



DATE: ~~June 25~~ July 6, 2015
TO: STA Board
FROM: Jayne Bauer, Marketing and Legislative Program Manager
RE: Legislative Update

Background:

Each year, STA staff monitors state and federal legislation that pertains to transportation and related issues. On December 10, 2014, the STA Board approved its 2015 Legislative Priorities and Platform to provide policy guidance on transportation legislation and the STA's legislative activities during 2015.

Monthly legislative updates are provided by STA's State and Federal lobbyists and are attached for your information (Attachments A and B). An updated Legislative Bill Matrix listing state bills of interest is available at <http://tiny.cc/staleg>.

Discussion:

The California State Legislature will be on recess from July 18th until August 17th. In the closing days of the budget debate, Governor Brown called for the Legislature to convene a special session to address the state's multibillion-dollar backlog of deferred transportation infrastructure maintenance, and proposed the Legislature "enact pay-as-you-go, permanent and sustainable funding to: adequately and responsibly maintain and repair the state's transportation and critical infrastructure; improve the state's key trade corridors; and complement local infrastructure efforts." The Legislature responded by convening Extraordinary Session 1 on June 19; no legislative actions were taken at that time, but the Legislature is now organized to address this high priority issue.

STA has submitted letters of support for two bills going forward in the Extraordinary Session:

AB 227 (Alejo) is now titled ABX 1-1. This bill would require the repayment of outstanding transportation loans by December 31, 2018 and prevent the future borrowing of weight fee revenues from the State Highway Account.

SB 16 (Beall) is now titled SBX 1-1. This bill would phase in a multi-faceted transportation funding package, resulting in an approximately \$3 billion annual increase in transportation funding.

After this staff report was written, Assemblyman Perea and 21 Assemblymembers (including The Honorable Jim Frazier) introduced Bi-Partisan Public Private Partnership (P3) Bill in Transportation Extraordinary Session. ABX1-2 would remove the sunset date and allow Public Private Partnerships (P3s) to continue to be an option for transportation infrastructure beyond January 1, 2017. This bill would maintain a critical tool for California to rebuild its transportation infrastructure, improve California's transportation commerce, and therefore improve its economy. STA 2015 Legislative Priority #2 supports "legislation that encourages public private partnerships and provides low cost financing for transportation projects." It is important to act on this bill now since the Board does not meet again until September, and the Legislature may act on this bill prior to their summer recess at the end of next week. Staff recommends a support position on ABX1-2.

Congress Passes MAP-21 Extension: Long-Term Plan Still on the Agenda

Both the Senate and the House are working towards putting together a multiyear transportation bill. As yet, the funding has not been identified. See Susan Lent's Federal Legislative Update (Attachment B) for more details on the activity in Washington DC.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

~~Informational~~, [Support Assembly Bill X1-2 \(Perea\)](#)

Attachments:

- A. State Legislative Update
- B. Federal Legislative Update