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2013 State Legislative Priorities

Project Streamlining & Expediting: Support legislation directed at CEQA modernization and process reform that expedites project delivery and the creation of jobs. For example, concurrent rather than consecutive environmental review, and expedited judicial review of challenges to environmental rulings.

Financing, Economic Development & Community Reinvestment: Support legislation to expand use of innovative finance structures to spur new opportunities for economic development, community reinvestment, and the development of transportation projects and infrastructure investment, including Public-Private Partnerships (P3s), Private Equity finance, and flexibility of local government to adopt alternate financing structures such as Infrastructure Financing Districts and local, targeted finance authorities.

Cap & Trade: Support legislation that ensures an equitable portion of revenues generated from the implementation of the Cap & Trade program are allocated to transportation improvements that result in the reduction of pollution and GHG emissions commensurate with the transportation sector's impact in causing these emissions.

'MAP-21' Implementing Legislation: Support state legislation that ensures funding under the new federal surface transportation reauthorization law, MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century), is invested in transportation projects that improve air quality and expand the capacity of the entire transportation system from state highways to intercity rail.

International Trade and Ports: Support legislation that will increase exports congruent with President Barack Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI) to double exports and create two million jobs over five years. In addition, prevent the loss of international trade-related jobs in the Southern California region that are at jeopardy from the expanded investments by East and Gulf Coast Ports and the Panama Canal. Suggested/recommended ideas include providing tax credit certificates to exporters and importers and re-establishing the California Export Finance Office (CEFO).

Triple Bike Racks: Support legislation that allows public buses to increase the bike rack length to allow for the transport of three bikes. Current regulations limit the capacity at two bikes and do not support the public's request for additional active transportation options.

Criminal Justice Realignment: Support legislation that clarifies local governments' challenges and concerns with implementing criminal justice realignment.

Affordable Housing: Support legislation that provides alternative sources of funding or structures for development of affordable housing.

Water Bond: Support legislation that invests in water infrastructure that establishes a sufficient and reliable source of water to the Southern California region, which comprises approximately half of the state's population and commerce.

Entertainment Tax Credit: Support legislation that will extend the entertainment tax credit long-term (i.e., five years or more) in order to stop the loss of entertainment jobs, investment and support industries unique to one of Southern California's touchstone industries.

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