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## **Medical Marijuana Clean-up Bill Moves Forward**

The Senate Governance and Finance Committee today approved the medical marijuana cultivation clean-up measure, [AB 21](#) (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey and Wood) on a vote of 6-0. Supported by the League, the California Police Chiefs Association, and several individual cities, AB 21 would remove the March 1, 2016 deadline for local governments have cultivation regulations in effect or face state pre-emption. The bill will next go to the Senate Health Committee, where it is set for hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

In the Senate Health Committee, there may be an effort to add provisions on patient access, which might conflict with local control. The League advises member cities to continue plans to enact cultivation bans, as this bill has many more hurdles ahead.



## **City Officials Encouraged to Volunteer for Road Usage Charge Pilot Program** *Signup Online for Pilot that Begins Summer 2016*

California drivers have an opportunity to participate in the state's study whether a road usage fee could fund California's transportation system by signing up to be part of the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program. Launching this summer, the nine month pilot program pilot will help the California Transportation Commission (CTC) study whether a road user fee is a sustainable long-term alternative to the current gas tax, which is not adequate to meet the state's transportation needs. Information gathered from 5,000 volunteers will help inform the Legislature's decision on whether to implement such a program statewide. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **California Economic Summit Releases 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity**

The California Economic Summit [announced the release](#) of its 2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity, which puts forward a plan to achieve multiple ambitious goals — the One Million Challenges — each one vital to expanding sustainable economic growth in California. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The CTC has a [website](#) featuring resources, information and an [electronic volunteer registration form](#). A detailed [FAQ](#) includes information about the program.

No actual fee will be collected during the study. Instead the CTC will be examining several ways to measure and calculate road usage. Participants will submit simulated payments as part of the study and will have the opportunity to select from a variety of options to report mileage. Some use technology and others do not.

### Background

It is no secret that California's roads, bridges and highways are deteriorating rapidly because there is not a dedicated funding source for maintenance and repair. TRIP, a national transportation research firm, determined that the average California driver pays \$762 annually for repair costs resulting from the state's poor road conditions. According to the 2014 [biennial California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#), California's local system will face a \$78.3 billion funding shortfall by 2024.

Created by SB 1077 (2014), The California Road Usage Charge Pilot Program is actively recruiting volunteers to participate in the study. The criteria and parameters of the program were drafted by the CTC's Technical Advisory Commission that executed a thorough process that included public meetings, public opinion surveys and focus groups, stakeholder feedback and more.

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The Roadmap is the result of collaboration by the Summit's network of business, equity, environmental and civic organizations to sharpen strategies at the 2015 California Economic Summit in Ontario, where leaders pledged to work together to meet the One Million Challenges.

### What's In the Roadmap

Built on successes in advancing goals shared across the state's economic regions, the Roadmap lays out what the Summit aims to accomplish in 2016.

A detailed set of action plans highlights the next steps to make progress in three benchmarks essential to the California economy:

- One million more skilled workers: With wages stagnating and income inequality rising — and millions of Californians struggling to make ends meet in low-wage jobs — industries from health care to manufacturing are still struggling to find skilled workers. The Summit has set a goal of closing this looming "skills gap" by supporting the formation of regional civic organizations that can align the state's expansive training and education programs with the needs of employers.
- One million more homes: With housing supply falling far below demand — driving up housing prices and rents beyond what millions of Californians can afford — the Summit will also lead a comprehensive effort aimed at reducing the costs and increasing the supply of all types of housing near transit and jobs.
- One million more acre-feet of water each year: With Californians using substantially more water each year than the state's infrastructure can reliably supply, the Summit will support the expansion of watershed management solutions that can help regions conserve, capture, and re-use enough water to achieve a sustainable water balance.

To read the [2016 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity](#) or learn more information, visit [www.CAEconomy.org](http://www.CAEconomy.org).

For questions about the Roadmap, contact [info@caeconomy.org](mailto:info@caeconomy.org) or (916) 244-1525.

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## **White House Opens Champions for Change Program Nominations, Summer Opportunity Workshop**

Over the summer many young people and their families lose access to critical supports that keep them safe, healthy and engaged in learning and meaningful work experiences. The summer “opportunity gap” contributes to gaps in achievement, employment, and college and career success, particularly for low-income students. Studies also show that providing summer opportunities help divert youth from criminal involvement and reduce violence. To meet this challenge, state and local leaders, community-based organizations, private sector and philanthropic leaders, schools and other youth-serving agencies are coming together to create a set of supports that enable strong transitions from school year to school year and from high school to college and careers.

In recognition of the innovative and effective summer jobs, learning, and meals partnerships in cities, towns and counties, the White House and the National Summer Learning Association will convene a [Champions of Change](#) event to highlight leaders who are turning summer from a time of loss into a time of great gain. The White House is asking local governments to help identify and honor individuals who are dedicating their time, talent and resources to strengthen and expand summer learning, meals and jobs opportunities for young people.

A summer opportunity workshop will be held in addition to honoring Champions of Change in summer opportunity. People from around the country will hear what’s working, learn about new resources, share best practices, and meet new partners.

Under President Obama’s leadership, opportunities for more enriching summers have grown significantly. Summer opportunities have expanded through the [My Brother’s Keeper](#) Initiative; the AmeriCorps program, which provides critical staffing for summer programs across the country; the growth of the USDA Summer Meal Programs, which leverages community sponsors to provide meals to all children and teens in eligible areas across the country; and the new vision for summer school and expanded models for summer jobs, which serves more youth and provides onramps to career pathways, spurred by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Please submit nominations by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, Jan. 21. Nominees may include the following types of individuals who are investing in, operating or advocating for high-quality summer learning, meals and jobs opportunities:

- School leaders
- Nonprofit leaders
- Advocates
- Program directors
- Private Sector Leaders
- Philanthropic Partners
- Faith Based Leaders
- State &Municipal leaders
- Civic Technologists
- Student Leaders

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## **Keynote Speakers Announced for the Public Works Officers Institute and Expo in March**

*Register by Feb. 16*

The League of California Cities® recently announced its keynote speakers for the 2016 Public Works Officers Institute and Expo scheduled for March 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. This conference is for professionals of all career levels and offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and more.

Keynote speakers for this event are:

**Wednesday Opening Keynote: Journalist Dan Walters**

Start the conference off with Dan Walters as he discusses the State of California: Past, Present and Future, with a spin towards the daily dealings of those in the public works profession. Mr. Walters has been a journalist for more than half a century, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. He is certain to bring some new insights to the challenges your jurisdictions face.

**Friday Closing Keynote Speaker: American Physician and Retired NASA Astronaut, Story Musgrave**

Experience the evolution of Story Musgrave's personal and professional life in terms of unpredicted opportunities and challenges. How does throwing hay bales and fixing farm equipment as a farm kid lead to a full college scholarship, fixing aircraft and tanks as a Marine mechanic in Korea, to fixing broken people as a trauma surgeon, to being the chief mechanic on the Hubble Space Telescope? One little step at a time. It is about preparing for the unknown, acquiring the tools and skills for when the unknown happens and doors open, you can jump into the appropriate opportunities, meet their challenges and obtain your goals. It is about growing such a diverse set of cross disciplinary skills that you not only respond to the future but you are able to create the future for yourself using forward looking forensics.

View the [announcement and full agenda](#) for more information about the Public Works Officers Institute. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian Sanders](#) at (916) 658-8238 with any questions.

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