

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

TIMELY ISSUES FOR 2010

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Purpose

This document is a companion to the SBCCOG Annual Legislative Agenda and is intended to highlight specific issues of interest and/or concern that are likely to be addressed by legislation or regulation in the coming year.

Issues of Significance

A. Protect local government revenues

B. Transportation

1. Support an economic stimulus package which: a) waives the 20% federal local match requirement for projects that can be fast tracked and b) includes transit capital and operating assistance.
2. Protect existing state transportation and transit funding from elimination and/or diversion such as the revenue from Proposition 1B.
3. Support federal re-authorization legislation funding to finance multi-agency and multi-modal transit centers
4. **Seek legislation to create a class of Medium Speed Vehicles** and advocate for legislation and regulations which facilitate the use of neighborhood vehicles in communities
5. **Work with our congressional delegation to promote and advocate for transit funding including accelerated funding for the Green Line South Bay Extension.**
6. **Urge Metro to assess the integrity of the rail system – issues such as connectivity and proper sizing of the stations and structures**
7. **Promote funding for non-traditional alternative forms of local transportation.**
8. **Support delaying the implementation of the congestion pricing project on the Harbor Freeway until the mitigation measures are in place.**
9. **Advocate having Metro allow cities to use their project consultants to assist cities to integrate their transit centers into regional transit projects instead of an arbitrary 3% contribution.**
10. **Encourage leveraging existing Measure R highway funds for additional projects**

C. Environmental Issues

1. Support legislation to refine AB 32 and SB 375 implementation which recognizes the constraints of built out cities and strategies for areas where there is minimal transit.
2. **Support legislation to fund the costs of AB 32/SB 375 implementation or delays the implementation until funding is available.**
2. Support legislation that would exempt storm water fees from Prop 218 voting requirements.

D. Energy Efficiency and Conservation

1. Support a fair and competitive allocation of funds for energy efficiency and other public good programs (e.g. self-generation and renewables) such that local governments have the opportunity and sufficient funding to implement programs that best conserve energy and meet the needs of their communities.
2. Support programs which coordinate the work of the Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission to conserve resources and use them most efficiently in order to promote comprehensive conservation of all resources.
3. Promote ways to further encourage utility companies to find innovative and expeditious ways to implement utility undergrounding projects in accordance with the CPUC mandate.
4. Support PUC & CEC working on water metric to show energy savings.