

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 25, 2014

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of September 17, 2014

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 1147 (Gomez, Muratsuchi)	Massage Therapy. Revises the qualifications for certification as a massage practitioner and massage therapist, and <i>would require an applicant for a certificate as a massage practitioner to pass a massage and bodywork competency assessment examination that meets generally recognized psychometric principles and standards, and that is approved by the council.</i>	SUPPORT (6/27/13) (Letter sent 2/10/14 to author & SB Senators & 5/14/14 letter to Sen BPED Comm)	9/10/14 To Governor
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ENVIRONMENT

AB 2188 (Muratsuchi)	Solar Energy: permits. This bill would require a city or county to process and approve any permit application for a residential rooftop solar energy system of up to 10kW on the same day it has been submitted. AMENDMENT: REQUIRED PERMIT INSPECTION WITHIN 5 DAYS AMENDED TO 'IN A TIMELY MANNER'.	OPPOSE (5/22/14) (Ltr 6/20/14 to Sen. Gov & Finance Comm.Committee)	9/4/14 To Governor
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TRANSPORTATION

SB 1037 (Hernandez)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: transactions and use tax. Would require the MTA, prior to submitting an amended ordinance to the voters, to amend the expenditure plan previously prepared for the voter-approved Measure R transactions and use tax with respect to certain matters relating to projects and programs to be funded under Measure R and to develop a transparent process to determine the most recent cost estimates for those projects and programs. Would also require the MTA to include the updated expenditure plan in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Would require the updated Long Range Transportation Plan to include capital projects and	MONITOR	NEW LAW
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	capital programs that are adopted by each subregion, as specified, and that are submitted to the MTA for inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan.		
SB 1298 (Hernandez)	High Occupancy Toll Lanes. Removes the limitations on the number of HOT lanes that the California Transportation Commission may approve and would delete the January 1, 2012 deadline for HOT lane applications. Would also delete the requirement for public hearings on each application.	MONITOR	8/28/14 To Governor
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 & 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, & 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 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>	SUPPORT (4/24/14 Letter sent to author 5/29	6/21/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

	<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>		
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BILLS THAT HAVE DIED:

- 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.