley began her remarks by providing the Committee with a brief description of the INVEST in America Act, the surface transportation bill that reauthorizes federal transportation programs. Congresswoman Brownley continued by stating the bill would authorize nearly $500 billion in investments, which would help create and sustain jobs, lessen congestion on roadways, enhance transit biking and walking options for commuters, reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and ultimately improve quality of life.
After providing further details on the legislation, Congresswoman Brownley concluded by sharing her appointment to the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the recent release of a comprehensive report with climate solutions.

Hon. Ramirez and Hon. Pollock, constituents of Congresswoman Brownley, thanked the Congresswoman for her work in the district and Ventura County, as well as for her work on transportation and air quality issues. Hon. Finlay inquired if other countries were also working on maintaining the environment. Congresswoman Brownley responded by stating she has seen a stronger commitment to the environment from other countries around the world.

Vice-Chair Huang asked if broadband was included in the report released by the Select Committee. Congresswoman Brownley responded that broadband was included in a larger infrastructure bill, House Resolution (HR) 2, the Moving Forward Act.

5. Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update
Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst, provided the Committee with an update on the federal surface transportation reauthorization bill. Ms. Sepulveda expanded on the points made by Congresswoman Brownley and added that the surface transportation reauthorization bill was rolled into a larger infrastructure package (HR 2). HR 2 is a $1.5 trillion dollar infrastructure package that includes $65 billion for clean and drinking water infrastructure, $17.5 billion for airports, $140 billion for schools and childcare center construction, and $100 billion for broadband infrastructure, among other areas. Ms. Sepulveda noted that because the bill was crafted without much input from Republican members of the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate was not expected to vote on HR 2. Ms. Sepulveda stated that HR 2 was more of a framework for House Democrats to negotiate. Ms. Sepulveda concluded by noting that staff expected a six month to one-year extension of the current legislation authorizing federal transportation programs.

6. State Budget Update
Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst, provided the Committee with a brief overview of the state budget that was signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020. Mr. Sanchez noted that the state budget was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Sanchez reported that there were disagreements between the Governor and Legislature on the state budget, primarily on whether additional federal aid would materialize for the state. Ultimately, the final state budget makes immediate cuts but will allow for restoration of those cuts if the state receives federal assistance by October 15, 2020. After detailing some of the cuts to programs in the state budget, Mr. Sanchez concluded his report by noting staff would continue to monitor budget developments as the Legislature approached its end-of-session on August 31, 2020.
7. Media/Public Affairs Update

Margaret de Larios, Public Affairs Specialist, provided the Committee with an update on recent media efforts, including the announcement of the winners of SCAG’s 2020 Scholarship Awards. Ms. de Larios also mentioned alerting the press to the historic July 3, 2020 Regional Council action declaring racism a public health crisis and committing $1 million to promote equitable economic and housing strategies. Ms. de Larios also reported working with President Rex Richardson to place an op-ed in the Southern California News Group’s Opinion section on how planning and land use can be used as tools to advance equity. The piece had reached upwards of 1.2 million readers, according to Ms. de Larios. Lastly, Ms. de Larios noted some of the upcoming media efforts, including announcing recipients of SCAG’s Go Human Mini-Grant program and sharing the outcomes of a new whitepaper featuring real-time analysis of COVID-19 impacts on the transportation sector in Southern California.

ACTION ITEM

8. Legislative Platform Discussion & Update

Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, began by stating that the Legislative Platform Discussion & Update report was a continuation of the discussion from the June 16, 2020 Committee meeting on the possibility of a mid-year update to the Legislative Platform. Mr. Gilhooley mentioned that at the last Committee meeting, members expressed general support for the inclusion of two bullet points, one relating to support for increased broadband access and another expressing support for increased educational opportunities through a proposed California State University, Palm Desert. Mr. Gilhooley also reported that Committee members were interested in discussing bullet points on a public health-related item and racial justice for possible inclusion in the platform. Mr. Gilhooley opened the floor for discussion for the committee members to provide feedback, direction, and suggestions on all four (4) bullet points. Mr. Gilhooley concluded by recommending the Committee support the four new bullet points for inclusion in the legislative platform.

After robust discussion among the Committee, a MOTION was made (Robertson) to SUPPORT all four bullet points. The MOTION was SECONDED (Ramirez).

Hon. Viegas-Walker offered a friendly amendment that would alter bullet point 1 to state:

“Support coordinated efforts that would prioritize additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure, particularly in low-income and rural communities, to bridge the digital divide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The friendly amendment was accepted by the makers of the MOTION and APPROVED by a unanimous vote. A roll-call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, updated the Committee on three initiatives the division is working on. Mr. Yoon began with the SCAG website redesign, scheduled to launch in November. Mr. Yoon then mentioned the upcoming Economic Summit and that staff was planning for both a virtual and in-person summit. Lastly, Mr. Yoon stated that Sustainable Communities Strategy outreach was a focus for the division, noting that since the May Regional Council meeting, there had been 27 different outreach events with nine different councils of government, five different business groups, a virtual town hall, a Twitter listening session, and a public survey.

Hon. Lorimore requested more details on the planning efforts behind the Economic Summit. Mr. Yoon responded that COVID-19 would ultimately dictate how the summit will be held in December. Staff was in the process of researching different locations to maximize social distancing in the event the summit was held in-person. Mr. Yoon also mentioned that holding the summit virtually was a possibility, with the recent experience of hosting the virtual Demographic Workshop as a guide. Hon. Lorimore asked for staff to examine the numerous platforms available for hosting a virtual event that would facilitate more interaction and networking.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Hon. Ramirez requested staff to provide a Salton Sea update on next month’s agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chair Solache thanked staff for their efforts on the Committee, as well as Hon. Harnik and Vice Chair Huang for helping during the leadership transition.

Hon. Ramirez announced the tragic passing of her friend and City of San Joaquin Councilmember Jose Ornelas from COVID-19. Hon. Ornelas worked with Hon. Ramirez at Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL). Hon. Ramirez concluded by wishing everyone well during the ongoing pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Solache adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) is asked to approve up to $6,500 in membership for the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

BACKGROUND:

**Item 1:** Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC)
**Type:** Membership  
**Amount:** $6,500

The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) was established to bring national attention to the need to significantly expand U.S. freight transportation capabilities and to work toward solutions for this growing national challenge. CAGTC works with and through its members to raise awareness with the public and Congress on the need for sufficient funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities.

As a founding member, SCAG’s participation in CAGTC was the result of the consistent Board-adopted goal to seek a federal freight funding partnership. As a member of CAGTC, SCAG can help shape national freight policy and legislation with the organization. Regional Council Board Officers
regularly traveled to Washington, DC to attend GAGTC meetings and conferences. CAGTC is comprised of over sixty representative organizations, including state Departments of Transportation (DOTs), MPOs, ports, engineering firms, and freight corridors who work to improve national freight policy. All of the Southern California freight stakeholders are members of CAGTC. SCAG Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey is a member of the GAGTC Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT:
$6,500 for SCAG’s membership in CAGTC is included in the approved FY 20-21 General Fund budget.

REVIEWED BY:

Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs

Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Legislative Tracking Report is provided to keep the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) apprised of any developments related to bills in Sacramento that have a nexus to the Regional Council’s positions on policies and legislative initiatives related to SCAG’s core planning and policy areas. Staff will update the report regularly with emerging legislation and welcomes the Committee’s input on bills it would like to follow.

BACKGROUND:
SCAG’s Legislative Tracking Report serves as a resource for the Committee to remain up to date on bills moving through the legislative process in Sacramento. Bills included in the tracking report have a nexus to the Regional Council’s positions on policies and legislative initiatives related to SCAG’s core planning and policy areas. Staff welcomes the Committee’s input on bills it would like to follow throughout the legislative session.

The Legislative Tracking Report has been modified to reflect the realities of policymaking in the State Legislature. Given that substantially fewer bills will be progressing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff has removed bills that will not be considered this session.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Work associated with the Legislative Tracking staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.
ATTACHMENT(S):
1. Legislative Tracking Report
Introduced: 1/18/2019
Last Amended: 6/29/2020
Status: 7/2/2020-Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
Location: 7/2/2020-S. N.R. & W.

Summary:
The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species and to add a species to, or remove a species from, either list if it finds, upon the receipt of sufficient scientific information, and based solely upon the best available scientific information, that the action is warranted. The act requires a petition for the listing or delisting of a species to include, at a minimum, sufficient scientific information that the petitioned action may be warranted, including information regarding the population trend, range, distribution, abundance, and life history of the species, the factors affecting the ability of the population to survive and reproduce, and the degree and immediacy of the threat. This bill would require the commission to accept a petition for consideration concurrent with a taking if the commission finds that the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, but the geographic proliferation of the species may lead to significant economic hardship or an impact on critical infrastructure during the above-described review of an accepted petition, and if a preponderance of the evidence presented in the petition shows there is no direct threat to the species that would lead to its decline during that period.

History:
2019
Jan. 18 Read first time. To print.
Jan. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee February 21.
Feb. 7 Referred to Com. on U. & E.
Apr. 29 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (April 24).
Apr. 30 Read second time and amended.
May. 1 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May. 8 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
May. 16 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 16).
May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
May. 23 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
May. 29 Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
Jun. 27 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Sep. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
2020
Jun. 29 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
Jun. 30 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Jul. 2 Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

AB 725  (Wicks D)  General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions.
Introduced: 2/19/2019
Last Amended: 7/21/2020
Status: 8/7/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (August 6).
Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/6/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:
8/13/2020  Upon adjournment of Banking and Financial Institutions Committee - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair
Summary:
The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the housing element include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable for residential development, to be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need determined pursuant to specified law. This bill would require that at least 25% of a metropolitan jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need for moderate-income housing be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least 4 units of housing, but no more than 100 units per acre of housing. The bill would require that at least 25% of a metropolitan jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need for above moderate-income housing be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least 4 units of housing. The bill would exclude unincorporated areas from this prohibition and would include related legislative findings.

History:
2019
Feb. 19 Read first time. To print.
Feb. 20 From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.
Feb. 28 Referred to Comm. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.
Mar. 26 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Apr. 2 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Comm. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 3 Re-referred to Comm. on H. & C.D.
Apr. 10 In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
2020
Jan. 6 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Comm. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.
Jan. 7 Re-referred to Comm. on H. & C.D.
Jan. 9 Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (Page 3769.) (pending re-refer to Comm. on L. GOV.)
Jan. 15 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Comm. on L. GOV. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (January 15). Re-referred to Comm. on L. GOV. From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Comm. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 3.) (January 15).
Jan. 16 Read second time and amended.
Jan. 17 Re-referred to Comm. on APPR.
Jun. 23 Referred to Comm. on HOUSING.
Jul. 21 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Comm. on HOUSING.
Aug. 7 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Comm. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (August 6). Re-referred to Comm. on APPR.

Organization: SCAG

Position: Tracking

AB 828 (Ting D) Temporary moratorium on foreclosures and unlawful detainer actions: coronavirus (COVID-19).

Introduced: 2/20/2019
Last Amended: 7/28/2020
Status: 7/28/2020-From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Comm. on JUD.

Location: 7/1/2020-S. JUD.

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Summary:
Would prohibit a person from taking any action to foreclose on a residential real property while a state or locally declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus is in effect and until 91 days after the state of emergency has ended, including, but not limited to, causing or conducting the sale of the real property or submitting for recordation a notice of default.

History:
2019
Feb. 20 Read first time. To print.
Feb. 21 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Mar. 4 Referred to Comm. on JUD.
Mar. 26 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (March 26).
Mar. 27 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Mar. 28 Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
Apr. 4 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0. Page 1040.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Apr. 24 Referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and JUD.
May. 22 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

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Apr. 8 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.
May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
May. 18 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Jul. 1 Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jul. 28 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Organization: SCAG

**AB 1112 (Friedman D) Micromobility devices: relocation.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019
**Last Amended:** 7/22/2020
**Status:** 7/22/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
**Location:** 7/22/2020-S. TRANS.

**Summary:**
Would prohibit an unauthorized person from removing an unattended micromobility device from a highway to a storage facility, garage, or other place. The bill would authorize a person to relocate an illegally parked micromobility device a short distance in order to clear a highway, sidewalk, doorway, or public bicycle path or trail for vehicle or pedestrian traffic. The bill would allow a peace officer to relocate an illegally parked micromobility device to a properly parked location. If relocation is impracticable, the bill would allow a peace officer to remove a micromobility device in the same manner as a vehicle.

**History:**

2019
Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.
Mar. 28 Referred to Com. on TRANS. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 1 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Apr. 8 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 9 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Apr. 23 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on P. & C.P. (Ayes 12. Noes 1.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on P. & C.P.
May. 6 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 30).
May. 7 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
May. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
May. 23 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
May. 29 Referred to Coms. on TRANS., GOV. & F. and JUD.
Jun. 3 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jun. 11 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Jun. 19 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

2020
Jul. 22 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

Organization: SCAG
**Position:** Tracking
**Summary:**
The Planning and Zoning Law allows a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a specified streamlined, ministerial approval process not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards, including that the development is (1) located in a locality determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development to have not met its share of the regional housing needs for the reporting period, and (2) subject to a requirement mandating a minimum percentage of below-market rate housing, as provided. This bill would require the department to designate areas in this state as high-opportunity areas, as provided, by January 1, 2022, in accordance with specified requirements and to update those designations within 6 months of the adoption of new Opportunity Maps by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.

**History:**

**2019**
Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.
Mar. 11 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and NAT. RES.
Mar. 21 Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96(a).
Apr. 10 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (April 10). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Apr. 25 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May. 8 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
May. 30 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jun. 12 Referred to Coms. on HOUSING, EQ. and GOV. & F.

**2020**
Apr. 24 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Jul. 22 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Organization:** SCAG
**Position:** Tracking

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**AB 1567**

*(Aguiar-Curry D)*

**Organic waste: scoping plan.**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019
**Last Amended:** 1/15/2020
**Status:** 6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:**
Would, on or before December 31, 2021, require the Strategic Growth Council, in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that provides a scoping plan for the state to meet its organic waste, climate change, and air quality mandates, goals, and targets and would require the scoping plan to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for the beneficial reuse of organic waste.

**History:**

**2019**
Feb. 22 Introduced. To print.
Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.
Feb. 25 Read first time.

**2020**
Jan. 6 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
Jan. 7 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Jan. 14 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (January 13).
Jan. 15 Read second time and amended.
Jan. 16 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jan. 27 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 78. Noes 0. Page 3899.)
Jan. 28 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

**AB 1845  (Rivas, Luz D) Homelessness: Office to End Homelessness.**
Introduced: 1/6/2020
Last Amended: 8/11/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/11/2020-S. APPR.

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Summary:
Would create, within the Governor's office, the Office to End Homelessness, which would be administered by the Secretary on Homelessness appointed by the Governor. The bill would require that the office serve the Governor as the lead entity for ending homelessness in California and would task the office with coordinating homeless programs, services, data, and policies between federal, state, and local agencies, among other responsibilities. The bill would require the office to exercise various powers and duties, including, among others, making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding new state policies, programs, and actions on homelessness.

History:
2020
Jan. 6 Read first time. To print.
Jan. 7 From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.
Jan. 17 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
Mar. 11 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (March 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 15. Noes 3.) (June 3).
Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Jun. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 10 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 69. Noes 0.)
Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HUMAN S.
Jul. 21 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HUMAN S.
Aug. 10 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (August 10).
Aug. 11 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

**AB 1851  (Wicks D) Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements.**
Introduced: 1/6/2020
Last Amended: 8/6/2020
Status: 8/6/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 7/31/2020-S. APPR.

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Summary:
Would prohibit a local agency from requiring the replacement of religious-use parking spaces that a
developer of a religious institution affiliated housing development project proposes to eliminate as part of that housing development project. The bill would prohibit the number of religious-use parking spaces requested to be eliminated from exceeding 50% of the number that are available at the time the request is made. The bill would prohibit a local agency from requiring the curing of any preexisting deficit of the number of religious-use parking spaces as a condition of approval of a religious institution affiliated housing development project.

**History:**

**2020**

Jan. 6 Read first time. To print.
Jan. 7 From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.
Jan. 30 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.
May. 5 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.
May. 6 Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
May. 12 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (May 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 15. Noes 1.) (June 2).
Jun. 3 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Jul. 30 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (July 29).
Aug. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 2621 (Mullin D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: climate adaptation action plans**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2020

**Last Amended:** 7/2/2020

**Status:** 7/2/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. E.Q.

**Calendar:**

8/14/2020 Upon adjournment of Governmental Organization Committee - Senate Chamber

SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Current law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor's office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible agencies, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined, to prepare a regional climate adaptation action plan for certain regions, as specified. The bill would authorize eligible agencies to voluntarily determine whether to establish membership in a regional climate network.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 20 Read first time. To print.
Feb. 21 From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.
Apr. 24 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
May. 4 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
May. 5 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
May. 6 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
May. 14 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (May 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 3040  (Chiu D)  Local planning: regional housing need assessment.
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amended: 7/28/2020
Status: 8/7/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 2.) (August 6).
Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/6/2020-S. APPR.

Calendar:
8/13/2020  Upon adjournment of Banking and Financial Institutions Committee - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:
The Planning and Zoning Law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with each council of governments, to determine the existing and projected need for housing in each region and further requires the appropriate council of governments, or the department for cities and counties without a council of governments, to adopt a final regional housing need plan that allocates a share of the regional housing need to each city, county, or city and county, as provided. This bill would authorize a city or county to include in its inventory of land suitable for residential development specified sites that contain an existing single-family dwelling unit, but that the city or county has permitted, or is proposing to permit, to contain 4 dwelling units as a use by right.

History:
2020
Feb. 21  Introduced. To print.
Feb. 22  From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Feb. 24  Read first time.
Apr. 24  Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 4  From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 5  Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 11  From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 12  Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 21  From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2  In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 3  From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 18. Noes 0.) (June 3).
Jun. 4  Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 11  In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jul. 1  Referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Jul. 7  From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Jul. 28  From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Aug. 7  From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 2.) (August 6). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

AB 3107  (Bloom D)  Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Summary:
The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any county or city, pursuant to specified procedures, to adopt ordinances that, among other things, regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between industry, business, residences, open space, and other purposes. This bill, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city’s or county’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency’s zoning code for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.

History:
2020
Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Feb. 24 Read first time.
Mar. 9 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.
Mar. 16 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
May. 11 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D.
Read second time and amended.
May. 12 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 21 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 3 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (June 3).
Jun. 4 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Jul. 21 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

**AB 3153 (Rivas, Robert D)** Parking and zoning: bicycle and car-share parking credits.

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 5/14/2020

**Status:** 6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. GOV. & F.

Summary:
Would require a local agency, as defined, to allow an applicant for a housing development project to reduce the number of motor vehicle parking spaces that they would otherwise be required to provide based on the number of long-term bicycle parking spaces and car-sharing spaces provided subject to certain limitations, as specified. The bill would provide that a parking reduction allowed pursuant to these provisions does not reduce or increase the number of incentives or concessions to which the applicant is otherwise entitled under a specified provision of the Density Bonus Law.

History:
2020
Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Feb. 24 Read first time.
Mar. 9 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.
May. 13 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (May 12).
May. 14 Read second time and amended.
May. 18 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 3 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 9 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Organization:** SCAG
**Position:** Tracking

### AB 3256

**Garcia, Eduardo** D  
**Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020  
**Last Amended:** 6/4/2020  
**Status:** 6/8/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
**Location:** 6/3/2020-A. RLS.

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**Summary:**  
Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**History:**

**2020**  
Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.  
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.  
Feb. 24 Read first time.  
Apr. 24 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
May. 4 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES.  
Read second time and amended.  
May. 5 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
May. 7 Measure version as amended on May 4 corrected.  
May. 14 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (May 13).  
May. 18 Read second time and amended.  
May. 19 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on RLS. (Ayes 13. Noes 4.) (June 3).  
Jun. 4 Read second time and amended.  
Jun. 8 Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

### AB 3279

**Friedman** D  
**California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020  
**Last Amended:** 7/27/2020  
**Status:** 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (August 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
**Location:** 8/11/2020-S. APPR.

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**Calendar:**  
8/17/2020 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair  

**Summary:**  
The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.
Among other changes, this bill would repeal certain obsolete and duplicative provisions from CEQA and make nonsubstantive changes to certain other provisions.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Feb. 24 Read first time.
Apr. 24 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
May. 14 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 2.) (May 13). Referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 15. Noes 1.) (June 3).
Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Jun. 9 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on EQ.
Jul. 1 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.
Aug. 11 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3300 (Santiago D) Homelessness: California Access to Housing and Services Act.**

*Introduced:* 2/21/2020

*Last Amended:* 6/4/2020

*Status:* 8/4/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

*Location:* 7/1/2020-S. HOUSING

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**Summary:**

By executive order, the Governor required the Department of Finance to establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund, administered by the State Department of Social Services, to provide funding for additional affordable housing units, providing rental and operating subsidies, and stabilizing board and care homes. This bill, the California Access to Housing and Services Act, would establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund in the State Treasury and continuously appropriate moneys in the fund solely for the purpose of implementing and administering the bill’s provisions.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Feb. 24 Read first time.
Mar. 9 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 4 From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.
May. 5 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
May. 21 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (May 20). Referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (June 3).
Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Jun. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 16 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Aug. 4 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking
**ACA 1** *(Aguiar-Curry D)* Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018  
**Last Amended:** 3/18/2019  
**Status:** 8/19/2019-Read third time. Refused adoption. Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.

**Location:** 5/20/2019-A. RECONSIDERATION

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**Calendar:** 8/24/2020 #36 ASSEMBLY MOTION TO RECONSIDER

**Summary:**  
The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.

**History:**

2018  
Dec. 3 Read first time. To print.  
Dec. 4 From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

2019  
Mar. 18 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and APPR. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.  
Mar. 19 Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
Mar. 28 Coauthors revised. From committee: Be adopted, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (March 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Apr. 24 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
Aug. 19 Read third time. Refused adoption. (Ayes 44. Noes 20. Page 2758.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Watch

**ACA 13** *(Obernolte R)* Local sales taxes: online sales.

**Introduced:** 3/26/2019  
**Status:** 3/28/2019-Introduced measure version corrected.

**Location:** 3/26/2019-A. PRINT

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**Summary:**  
Would provide that, on and after January 1, 2021, for the purpose of distributing the revenues derived under a sales tax imposed pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the retail sale of tangible personal property by a qualified retailer, as defined, that is transacted online is instead consummated at the point of the delivery of that tangible personal property to the purchaser's address or to any other delivery address designated by the purchaser.

**History:**

2019  
Mar. 26 Read first time. To print.  
Mar. 27 From printer. May be heard in committee April 26.  
Mar. 28 Introduced measure version corrected.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**HR 97** *(Frazier D)* Relative to high-speed rail.

**Introduced:** 6/3/2020  

**Location:** 6/11/2020-A. ADOPTED
Summary:
The High-Speed Rail Authority is hereby directed to not proceed with the execution of track and systems or train set procurements, or with the acquisition of the right-of-way along the City of Merced and the City of Bakersfield extensions, until the Assembly has considered and approved the High-Speed Rail Authority's funding request for appropriation of the remaining bond funds.

History:
2020
Jun. 3 Introduced.

Organization: SCAG

Position: Watch

**SB 45 (Allen D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018
**Last Amended:** 1/23/2020
**Status:** 1/30/2020-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 1/29/2020-A. DESK

Summary:
Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

History:
2018
Dec. 3 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Dec. 4 From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

2019
Jan. 16 Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W., EQ., and GOV. & F.
Feb. 20 Set for hearing March 12.
Mar. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W. March 12 hearing postponed by committee.
Mar. 13 Set for hearing March 26.
Mar. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on EQ. (Ayes 7. Noes 1. Page 439.) (March 26). Re-referred to Com. on EQ.
Mar. 28 Set for hearing April 3.
Apr. 4 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Apr. 12 Set for hearing April 24.
Apr. 25 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2. Page 845.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Apr. 30 Set for hearing May 6.
May. 1 May 6 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.
Aug. 30 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Sep. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Sep. 10 Senate Rule 29.3(b) suspended. (Ayes 29. Noes 8. Page 2746.) From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

2020
Jan. 27 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jan. 30 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
Organization: SCAG
Position: Watch

SB 278 (Beall D) Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
Introduced: 2/13/2019
Last Amended: 3/28/2019
Status: 6/18/2020-Referred to Com. on TRANS.
Location: 6/18/2020-A. TRANS.

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Summary:
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission Act creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a local area planning agency to provide comprehensive regional transportation planning for the region comprised of the 9 San Francisco Bay area counties. The act requires the commission to continue to actively, on behalf of the entire region, seek to assist in the development of adequate funding sources to develop, construct, and support transportation projects that it determines are essential. This bill would also require the commission to determine that those transportation projects are a priority for the region.

History:
2019
Feb. 13 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 14 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 16.
Feb. 21 Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 28 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Apr. 10 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

2020
Jan. 8 Set for hearing January 14.
Jan. 14 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0. Page 3087.) (January 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jan. 15 Set for hearing January 21.
Jan. 21 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to consent calendar.
Jan. 22 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.
Jun. 18 Referred to Com. on TRANS.

Organization: SCAG

Introduced: 2/13/2019
Last Amended: 8/12/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (August 6). (Amended 8/12/2020)
Location: 8/6/2020-A. APPR.

Calendar:
8/24/2020 #5 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- SENATE BILLS

Summary:
CEQA includes exemptions from its environmental review requirements for numerous categories of projects, including, among others, projects for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use and projects for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on high occupancy vehicle lanes already in use, as specified. This bill would further exempt from the requirements of CEQA certain projects, including projects for the institution or increase of new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail services on public rail or highway rights-of-way, as specified, whether or not the right-of-way is in use for public mass transit, as specified, and projects for the designation and conversion of general purpose lanes, high-occupancy toll lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, or highway shoulders, as specified. The bill would additionally exempt transit prioritization projects, projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians, projects by a public transit agency to construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission transit buses, projects carried out by a city or county to reduce minimum parking requirements, and projects for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Introduced: 2/22/2019
Last Amended: 8/11/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/6/2020-A. APPR.

Summary:
The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 (leadership act) authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2020, to certify projects that meet certain requirements, including certain labor-related requirements, for streamlining benefits provided by the leadership act related to compliance with CEQA and streamlining of judicial review of action taken by a public agency to require a judicial action to be resolved within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. The leadership act provides that if a lead agency fails to approve a project certified by the Governor before January 1, 2021, the certification expires and is no longer valid. The
leadership act requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for the certified project concurrent with the preparation of the environmental documents. The leadership act is repealed by its own terms on January 1, 2021. This bill would additionally include projects to construct an exclusive public mass transit guideway and related fixed facilities meeting certain conditions as projects that are eligible for certification by the Governor under the leadership act.

History:
2019
Feb. 22 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 25 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27. Read first time.
Mar. 14 Referred to Com. on RLS.

2020
Jan. 6 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jan. 8 Set for hearing January 14.
Jan. 14 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3088.) (January 14).
Jan. 15 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jan. 16 Set for hearing January 21.
Jan. 27 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jan. 30 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Jul. 27 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. July 29 hearing postponed by committee.
Aug. 10 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (August 6).
Aug. 11 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

SB 899  (Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.

Introduced: 1/30/2020
Last Amended: 8/3/2020
Status: 8/3/2020-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/3/2020-A. APPR.

Summary:
Would require that a housing development project be a use by right upon the request of an independent institution of higher education or religious institution that partners with a qualified developer on any land owned in fee simple by the applicant on or before January 1, 2020, if the development satisfies specified criteria. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. Among other things, the bill would require that 100% of the units, exclusive of manager units, in a housing development project eligible for approval as a use by right under these provisions be affordable to lower income households, except that 20% of the units may be for moderate-income households, provided that all the units are provided at affordable rent or affordable housing cost, as specified. The bill would authorize the development to include ancillary uses on the ground floor of the development, as specified.

History:
2020
Jan. 30 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Jan. 31 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 1.
Feb. 12 Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 16 Re-referred to Coms. on HOUSING, EQ., and GOV. & F.
May. 12 Referral to Coms. on EQ., and GOV. & F. rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.
May. 18 Set for hearing May 26.
May. 26 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page
SB 902 (Wiener) D) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

Introduced: 1/30/2020
Last Amended: 5/21/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (August 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/11/2020-A. APPR.

Summary:
Would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years, commencing January 1, 2022, based on specified criteria.

History:
2020
Jan. 30 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Jan. 31 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 1.
Feb. 12 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Mar. 9 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
Mar. 12 Set for hearing March 31.
Mar. 18 March 31 hearing postponed by committee.
May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.
May. 21 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
May. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.
Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.
Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Aug. 11 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (August 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
**SB 995**  (Atkins D)  Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.

*Introduced: 2/12/2020*
*Last Amended: 7/27/2020*
*Status: 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (August 6).*

**Location:** 8/6/2020-A. APPR.

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**Calendar:** 8/24/2020  #9  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- SENATE BILLS

**Summary:**
CEQA requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA authorizes the preparation of a master EIR and authorizes the use of the master EIR to limit the environmental review of subsequent projects that are described in the master EIR, as specified. This bill would require a lead agency to prepare a master EIR for a general plan, plan amendment, plan element, or specified plan for housing projects where the state has provided funding for the preparation of the master EIR.

**History:**
**2020**
Feb. 12 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 13 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.
Feb. 20 Referred to Com. on EQ.
Mar. 13 Set for hearing April 1.
Mar. 18 April 1 hearing postponed by committee.
May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.
May. 19 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on EQ.
May. 29 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0. Page 3621.) (May 29).
Jun. 2 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 4 Set for hearing June 9.
Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.
Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Jul. 27 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. July 29 hearing postponed by committee.
Aug. 11 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (August 6).

**Organization:** SCAG
**Position:** Tracking

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**SB 1120**  (Atkins D)  Subdivisions: tentative maps.

*Introduced: 2/19/2020*
*Last Amended: 7/27/2020*
*Status: 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (August 11).*

**Location:** 8/11/2020-A. APPR.

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**Calendar:** 8/24/2020  #35  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- SENATE BILLS

**Summary:**
Would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, within a single-family residential zone, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the...
proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income, that the proposed housing development does not allow for the demolition of more than 25% of the existing exterior structural walls, except as provided, and that the development is not located within a historic district, is not included on the State Historic Resources Inventory, or is not within a site that is legally designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district.

History:
2020
Feb. 19 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 20 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 21.
Feb. 27 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
May. 20 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
May. 21 Set for hearing May 28.
May. 28 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 3613.) (May 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.
Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.
Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 23 Ordered to special consent calendar.
Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Jul. 27 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Aug. 11 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (August 11).

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking

SB 1291 (Committee on Transportation) Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: submissions

Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amended: 4/3/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (August 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/10/2020-A. APPR.

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Summary:
Current law requires each metropolitan planning organization and transportation planning agency, not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, to submit its Federal Transportation Improvement Program to the Department of Transportation for incorporation into the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which current law requires the department to submit to the United States Secretary of Transportation by not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. This bill would provide that a metropolitan planning organization or transportation planning agency is not required to submit a Federal Transportation Improvement Program to the department, and the department is not required to submit the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to the secretary, for 2020.

History:
2020
Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.
Mar. 5 Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 26 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Apr. 3 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.
May. 29 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0. Page 3622.) (May 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.

Jun. 8 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to consent calendar.

Jun. 9 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.


Jun. 18 Referred to Com. on TRANS.

Jul. 28 July 28 hearing postponed by committee.

Aug. 11 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (August 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Attachments:
Support Letter

Organization: SCAG
Position: Support

**SB 1299** (Portantino D) Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.

*Introduced*: 2/21/2020

*Last Amended*: 8/3/2020

*Status*: 8/3/2020-second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

*Location*: 8/3/2020-A. APPR.

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*Summary:*

Current law establishes, among other housing programs, the Workforce Housing Reward Program, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to make local assistance grants to cities, counties, and cities and counties that provide land use approval to housing developments that are affordable to very low and low-income households. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the department to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants allocated as provided to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of workforce housing. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. In order to be eligible for a grant, the bill would require a local government, among other things, to apply to the department for an allocation of grant funds and provide documentation that it has met specified requirements.

*History:*

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.

Mar. 5 Referred to Com. on RLS.

Apr. 1 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.

May. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.

Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.


Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Jun. 23 Ordered to special consent calendar.


Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Jul. 28 July 28 hearing postponed by committee.

Jul. 30 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 29). Aug. 3 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Organization: SCAG
Position: Tracking
SB 1351  (Beall D)  Transportation improvement fee: revenue bonds.
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amended: 8/6/2020
Status: 8/11/2020-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 3.) (August 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 8/10/2020-A. APPR.

Summary:
Would create the Transportation Improvement Fee Subaccount in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account and would continuously appropriate the revenues in the subaccount to the Department of Transportation and cities and counties as part of the same appropriation made to those entities from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account. The bill would prohibit the revenues in the subaccount from being used to satisfy the above-described deductions from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, except under specified circumstances.

History:
2020
Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.
Mar. 12 Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 25 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.
May. 29 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0. Page 3622.) (May 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.
Jun. 8 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to consent calendar.
Jun. 9 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.
Jun. 18 Referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jul. 27 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jul. 28 July 28 hearing postponed by committee.
Aug. 6 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Aug. 11 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 3.) (August 10). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Organization:  SCAG
Position:  Tracking

SB 1373  (Bates R)  State highways: State Route 241: reduction.
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amended: 7/27/2020
Status: 7/27/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
Location: 6/29/2020-A. TRANS.

Summary:
Current law establishes the state highway system throughout the state and designates State Route 241 from State Route 5 south of the City of San Clemente to State Route 91 in the City of Anaheim. This bill would delete from the state highway system the portion of State Route 241 from State Route 5 south of the City of San Clemente to Oso Parkway east of the City of Mission Viejo.

History:
2020
Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.
Mar. 12 Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and TRANS.
Apr. 17 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
May. 11 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.
The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report includes a summary of qualified statewide propositions that will be appearing on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. Staff will keep the Committee apprised of any significant developments that may arise related to these ballot propositions.

BACKGROUND:
There are 12 qualified measures on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. SCAG has traditionally not taken positions on ballot propositions in prior elections unless there is a clear nexus between a proposed measure and a SCAG policy jurisdiction and/or an adopted legislative priority.

The propositions are briefly summarized below:

Proposition 14
The California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Initiative of 2020

A YES vote authorizes $5.5 billion in general obligation bonds for stem cell and other medical research, including training; stem cell therapy development and delivery; research facility construction; and associated administrative expenses.

A NO vote would not authorize $5.5 billion in general obligation bonds for stem cell and other medical research, including training; stem cell therapy development and delivery; research facility
construction; and associated administrative expenses.

Summary
If approved by the voters, Proposition 14 would authorize the issuance of up to $5.5 billion in general obligation bonds, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, to fund stem cell and other medical research at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, established in 2004 with the passage of Proposition 71. It also dedicates $1.5 billion to research and therapy for Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, stroke, epilepsy, and other brain and central nervous system diseases and conditions.

Proposition 15
Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property

A YES vote authorizes taxes to be levied on commercial and industrial properties based on the current market value instead of purchase price.

A NO vote would not authorize taxes to be levied on commercial and industrial properties based on the current market value instead of purchase price.

Summary
Proposition 15 is commonly known as the “split roll” property tax initiative. It would reverse a portion of Proposition 13, approved by the voters in 1978, specific to commercial and industrial properties, which are currently taxed based on the purchase price of a property. It is estimated that Proposition 15 would generate between $6.5 billion and $11.5 billion a year for schools and local governments.

Proposition 16
ACA 5 (Weber) – Chapter 23, Statutes of 2020
Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, and Contracting Decisions

A YES vote would repeal Proposition 209 and permit the state’s decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

A NO vote would maintain Proposition 209 and prohibit the state’s decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

Summary

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Approved by the voters in 1996, Proposition 209 prohibits policies that consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, known as affirmative action. Proposition 16 would reinstate affirmative action in areas such as public university admission policies and government hiring.

**Proposition 17**  
*ACA 6 (McCarty) – Chapter 24, Statutes of 2020*  
Restores Right to Vote After Completion of Prison Term

A **YES** vote would amend the state constitution to restore voting rights for individuals who are on parole.

A **NO** vote would not amend the state constitution to restore voting rights for individuals who are on parole.

**Summary**  
Currently, the state constitution dictates that individuals who committed felonies are given the right to vote upon conclusion of their parole. Proposition 17 would allow for the restoration of voting rights for individuals upon conclusion of their prison term. It is estimated that some 40,000 Californians would have their voting rights restored if Proposition 17 were passed.

**Proposition 18**  
*ACA 4 (Mullin) – Chapter 30, Statutes of 2020*  
Amends California Constitution to Permit 17-Year-Olds to Vote in Primary and Special Elections if They Will Turn 18 By the Next General Election and Be Otherwise Eligible to Vote

A **YES** vote would amend the state constitution to allow 17-year-olds who will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next general election to vote in any primary or special election.

A **NO** vote would not amend the state constitution to allow 17-year-olds who will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next general election to vote in any primary or special election.

**Summary**  
Currently, the state constitution allows individuals who are at least 18 years old on the date of an election to vote in that election. Assuming individuals are eligible to vote, Proposition 18 would amend the state constitution to allow 17-year-olds to vote in an election if they will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next general election or primary or special election.

**Proposition 19**  
*ACA 11 (Mullin) – Chapter 31, Statutes of 2020*
The Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families, and Victims of Wildfire or Natural Disasters Act

**A YES** vote would allow homeowners who are 55 years or older, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer their primary residence’s tax base to a replacement residence anywhere in the state.

**A NO** vote would not allow homeowners who are 55 years or older, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer their primary residence’s tax base to a replacement residence anywhere in the state.

**Summary**
Proposition 19 would allow individuals who are 55 or older, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer their primary residence’s tax base to another residence anywhere in the state. Proposition 19 would also limit tax benefits for certain transfer of real property between family members. Lastly, Proposition 19 would allocate most resulting state revenues to fire protection services and reimburse local governments for tax-related charges.

**Proposition 20**
Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors

**A YES** vote would limit access to parole programs established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term for their primary offense.

**A NO** vote would not limit access to parole programs established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term for their primary offense.

**Summary**
Proposition 20 would rescind some current voter-approved criminal justice changes by expanding the list of crimes that would preclude offenders from winning early release and giving parole boards more leeway to deny parole; tightening supervision of parolees; increasing criminal penalties for serial and organized retail theft crimes; and requiring DNA collection for some misdemeanors.

**Proposition 21**
Expands Local Governments’ Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property

**A YES** vote would amend state law to allow local governments to establish rent control measures on residential properties over 15 years old.
A NO vote would not amend state law to allow local governments to establish rent control measures on residential properties over 15 years old.

Summary
Proposition 21 would amend the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act to allow local governments to create rent control measures on residential properties over 15 years old. Proposition 21 would also allow rent increases in rent-controlled properties of up to 15 percent over three years at the start of a new tenancy. Currently, Costa Hawkins limits the kind of rent control measures local governments can impose, including preventing them from establishing rent control policies on units constructed after February 1995 and protecting a landlord’s right to raise a unit’s rent to market rate once a tenant moves out.

Proposition 22
Exempts App Based Transportation and Delivery Companies from Providing Employee Benefits to Certain Drivers

A YES vote would classify app-based drivers as “independent contractors” instead of “employees” and provide independent-contractor drivers other compensation.

A NO vote would not classify app-based drivers as “independent contractors” and instead consider them “employees.”

Summary
Proposition 22 arose after the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 5 (Chapter 296, Statutes of 2019), which classified workers of app-based transportation and delivery companies as employees rather than independent contractors. Proposition 22 would reverse AB 5 and classify drivers as independent contractors, unless a company sets drivers’ hours, requires acceptance of specific ride or delivery requests, or restricts working for other companies. Although Proposition 22 holds that independent contractors would not be subject to minimum wage, overtime, unemployment insurance, and workers’ compensation benefits in state law, they would be entitled to other compensation, including minimum earnings, healthcare subsidies, and vehicle insurance.

Proposition 23
Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics. Established Minimum Staffing and Other Requirements

A YES vote would require at least one licensed physician on site during treatment at outpatient kidney dialysis clinics, prohibit clinics from reducing services without state approval, and prohibit clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source.
A NO vote would not require at least one licensed physician on site during treatment at outpatient kidney dialysis clinics, allow clinics to reduce services without state approval, and allow clinics to refuse to treat patients based on payment source.

**Summary**
Proposition 23 would require dialysis clinics to implement changes to on-site operations, including a requirement to have at least one licensed physician on site during treatment, as well as reporting dialysis-related infection data to the California Department of Public Health and National Healthcare Safety Network.

**Proposition 24**
Amends Consumer Privacy Laws

A YES vote would permit consumers to prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information, and limit businesses' use of “sensitive personal information,” including precise geolocation, race, ethnicity, and health information. Would also establish the California Privacy Protection Agency.

A NO vote would not permit consumers to prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information, and limit businesses' use of “sensitive personal information,” including precise geolocation, race, ethnicity, and health information. Would also not establish the California Privacy Protection Agency.

**Summary**
Proposition 24 would strengthen the California Consumer Privacy Act by establishing a new state agency, allowing consumers to ask that personal information not be sold, and increasing financial penalties against violators.

**Proposition 25**
Referendum to Overturn a 2018 Law that Replaced Money Bail System with a System Based on Public Safety Risk

A YES vote would allow Senate Bill (SB) 10 (Chapter 244, Statutes of 2018) to go into effect and eliminate a money bail system to be replaced with a system based on public safety risk.

A NO vote would overturn SB 10 and maintain a money bail system instead of a system based on public safety risk.

**Summary**
SB 10, signed in 2018, would make California the first state to eliminate cash bail in the criminal justice system, if voters pass Proposition 25. Judges would have the ability to determine whether an individual should be released while awaiting trial, based on a public safety risk judgement.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Work associated with the November 2020 Statewide Ballot measures staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.
To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

From: Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst III, Legislation
(213) 236-1864

Subject: Federal Appropriations and COVID-19 Legislation Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
October 1, 2020 marks the beginning of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 for the federal government. To date, the House has passed 10 of 12 spending bills for FY 2021 through two separate spending packages. The Senate has yet to introduce its own set of fiscal 2021 measures or announce plans for committee action. Since Congress is 43 days out from the new fiscal year, it is likely to pass a short-term Continuing Resolution that maintains current funding levels past Election Day and possibly into early 2021.

Negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the White House over the fifth COVID-19 aid package formally began in July 2020. At the moment, negotiations have completely stalled. Although the two sides reportedly have consensus on areas like small business assistance, funding for personal protective equipment and testing, and additional stimulus checks for individuals, they remain far apart on issues like state and local aid and an extension of pandemic unemployment benefits. This report provides an overview of the federal appropriations process, an analysis of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill, and an update on negotiations over a fifth COVID-19 assistance package.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Update

October 1, 2020 marks the beginning of FY 2021 for the federal government. There are a total of 12 spending bills that fund various federal departments and make up the federal budget that must be passed by Congress and signed by the President. A federal budget or a Continuing Resolution (CR)
that keeps spending at FY 2020 levels must be in place by September 30, 2020 in order to prevent a government shutdown.

Thus far, the House has passed 10 of the 12 spending bills for FY 2021 through two separate spending packages, H.R. 7608 and H.R. 7617. The Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill would fund the Department of Transportation (DOT) at $107.2 billion, which is about $18 billion more than President Trump’s original budget request. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would receive a total of $18.9 billion, which is substantially more than the FY 2020 enacted level of $12.91 billion. It would also boost transit formula funding by more than 50 percent to $15.9 billion. The Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program within FTA funds transit capital investments, including heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, and bus rapid transit. The program would receive $2.175 billion, an increase of $197 million over last year.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would receive a total of $18.1 billion, and the Airport Improvement Program would see a 25 percent boost to $500 million in FY 2021. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) would receive $2.99 billion through the THUD appropriations bill, which is $200 million more than the previous fiscal year. Most of this funding is directed towards Amtrak, which will see $1.3 billion for its National Network and $750 million for the Northeast Corridor. The Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program would receive $500 million, which is an increase of $175 million over the previous year. The table below summarizes funding for agencies and programs within DOT:

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- $3 billion for BUILD grants;
- $2.5 billion for discretionary airport grants;
- $5 billion for CRISI grants;
- $8 billion for Amtrak, including $5 billion for the Northeast Corridor and $3 billion for the National Network; and
- $5 billion for the CIG program.

During floor consideration, the House approved amendments to maintain Amtrak’s dining service and increase funding for zero- and low-emission buses by $1.5 million. On July 30, 2020, President Trump issued a veto threat over a provision to require masks on planes, trains, and buses. Among other items, the administration also took issue with what it called "excessive" funding levels for DOT, the Highway Trust Fund, Amtrak, and the Essential Air Service. House leaders decided to leave out the Homeland Security spending measure because of disagreements over immigration-related provisions. They also put off the Legislative Branch appropriations bill because it does not include a cost-of-living adjustment for Members of Congress, maintaining a freeze on their salaries that has been in effect since 2009.

The Senate has yet to introduce its own set of fiscal 2021 measures or announce plans for committee action. Senate Republicans and Democrats are at loggerheads over whether to include emergency coronavirus aid or police reform provisions. Since Congress is 43 days out from the new fiscal year, it is likely to pass a short-term CR that maintains current funding levels past Election Day and possibly into early 2021.

The table below lists the 12 appropriations bills and their location in the appropriations process:

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COVID-19 Federal Aid Package

The COVID-19 pandemic has had deep impacts to public health and local economies prompted by an abrupt shutdown of workplaces across the country to reduce exposure to the virus. In response, Congress quickly approved three emergency funding packages (H.R. 6074; H.R. 6201; and H.R. 748), in March 2020, directing aid to businesses, hospitals, workers and local governments with populations over 500,000. On April 23, 2020, President Donald Trump signed a fourth relief package (H.R. 266) for small businesses, hospitals and to expand testing.

On May 12, 2020, House Democrats introduced the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act (H.R. 6800), which would provide $3 trillion in emergency funding to help with the coronavirus response effort. At the center of this legislation is $915 billion in direct and flexible aid to state and local governments of all sizes to be used for the COVID-19 response or to backfill lost tax revenue. The bill would also allocate an additional $15.75 billion for local mass transit agencies and $15 billion in highway formula funds for state departments of transportation to continue infrastructure projects. On May 15, 2020, the House passed the HEROES Act on a 208 to 199 vote. This action set forth the House’s priorities for negotiating the fifth COVID-19 aid package with the Senate and White House.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell opted to wait to develop an alternative response to the HEROES Act to see how the implementation of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) unfolded before deciding how a new proposal would be structured. On July 27, 2020, Senate Republican leadership introduced the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools Act (HEALS Act), which would provide $1 trillion in COVID-19 relief funding. The proposal includes another round of $1,200 stimulus checks, $10 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, $105 billion to reopen schools and colleges, continues the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) through December 31, extends supplemental unemployment benefits at a reduced level of $200, and provides five-year liability protections for small businesses, schools, hospitals, and universities. Notably, the proposal leaves out additional funding for state and local governments. Instead it allows them to direct up to 25 percent of their CARES Act funding for lost revenue if that same entity shares 25 percent of their allotment with smaller governments within their jurisdiction.

With the release of the HEALS Act, negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the White House formally began over the fifth COVID-19 aid package. Leader McConnell announced that he
would step back but help pass any deal the two sides reached. Negotiations have completely stalled. Although the two sides have reportedly reached consensus on areas like small business assistance, funding for personal protective equipment and testing, and additional stimulus checks for individuals, they remain far apart on issues like state and local aid and an extension of pandemic unemployment benefits.

In response, on August 8, 2020, President Trump took action via one executive order and three presidential memoranda to federal agencies. The actions consist of deferring student loan payments and payroll taxes for those earning less than $100,000 through the end of the year. It also directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control to “consider whether any measures temporarily halting residential evictions” are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Lastly, it would extend supplemental federal unemployment benefits at a reduced rate of $400 payments each week by diverting $44 billion from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal government would cover $300 of the payment, with the states providing the remaining $100. In response, Governor Gavin Newsom stated that California does not have the capacity to cover any portion of the new federal extension of unemployment benefits and estimated it would cost the state $700 million per week to cover those unemployment claims.

The impasse leaves in limbo all the various programs and needs for which SCAG has advocated. This includes financial aid to support local governments regardless of population size to help fund COVID-related emergencies and to backfill lost tax revenue, and assistance for struggling transit agencies to maintain service and advance transportation infrastructure projects in the SCAG region.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**
1. SCAG Letter for COVID Federal Legislation
July 23, 2020

The Hon. Mitch McConnell  The Hon. Charles E. Schumer
Senate Majority Leader   Senate Minority Leader
Washington, DC 20510    Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Nancy Pelosi    The Hon. Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House   House Minority Leader
Washington, DC 20515    Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Support for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) Relief Legislation to Assist Local Governments

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization (MPO) representing six counties, 191 cities, and 19 million residents, I write to offer support for the legislative proposals outlined below that are put forward by Members of Congress to provide federal assistance for local governments of all sizes. As negotiations continue between congressional leaders over details of another COVID–19 relief package, it is our hope that these bills will be included.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had deep impacts to public health and local economies prompted by an abrupt shutdown of workplaces across the country to reduce exposure to the virus. This caused the national unemployment rate to skyrocket to as high as 14.7 percent in April 2020, its highest level since the Great Depression. While I appreciate Congress’ leadership in passing four emergency relief packages, additional relief is critically needed to assist state and local governments. I urge you to include direct fiscal relief for all local governments, including those below a 500,000 population threshold. Moreover, the federal aid packages should allow funding to replace the billions of lost tax revenue expected by cities and counties due to the economic slowdown. Local governments continue to be on the front lines responding to the pandemic while at the same time leading the economic recovery.
Recently, the National League of Cities surveyed officials from more than 1,100 municipalities to better understand the financial impacts of COVID-19 on America’s cities. The survey, which focuses on local spending cuts, found that 74 percent of municipalities have already started making unavoidable cuts and adjustments in response to the projected $360 billion revenue loss for cities over the next three years. They also found that 65 percent of cities have had to delay or cancel capital expenditures and infrastructure projects since the coronavirus pandemic broke out.

More robust and direct stimulus is needed for local governments to both rebuild the economy and maintain essential services. SCAG supports the following legislative proposals for consideration in any future COVID-19 relief package:


   On May 15, 2020, the House passed the HEROES Act to provide $3 trillion in emergency funding to help with the coronavirus response effort. Although the HEROES Act contains several provisions outside of SCAG’s area of expertise, at the center of this legislation is almost $1 trillion in direct and flexible aid to state and local governments of all sizes to be used for the COVID-19 response or to backfill lost tax revenue. Specifically, the HEROES Act would allocate $500 billion in funding to assist state governments and $375 billion in funding to assist local governments. Of this, municipalities would receive $250 billion within the first month of the bill being enacted into law and another $125 billion one year after, recognizing that cities will need assistance with a second budget cycle. **SCAG supports the HEROES Act (H.R. 6800).**

2. **The Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467/S. 3623)**

   These bills would provide $250 billion in funding to local governments with fewer than 500,000 residents, removing the population threshold set in the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136). Funding would be allocated based on the local government’s population relative to the state’s population. Local governments can use funds to cover direct or indirect coronavirus-related costs incurred during the period of March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. **SCAG supports the Coronavirus Community Relief Act (H.R. 6467/S. 3623).**


   These bills would create a $500 billion SMART Fund for state and local governments to cover the costs associated with responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and backfill lost revenues. The legislation does not include a population threshold to qualify for aid. The SMART Fund would set aside $16 billion for tribal governments. The remaining funds would be distributed in three equal pots of $161 billion each based on population size, infection rates, and revenue.
losses. For each pot, states would receive two-thirds of the funding, while counties and cities would each get a one-sixth share of their state’s allocation for a combined total of one-third. SCAG is concerned that a portion of the funds would be allocated based on COVID-19 infection rates because there is no uniform way of reporting or tracking rates at the national level. SCAG strongly supports S. 3752/H.R. 6954 if it were amended to remove infection rates as a distribution method.

4. COVID-19 Cost-Share Adjustment Relief Act of 2020 (H.R. 6669)

This legislation requires the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the costs of COVID-19-related Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance under emergency and major disaster declarations. State and local governments across the country are currently assuming overwhelming costs for the COVID-19 response, while coping with massive reductions in revenue due to the economic slowdown. H.R. 6669 would take the financial burden off state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, which typically pick up 25 percent of the costs. SCAG supports the COVID-19 Cost-Share Adjustment Relief Act of 2020 (H.R. 6669).

5. Supporting State and Local Leaders Act (H.R. 6643/S. 3653)

These bills repeal the prohibition against granting federal, state, and local governments a tax credit for paid sick and paid family and medical leave, in the same manner that private sector employers are. These bills would be very helpful for local governments and all public agencies that currently shoulder the full cost of leave benefits required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127). Furthermore, this would help to ease the liquidity crunch many public agencies are facing and would serve as a bridge during the crisis so they can meet other, more critical obligations. SCAG supports the Supporting State and Local Leaders Act (H.R. 6643/S. 3653).

Thank you for your extraordinary leadership during this unprecedented global pandemic. I appreciate your consideration of the ideas outlined above and if we can provide any additional information on these positions or the impacts to the SCAG region, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878.

Sincerely,

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Southern California Congressional Delegation
    Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
    Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA)
Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
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