

League of California Cities
Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Legislation *(March 28, 2012)*

Measure	Author	Topic	Digest Status	League Position
AB 457	Wagner	Public works contracts: relief for bidders	<p>Entitles a bidder who successfully challenges the award of a public works contract determined to be invalid due to errors or omissions of the public entity to recover costs and attorney's fees incurred in pursuing the challenge and would allow attorney's fees and costs to be awarded to the public entity under specified circumstances.</p> <p><i>In Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee – Failed Deadline</i></p>	Oppose
AB 539	Williams	Vehicles: speeding: school zones: penalties	<p>Allows a local authority to adopt an ordinance or resolution that would double the base fine for speeding in a school zone under certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee – Failed Deadline</i></p>	Support
AB 819	Wieckowski	Bikeways	<p>For the purposes of research, experimentation and verification, this bill requires CalTrans to establish procedures for cities, counties and other local agencies to request approval to use nonstandard planning, design, and construction features in the construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.</p> <p><i>In Senate Transportation and Housing</i></p>	Pending
AB 890	Olsen	Environment: CEQA exemption: roadway improvement	<p>Exempts city roadway improvement projects from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements if the project is within the existing right-of-way.</p> <p><i>To be heard in Senate Environmental Quality – Date TBD</i></p>	Support
AB 1050	Ma	Telecommunications: prepaid mobile telephony services: taxes and fees.	<p>Provides for a uniform system of collection for local and state taxes from consumers of prepaid wireless services.</p> <p><i>In Senate Governance and Finance</i></p>	Watch

AB 1178	Ma	Solid waste: place of origin	Prohibits a city or county from restricting or limiting in any way the importation of solid waste based on its place of origin. <i>In Senate Environmental Quality</i>	Oppose
AB 1308	Miller	Highway Users Tax Account: appropriation of funds	Provides for a continuous appropriation of transportation funding from the Highway Users Tax Account if a State Budget is not enacted by July 1, the beginning of the State's fiscal year. <i>In Assembly Appropriations – Failed Deadlines</i>	Support
AB 1598	Buchanan	Public contracts: public works: installation	Defines "installation" (for purposes of the law applicable to the payment of prevailing wages on public works projects) to include the assembly and disassembly of freestanding and affixed modular office systems. <i>In Assembly Labor and Employment – 3/28/2012</i>	Watch
AB 1627	Dickinson	Environmental quality: building standards: vehicle miles traveled	Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to prescribe standards to reduce vehicle miles traveled by occupants of residential and nonresidential buildings within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization. The bill would also prohibit local governments from issuing local building permits until it has been confirmed that the building satisfies the minimum standards established by the CEC. <i>In Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protections – Date TBD</i>	Oppose
AB 1650	Portantino	Public utilities: emergency and disaster preparedness	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness plans, and requires that electric and gas utilities develop, adopt, and update such plans. Also requires electric and gas utilities to meet and consult with cities and counties in the development of their plan. <i>In Assembly Utilities and Commerce – Date TBD</i>	Pending
AB 1706	Eng	Vehicles: unladen weight	This bill is expected to be amended to address an issue with public transit buses that are currently operating with an axle weight exceeding the current legal limit. <i>In Assembly Transportation – 4/16/2012</i>	Watch

AB 1915	Alejo	Safe Routes to Schools	Allows up to 10 percent of SRTS program funds to be used to assist eligible recipients in making infrastructure improvements, other than schoolbus shelters, that create safe routes to bus stops that are located outside the vicinity of schools. <i>In Assembly Health</i>	Watch
AB 2231	Fuentes	Sidewalks: repairs	Requires a city or county to repair any sidewalk that is damaged as a result of trees, and prohibits the local entity from imposing a fee on the property owner for the repair. Also shifts liability for trip and fall claims to the city. <i>In Assembly Local Government – 4/18/2012</i>	Oppose
AB 2277	Hueso	Adopt a Highway Program: courtesy signs	Requires CalTrans to notify cities of Adopt-a-Highway Program applications and post all applications on the CalTrans website. Also gives cities 30 days to hold a public hearing on signs to be placed in their jurisdiction and approve the placement of the sign. If the city does not respond in 30 days, CalTrans would be authorized to move forward with the placement of the sign. <i>In Assembly Transportation – 4/16/2012</i>	Pending
AB 2559	Buchanan	Natural gas pipelines: pipeline integrity management	Requires that gas corporations notify a city whenever a pipeline integrity plan may result in pipeline inspection, remediation, or replacement work in the jurisdiction. Also requires the city to expedite any permitting or other actions necessary to complete the necessary work. <i>In Assembly Utilities & Commerce – Date TBD</i>	Pending
SB 475	Wright	Infrastructure financing	Clarifies that private financing may be used in combination with public financing to construct publicly owned, fee-producing infrastructure and extends the permissible lease period; adds sanitary sewer systems to the list of project types that can be financed through existing law; and, clarifies existing law regarding the use of user fees for such infrastructure projects. <i>In Assembly Local Government – Failed Deadlines</i>	Support
SB 829	Rubio	Public contracts: public entities: project labor agreements	Prohibits state funding or financial assistance to be used on any project awarded by a charter city that has a provision, initiative, or ordinance that bans the consideration of a project labor agreement (PLA). <i>In Assembly Appropriations 3/28/12</i>	Oppose

SB 1388	DeSaulnier	Parking: inoperable parking meters	<p>Allows a vehicle to park in any parking space with an inoperable parking meter or parking payment center for up to the posted time limit. This bill allows a city to enact and enforce an ordinance that provides for a different policy (example – no parking at an inoperable parking meter), provided the city post the rule with “signs or markings.” Defines “inoperable parking meter” and “parking payment center” for the purposes of the section.</p> <p><i>Passed Senate Transportation and Housing 3/27/12 – expected to go to Senate Floor next.</i></p>	Seeking amendments
SB 1570	Wyland	Vehicles: automated parking enforcement	<p>Authorizes the installation of an automated parking enforcement system on a street sweeper operated by a private vendor pursuant to a contract with a local agency.</p> <p><i>In Senate Judiciary – Date TBD</i></p>	Support