Transportation Special Session Bills in Play

ASSEMBLY BILLS

ABX-1 Alejo: Transportation Funding: would retain vehicle weight fees in State Highway Account, delete “gas tax swap,” ends restriction on unrestricted transpo funding that now has to go towards transportation debt service. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-2 Perea: would extend authorization for Public-Private Partnerships NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-3 Frazier and Atkins: Transportation Funding: spot bill BYPASSED COMMITTEE; WAITING FOR AMENDMENTS/CONFERENCE

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ABX1-5 Hernandez: would changes rules for Low Income Housing credit for farmworker housing NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-6 Hernandez: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities: would allocate at least 20% of funding to rural areas, at least 50% to affordable housing projects NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-7 Nazarian: Transit funding: would raise GGRF allocation to Transit and Intercity Rail program to 20% (from 10%) and to Low Carbon Transit Operations to 10% (from 5%) NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-8 Chiu: would raise diesel sales and use taxes to 5.25% NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-9 Levine: Richmond San Rafael bridge: would temporarily add lane on bottom deck of bridge (urgency) NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-10 Levine: would allow no extra compensation for large infrastructure projects until certified complete. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-11 Gray: would appropriate money for Merced campus parkway project NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

ABX1-12 Nazarian: would authorize LA Metro to enter public private partnerships, pass bonds for infrastructure projects NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SENATE BILLS

SBX1-1 Beall: transportation funding: would create Road Maintenance and Rehab program, require CTC to adopt performance criteria for efficient use of funds. 12-cent increase in gas tax, 22-cent increase in diesel fuel tax, same on fuel storage taxes; increase vehicle registration fee by $35; add $100 veh reg fee for zero-emission vehicles; adds a “road access charge” of $35 to every vehicle. Allocates to self-help counties and Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. Would require Caltrans to plan for 30% efficiency increase. PASSED TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE; CURRENTLY IN APPROPRIATIONS

SBX1-2 Huff: would allocate any cap-and-trade money from fuels to roads highways. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE
SBX1-3 Vidak: would scuttle HSR; allow no further bonds sold except for early improvement projects, allocate any outstanding money for repair and new construction on highways, local roads KILLED IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-4 Beall: Transportation Funding: spot bill. BYPASSED COMMITTEE; WAITING FOR AMENDMENTS/CONFERENCE

SBX1-5 Beall: Transportation Funding: spot bill. BYPASSED COMMITTEE; WAITING FOR AMENDMENTS/CONFERENCE

SBX1-6 Runner: would delete high speed rail from the GGRF for high-speed rail and allocate that money amount to: 40% for state highway projects, 40% for local street and road projects divided equally between cities and counties, and 20% to public transit. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-7 Allen: would increase diesel sales and use tax to 5.25% for transit NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-8 Hill. Transit Funding: would raise GGRF allocation to Transit and Intercity Rail program to 20% (from 10%) and to Low Carbon Transit Operations to 10% (from 5%) NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-9 Moorlach: would require Caltrans to contract out up to 50% of architectural and engineering services. KILLED IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-10 Bates and Nguyen: would eliminate CTC role in STIP process but keep some oversight re: expenditure. Would give MPOs, transportation agencies, or county transportation commission block grants to allocate according to their regional plans. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SBX1-11 Berryhill: would offer CEQA exemption for repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to existing nonstate roadways in city or county with less than 100,000 population (how would this affect Complete Streets?) In 2025, would expand exemption to all counties and state highways. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SBX-12 Runner: would exclude CTC from oversight by CalSTA, and give CTC more power over programs in SHOPP. PASSED TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE; CURRENTLY IN APPROPRIATIONS

SBX1-13 Vidak: would create independent Office of Transportation Inspector General “to ensure all state agencies expend transportation funds efficiently and effectively.” Creates a six-year term for a governor-appointed bureaucrat. PASSED TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE; CURRENTLY IN APPROPRIATIONS

SBX1-14 Cannella: would extend Caltrans authority to enter PP3s and include SCVTA in definition of agencies who can enter PP3s. NOT YET HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SCA X 1.1 Huff: would restrict any fee or tax that comes from motor vehicles to streets and roads. Needs 2/3 vote. HEARD IN COMMITTEE; NO VOTE TAKEN AS YET (AMENDMENTS SOUGHT)