

# Memorandum

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The status of 21 bills dealing with transportation funding is summarized below. This summary will keep the Commission aware of all funding proposals when providing advice and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor. June 5, 2000 is the last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin.

## **Status of Transportation Funding Bills**

### **AB 1303 (Flores) - Highways: Local Projects: Funding**

**SUMMARY:** Would by January 1, 2005, phase in a redirection of revenues from 2.25 cents of the state fuel taxes from the State Highway Account to local subventions, and would appropriate \$300 million from the State Highway Account to cities (50%) and counties (50%) for reconstruction and storm damage repair of local streets.

**STATUS:** Passed ASSEMBLY (05/17/1999)  
In SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

### **AB 1706 (Strickland) - Sales and Use Taxes: Exemptions: Fuel Taxes**

**SUMMARY:** Provides, for purposes of the Sales and Use Tax Law that the terms sales price and gross receipts do not include the amount of any state and federal fuel taxes, and would provide intent language in connection thereto, as specified.

**STATUS:** Passed ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE (4/03/2000)  
Failed passage in ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (04/12/2000).

### **AB 1776 (McClintock) - Highways: Transportation Gridlock Emergencies**

**SUMMARY:** Includes a transportation gridlock emergency, which the bill would define, within the definition of "state of emergency" which the Governor is authorized to proclaim.

**STATUS:** Failed passage in ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/10/2000)

### **AB 2026 (Maddox) - Transportation: Caltrans: Rental/Sale/Leasing**

**SUMMARY:** Requires that any funds received by the Department of Transportation for the rental, lease, or sale of real property be deposited in the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund and be made available, upon appropriation, for interregional transportation capital improvement projects.

**STATUS:** Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/03/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2052 (Aroner)** - Transportation: Public Transit: CalWORKS Recipient

SUMMARY: Creates the Welfare-To-Work Account in the State Transportation Fund and provides that money in the account is continuously appropriated to Caltrans for allocation to regional transportation entities for the purpose of developing transportation projects and services to assist persons who are receiving aid under the CalWORKs program. Would appropriate \$20 million from the General Fund to the Account.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/10/2000)  
Passed HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (04/25/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

**AB 2061 (Lowenthal)** - Diesel Fuel Tax Exemption

SUMMARY: Relates to the Diesel Fuel Tax Law. Provides for the taxation of experimental fuel, as defined, pursuant to the Diesel Fuel Tax Law, at a specified rate per gallon, except that for the first 24 months experimental fuel would be exempt from the tax.

STATUS: In ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**AB 2066 (Lowenthal)** - Vincent Thomas Toll Bridge Account

SUMMARY: Requires Transportation Commission on or before 7/1/2001, to suspend the collection of tolls on the Vincent Thomas Toll Bridge. Requires the funds in the Vincent Thomas Toll Bridge Account on that date be retained in that account until the amount of funds in the account, including interest, equals an amount that is sufficient to repay any remaining obligation to the State Highway Account incurred from transfers specified and to fund the additional transfer specified.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (03/27/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2114 (Longville)** - Motor Vehicle and Diesel Fuel Taxes

SUMMARY: Revises the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, on and after January 1, 2002, to be an amount calculated based on the prior year's rate adjusted by the California Consumer Price Index.

STATUS: In ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**AB 2148 (Nakano)** - Highways: Storm Water Abatement Amount

SUMMARY: Transfers \$10 million of federal transportation funds the Storm Water Abatement Account established by the bill in the State Transportation Fund. These funds would be continuously appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the award of grants to local, state, and nonprofit entities for projects to undertake environmental restoration and pollution abatement projects. The bill would establish selection and eligibility requirements.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/24/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2173 (Bates)** - Transportation: Federal Funds

SUMMARY: Prohibits the California Transportation Commission from redirecting federal transportation funds if the funds are retained by the local agency for obligation to a multiyear project that is on a timeline within the term authorized under the federal authorizing legislation.

STATUS: Failed Passage in ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/24/2000)

**AB 2451 (Runner)** - Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes: Local Roads

SUMMARY: Would direct \$0.02 per gallon of the state gasoline tax into a new account, the Local Government Road Maintenance Account, to be distributed on a continuous basis to cities and counties for local road maintenance. The bill would also require an amount equal to that deposited into the Local Government Road Maintenance Account to be transferred from the General Fund to the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account, to compensate that fund for the loss of the redirected revenue.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/24/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2470 (Wiggins)** - Sales and Use Tax Exemptions: Fuel

SUMMARY: Provides an exemption from the state sales and use tax on the gross receipts from the sale in this state of petroleum products to air common carriers for immediate shipment outside this state for consumption in the conduct of their business.

STATUS: In ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

**AB 2527 (Scott)** - Vehicles Fees

SUMMARY: Enacts the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000; removes certain larger commercial motor vehicles and commercial trailers and semitrailers from the Vehicle License Fee Law and, upon implementation of permanent trailer plate identification program, provides that moneys equal to the sum of vehicle license fees previously collected from commercial trailers or semitrailers under the unladen weight registration system are incorporated into the declared gross vehicle weight fee schedule.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/24/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2604 (Zettel)** - Transportation: Funding: Allocations

SUMMARY: . Funds appropriated from the General Fund for transportation capital improvement projects, except when appropriated in response to a natural disaster, shall be included when preparing the STIP Fund Estimate, and programmed for either interregional improvement projects or regional improvement projects, in accordance with the percentages set forth in the STIP, and counted when applying the formulas set forth for STIP County Shares.

STATUS: Passed ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/24/2000)  
In ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**AB 2742 (Baugh)** - Transportation: Funding

SUMMARY: For fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05, transfers all revenues from the state sales tax due to federal and state motor vehicle fuels currently deposited in the general fund to the following transportation purposes; \$100 million per year to the Public Transportation Account, approximately \$300 million per year to the State Highway Account to back fill for shifting revenues from 2cents of the state gasoline tax to local subventions for cities and counties, and the remainder (approximately \$400 million) to the State Highway Account.

STATUS: In ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**AJR 52 (McClintock)** - Fuel Tax

SUMMARY: Memorializes the President and the Congress to repeal the 1993 federal motor vehicle fuel tax increase (\$0.043).

STATUS: In ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**SB 1426 (Rainey)** - Transportation: Sales Tax on Motor Vehicle Fuel

SUMMARY: Transfers sales and use tax revenues that result from imposition of state and federal taxes on motor vehicle fuel from the General Fund to the State Highway Account for use to fund construction of highway capacity enhancing projects under the state transportation improvement program, and for no other purpose.

STATUS: Failed Passage in SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/25/2000)

**SB 1427 (Rainey)** - Income/Corporation Taxes: Credits: Transit Passes

SUMMARY: Reinstates tax credits to employers for providing public transit passes to employees, for taxable and income years beginning on or after 1/1/2000, and before 1/1/2005.

STATUS: Failed Passage in SENATE REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE (03/29/2000)

**SB 1772 (Brulte)** - Highways: Bicycle Transportation Account: Funds

SUMMARY: Commencing on July 31, 2001, would increase the amount required to be transferred to the Bicycle Lane Account from \$2 million a year to \$1 million per month and would require the transfer to occur on the last day of each month.

STATUS: Passed SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/04/2000)  
In SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

**SB 1809 (Johnston)** - Transportation Enhancement Activity funding

SUMMARY: Requires that funds programmed for the federal Transportation Enhancement Activities program be apportioned 75% as regional surface transportation program funds, and 25% in accordance with the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Procedures and Criteria -Part C, adopted by the California Transportation Commission on December 9, 1999.

STATUS: Passed SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/04/2000)  
In SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**SB 2003 (Speier)** - Transportation: Rapid Commuter Rail Funding

SUMMARY: Appropriates an unspecified sum to the Department of Transportation for allocation to the governing board of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the purpose of establishing rapid commuter rail service between the city and county of San Francisco and the city of San Jose, and between the City of Stockton and an area that includes the mid San Francisco peninsula, and the city of San Jose.

STATUS: Passed SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (04/04/2000)  
In SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE