

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2014

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of October 15, 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)	<p>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 &amp; convenience of all users in accordance with certain complete streets principles.</p> <p>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, &amp; individuals with disabilities, are accommodated in all phases of project planning and development.</p> <p>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, 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</p>	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>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will create the National Freight Network Trust Fund. <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> </li> <li>2. Would provide funding for: <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> <li>▪ High freight volume roadway or rail corridors that provide connectivity for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ports</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<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>○ 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>		
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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.