

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 9, 2014

TO: Legislative Briefing

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of September 30, 2014

## **Adherence to Strategic Plan:**

**Goal B: Regional Advocacy.** Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

## **NEW STATE LAWS**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AB 1147 re: Massage Therapy (Support)

ENVIRONMENT - AB 2188 re: Solar Energy: permits. (Oppose)

TRANSPORTATION – SB 1037 - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax. (Monitor)

SB 1298 - High Occupancy Toll Lanes (Monitor)

## **FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION**

HR 2468 (Matsui)	Safe Streets Act of 2013 - Requires each state to have in effect within two years a law, or each state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) an explicit policy statement that requires all federally-funded transportation projects, with certain exceptions, to accommodate the safety & convenience of all users in accordance with certain complete streets principles. Defines "complete streets principles" as federal, state, local, or regional level transportation laws, policies, or principles which ensure that the safety and convenience of all users of a transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, children, older individuals, motorists, freight vehicles, & individuals with disabilities, are accommodated in all phases of project planning and development. Allows such law or policy to make project-specific exemptions from such principles only if: (1) affected roadways prohibit specified users by law from using them,	SUPPORT (4/24/14 Letter sent to author 5/29	6/21/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
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	<p>the cost of a compliance project would be excessively disproportionate to the need, or the population, employment densities, traffic volumes, or level of transit service around a roadway is so low that the expected roadway users will not include pedestrians, public transportation, freight vehicles, or bicyclists; and (2) all such exemptions are properly approved.</p> <p>Requires the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to establish a method for evaluating compliance by state departments of transportation and MPOs with complete streets principles.</p> <p>Requires the Access Board to issue final standards for accessibility of new construction and alterations of pedestrian facilities for public rights-of-way.</p> <p>Requires the Secretary to conduct research regarding complete streets to: (1) assist states, MPOs, and local jurisdictions in developing and implementing complete streets-compliant plans, projects, procedures, policies, and training programs; and (2) establish benchmarks for, and provide technical guidance on, implementing complete streets policies and principles.</p>		
<p>HR 5101 (Hahn)</p>	<p>National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014: Provides a long-term solution by creating a dedicated funding source to better serve our freight network at no new cost to a business or taxpayer.</p> <p>1. Will create the National Freight Network Trust Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This would be funded by directing 5% of all import duties already collected by Customs and Border Protection (CBP).</li> <li>▪ 5% of import duties would deposit approximately <u>\$1.9 billion in the Trust Fund every year</u> at our current rate of imports.</li> <li>▪ This dedicated funding source is at no new cost to business or individuals.</li> </ul> <p>2. Would provide funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The National Freight Network</li> <li>▪ Roads and rail lines that connect such network to a port</li> <li>▪ On-dock rail</li> <li>▪ Projects that appear in a State freight plan</li> <li>▪ Projects that appear in a regional transportation plan</li> </ul>	<p><b>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>7/14/14 House Transportation &amp; Infrastructure Committee, Highways &amp; Transit Subcommittee</p> <p>House Ways and Means Committee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High freight volume roadway or rail corridors that provide connectivity for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ports</li> <li>○ Intermodal connectors</li> <li>○ Multimodal freight facilities</li> <li>○ Multistate freight corridors</li> <li>○ International borders</li> <li>○ Airports</li> <li>○ Railway-highway grade separations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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STATE BILLS THAT HAVE DIED IN THIS YEAR’S SESSION:

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AB 2216 re: Regional Occupational Centers affecting SoCal ROC
- ELECTION PROCESS – AB 2550 and AB 2715 (see above, now AB 1383) re: election dates and districts which the Board opposed.
- ENVIRONMENT – AB 1970 California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Community Investment and Innovation Program.
- FINANCE – AB 2711 Oil and gas: loan to City of Hermosa Beach
- PUBLIC SAFETY – AB 1893 re: Sharps waste; AB 1894 re: medical marijuana
  - SB 1262 re: Medical marijuana: regulation of physicians, dispensaries, & cultivation sites.