MEMO

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TO: The Regional Council

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SUBJECT: State Legislative Matrices

SUMMARY:

Attached to this memorandum are "Top Ten" state bills and constitutional amendments of interest to SCAG. SCAG's positions are noted, as well as those of other agencies where available.

On the state legislative calendar, several important dates occur in late May and June. On May 28, bills introduced this year must pass their house of origin, and the state budget must be passed by June 15th. As of this writing on May 13th, Government Affairs is awaiting the release of the Governor's May Budget Revision. We will update committees about budget developments in June.

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Housing

Bill, Author and Staff Contact	Description	Relevance to SCAG Region	Positions	Status and Hearing Date	Notes
AB 2158 (Lowenthal) Staff: Mark Stivers (916) 445-8740	RHNA reform bill.	SCAG is statutorily required to produce the RHNA for the SCAG region.	CSAC-Support; RC considers Support position 6/3/04.	Assembly Third Reading.	SCAG has actively participated in the Lowenthal Working Group on RHNA reform.
AB 2348 (Mullin) Staff: Mark Stivers (916) 445-8740	RHNA reform bill.	SCAG is statutorily required to produce the RHNA for the SCAG region.	CSAC-Pending; RC considers Support position 6/3/04.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.	SCAG has actively participated in the Lowenthal Working Group on RHNA reform.

Energy and Environment

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AB 1971 (Lowenthal) Staff: Josh Tooker (916) 319-2054	Clarifies provisions that require ports to operate in such a manner that trucks do not idle or queue for more than 30 minutes.	Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles located in SCAG region; goods movement central to regional economy; air quality affected.	SCAG: Support. No related agency positions.	Passed Assembly; to Senate.	In 2003, SCAG supported AB 2650 (Lowenthal) that enacted the idling/queuing prohibition.
AB 2042 (Lowenthal) Staff: Josh Tooker (916) 319-2054	Requires SCAQMD to set baseline for emissions at Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Growth must be limited or controlled so baselines are not exceeded.	Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles located in SCAG region; goods movement central to regional economy; air quality affected.	EEC Info Item 5/6/04. City of Long Beach-Support. Ports - Oppose.	Assm. Third Reading.	

Transportation

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AB 2041 (Lowenthal) Staff: Josh Tooker (916) 319-2054	Requires new Port Congestion Management District to set a charge for transporting cargo to or from Ports of Long Beach or Los Angeles by commercial motor vehicle during peak hours.	Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles located in SCAG region; goods movement central to regional economy; traffic congestion and air quality worsening with truck traffic.	No related agency positions.	Assm. Appropriations. No hearing scheduled.	Mitigation Measure 3.3-3a of the EIR for the 2004 RTP: "SCAG shall encourage the ports to extend their operating hours in order to reduce heavy-duty truck traffic during peak periods, thereby reducing the VHT these trucks spend in delay."

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AB 2372 (Correa) Staff: John Scribner (916) 319-2069	Provides that STIP carry-forward provisions do not authorize the Transportation Commission to carry forward a county's surplus in lieu of programming funds for projects in the county within the 4-year share period unless requested.		OCTA sponsored; VCTC opposes.	Assm. Trans. Not heard.	
AB 2456 (Spitzer) Staff: Dane Wadle (916) 319-2071	Permits RTPAs or CTCs not receiving federal plannning funds to request a portion of its regional improvement funds for planning.		OCTA sponsored.	Assm. Appropriations. Not heard.	
AB 2847 (Oropeza) Staff: Andrew Antwih (916) 319-2093	Imposes a 5 cent fee per gallon on the sales of gasoline or motor vehicle diesel fuel and deposits revenues in a Highway Fee Fund for maintenance, operation and improvement of state highway and local street and road system.	Adopted 2001 and 2004 RTPs depend on increased public revenues for transportation within the planning horizon.	CALCOG-Oppose Unless Amended	Assm. Appropriations. No hearing scheduled.	
ACA 24 (Dutra) Staff: Chris Tapio (916) 3190-2020	Authorizes the Legislature to loan funds in the Transportation Investment Fund to the General Fund or any other state fund or account, or to local agencies, under Article XIX conditions.	The 2004 RTP calls for the protection of Proposition 42 revenues by no longer permitting the suspension of transfers from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund.	CALCOG-Support; CSAC-Support	Assm. Approp. No hearing scheduled.	SCAG supported the passage of Proposition 42 in 2002 that created the Transportation Investment Fund.
ACA 29 (Harman) Staff: Peter Crandall (916) 319-2067	Deletes provision authorizing the Governor and Legislature to suspend the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund.	The 2004 RTP calls for the protection of Proposition 42 revenues by no longer permitting the suspension of transfers from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund.	SCAG: Support. No related agency positions.	Assm. Approp. No hearing scheduled.	SCAG supported the passage of Proposition 42 in 2002 that created the Transportation Investment Fund.
SB 1614 (Torlakson) Staff: Robert Oakes (916) 445-6083	Imposes a 10 cent fee per gallon on the sales of gasoline or motor vehicle diesel fuel and deposits revenues in a Highway Fee Fund for maintenance, operation and improvement of state highway and local street and road system.	Adopted 2001 and draft 2004 RTPs call for increased public revenues for transportation.	CALCOG-Oppose Unless Amended; CSAC-Pending.	Senate Trans. Not heard.	

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