



## **FINAL 2016 Legislative Program: State Issues**

- 1S. Increase and preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
- 4S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
- 5S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
- 6S. Support efforts to develop alternative funding sources to offset the reduction in gas tax revenues and ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.
- 7S. Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek funding from the program for regional priority projects.
- 8S. Support measures to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.
- 9S. Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.
- 10S. Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco.
- 11S. Support funding proposals to enable cities and counties to implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.
- 12S. Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.
- 13S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



## **FINAL 2016 Legislative Program: Federal Issues**

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
  - 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
  - 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee.
  - 3. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
- 2F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 3F.** Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 4F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.