SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

2008 LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY

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1. AIR TRANSPORTATION

SB 1462 Maldonado

Navigable waters: seaplanes

This bill would have mandated Caltrans to establish requirements for the landing, docking, and takeoff of a seaplane on navigable waters. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1577 Florez

Airports: security checkpoint donation programs

This bill would have required airports to establish a toiletry donation program, upon request of a nonprofit organization that serves the economically disadvantaged, homeless, or otherwise needy. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 1407 Lieu

Airports: delayed flights: runway incursions

This bill would have required airports serving over one million passengers annually to publish on their web sites information about airport and airline operations. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1943 Leno

Commercial airlines: passenger rights

This bill would have established rights for passengers who are detained on an airline for over three hours. *Held on Senate inactive file.*

2. ABANDONED VEHICLE, PARKING, AND TOWING

AB 190 Bass

Free parking for veterans

This bill authorizes local governments to allow veterans whose vehicles display specified license plates to park without charge in metered parking spaces. *Signed into law. Chapter 558, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 981 Ma

Parking in front of public and private driveways

This bill would have allowed a person to park a vehicle in front of a private driveway in San Francisco with the consent of the owner or occupant of the property adjacent to the driveway. *This bill was amended to deal with a different subject matter*.

AB 981 Ma

Collection of abandoned vehicle abatement and parking fines

This bill would have allowed a city or county to collect the costs associated with abatement of an abandoned vehicle, including any parking fines associated with the vehicle, by filing a notice of reimbursement with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The bill then would have prohibited DMV from renewing the registration for any vehicle if the owner has failed to pay the amount owed. *This bill was amended to deal with a different subject matter*.

AB 996 Spitzer

Disclosure of confidential records

This bill would have allowed confidential home addresses maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be disclosed to a governmental agency when that information is necessary to serve or collect a traffic, parking, toll bridge, or toll road violation. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1940 DeVore

Disabled parking placards for pregnant females

This bill would have allowed pregnant women in their last trimester of pregnancy through their first two months after giving birth to qualify for temporary disabled parking placards. *Failed passage in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

AB 2042 Fuentes

Vehicles: removal: unlicensed dealers

This bill allows a peace officer to remove and impound a vehicle when citing a person for acting as an unlicensed vehicle dealer. *Signed into Law. Chapter 736, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2401 Karnette

Delinquent parking citations

This bill provides that the new owner of a vehicle is not responsible for parking citations issued prior to when he or she acquired ownership of the vehicle. *Signed into Law. Chapter 741*, *Statutes of 2008*.

AB 2402 La Malfa

Roadside rest areas: length of stay

This bill extends the amount of time that a commercial motor vehicle can be stopped, parked, or left standing within a roadside rest area or viewpoint from eight to 10 hours. *Signed into Law. Chapter 460, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2693 Karnette Vehicles: taxicabs

This bill authorizes designated local transportation officers to present an affidavit to a magistrate for the immediate seizure and removal of a passenger vehicle for hire operated in violation of local licensing requirements. *Signed into law. Chapter 26, Statutes of 2008.*

3. AIR QUALITY, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AND FUEL

Steinberg

Transportation and land use planning

and the California Environmental Quality Act

This bill 1) requires the Air Resources Board to provide each region with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector; 2) requires a regional transportation plan to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy designed to achieve the targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction;

- 3) requires the California Transportation Commission to maintain guidelines for travel demand models;
- 4) requires cities and counties, in general, to revise their housing elements every eight years in conjunction with the regional transportation plan and complete any necessary rezonings within a specific time period; and 5) relaxes CEQA requirements for housing developments that are consistent with a Sustainable Communities
- Strategy. Signed into law. Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008.

SB 445 Torlakson

SB 375

Greenhouse gas mitigation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation planning agency or a local transportation commission to impose a fee on either motor vehicle fuels or vehicle registrations to fund climate change mitigation. *Held in Assembly Transportation committee*.

SB 1240 Kehoe Low-Carbon Fuel Standard

This bill would have required the Air Resources Board, by January 1, 2010, to adopt, implement, and enforce a low-carbon fuel standard that achieves maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions, including a minimum 10% reduction in life-cycle GHG by 2020. *This bill was amended to address another subject*.

SB 1374 Battin

HOV lanes and carbon offsets

This bill would have allowed an unlimited number of vehicles that have received offsets for their carbon dioxide emissions to use HOV lanes. *Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1573 Florez

Smog check program: emission standards

This bill would have transferred, from the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) to the Air Resources Board, the responsibility for prescribing the maximum emissions standards applicable to inspections performed under BAR's motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (Smog Check) program. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1574 Florez

Storage of biodiesel in underground storage tanks

This bill would have set interim standards for underground storage tanks that contain biodiesel blends, as specified, until July 1, 2011, or until regulations are adopted that set standards for underground storage tanks that contain biodiesel blends, whichever is sooner. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1646 Padilla

South Coast Air Quality Management District: air pollution fee

This bill deletes the 2010 sunset date on the SCAQMD's authority to impose an additional fee of \$1 on motor vehicles registered in that district to fund programs to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. *Signed into law. Chapter 724, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1720 Lowenthal

Clean Air Sticker: misuse: penalties

This bill provides that an individual convicted of the creation, use, sale, and trafficking of fraudulent Clean Air Stickers, or fraudulently reselling valid Clean Air Stickers, is guilty of an infraction and is subject to specified monetary penalties. *Signed into law. Chapter 417, Statutes of 2008*.

SB 1737 Kehoe

Electric and gas low-emission vehicles

As passed by the Senate, this bill would have revised the timeline for a specified progress report from the California Energy Commission related to evaluating and implementing policies to promote the development and use of electric power and natural gas to fuel low-emission vehicles. *This bill was amended to address another subject matter*.

AB 109 Núñez

Air pollution: alternative fuels and vehicle technologies

This bill cleans up legislation to AB 118 (Núñez), Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007, and amends the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program within the Energy Commission and the Air Quality Improvement Program within the Air Resources Board. *Signed into law. Chapter 313, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 1209 Karnette

Replacement of clean-air decals

This bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a replacement decal to an owner of a hybrid vehicle that becomes non-repairable or a total loss salvage vehicle when the owner buys a replacement hybrid vehicle. *Signed into Law. Chapter 429, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2093 Jones

General plans and greenhouse gas emissions

This bill would have required city and county general plans to consider climate policies to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions of AB 32. *Failed passage in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 2179 Furutani

Air quality: diesel fuel

This bill would have required diesel vehicles owned or leased by the state to use biodiesel fuel if certain requirements are met. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2240 Tran

Diesel fuel tax: exemption: biodiesel

This bill would have exempted, on and after July 1, 2009, biomass-based diesel fuel produced in this state with "California feedstock" from the diesel fuel tax. *Held in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee*.

AB 2241 Saldaña

Vehicle operation: temporary permits

This bill imposes a fee of \$50 for the issuance of a temporary permit to operate a motor vehicle whose registration requires a certificate of compliance (i.e., smog certificate), provided the vehicle has undergone and failed its most recent smog inspection. Temporary operating permits are valid for 60 days and no more than one permit may be issued every two years. *Signed into law. Chapter 451, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2388 Feuer Vehicles: registration fees

This bill would have imposed two separate fees for the registration of a passenger vehicle. *Held in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

AB 2403 Smyth

Caltrans: vehicle and equipment procurement

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to purchase and equip heavy mobile fleet vehicles and special equipment by means of "best value" procurement. *Signed into Law. Chapter 495, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2522 Arambula San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

This bill allows the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to increase the motor vehicle registration surcharge to up to \$30 per vehicle per year according to specified conditions. This bill also permits the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to adopt rules and regulations to reduce vehicle trips. *Signed into law. Chapter 677, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2546 De La Torre Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987

This bill would have included railyards as facilities that are subject to the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2558 Feuer

Climate protection and system preservation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation agency, to impose, subject to voter approval within the jurisdiction of the regional transportation agency, a climate protection and system preservation fee on either motor vehicle fuel or motor vehicle registration within its jurisdiction. *Held on Senate inactive file*.

AB 2645 Núñez Alternative fuels and vehicle technologies: funding programs

This bill would have provided clarifying changes to the existing Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program created by AB 118 of 2007. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

AB 2744 Huffman Metropolitan Transportation Commission: fee: motor vehicle fuel

This bill would have provided authority to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to impose a fee on motor vehicle fuels in its jurisdictional area. *Failed passage in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

AB 2922 DeSaulnier

Air pollution: penalties: fuel containers

This bill clarifies ARB's authority to develop rules or regulations regarding portable fuel containers and spouts under its authority to control vehicular air pollution and specifies that portable fuel containers, spouts, engines, and other units subject to ARB regulation under that authority are subject to a \$500 penalty. *Signed into law. Chapter 687, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 3053 Jones Smog Check program

This bill would have required the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), by January 1, 2010, to incorporate the annual inspection of older vehicles, defined as vehicles that are 15 model years or older into the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (smog check). The bill also would have required BAR to develop emissions profiles of these vehicles and exempts from annual inspection those vehicles that BAR determines are likely to pass their smog inspection. The bill would have also made several changes to BAR's Consumer Assistance Program, including increasing the maximum income threshold an individual

must meet in order to qualify for repair cost assistance from 185 percent of the federal poverty level to 300 percent, increasing the maximum amount BAR may pay for a repair under the program from \$450 to \$750, and deleting the provision of law that makes eligible for consumer assistance vehicle owners who are directed to a test-only facility. This bill was amended to include what had been the July 10, 2007 version of AB 616 (Jones), which was passed out of this committee in 2007 but subsequently held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Upon being amended, AB 3053 was then re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Both this bill and AB 616 ultimately died.

4. BUILDING STANDARDS

SB 1231 Correa

Wildland-urban interface fire safety manual

This bill would have required the State Fire Marshal to develop a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training manual and a Wildland-Urban Interface Products handbook. *Held in Senate Appropriation Committee*.

SB 1258 Lowenthal

Graywater standards

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit to the California Building Standards Commission building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor use. *Signed into law. Chapter 172, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1278 Maldonado

Green Neighborhood Grant Program

This bill would have established the Green Neighborhood Grant Program to reimburse private developers for up to 1.5 percent of the development cost associated with meeting the requirements of the California Green Builder Program. *Held in Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.*

SB 1386 Lowenthal

Carbon monoxide detectors

This bill would have required carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in private dwellings beginning in 2010. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1399 Simitian

Solar Shading

This bill exempts from the Solar Shade Control Act any tree or shrub planted prior to the installation of a solar collector. *Signed into law. Chapter 176, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1460 Wiggins

Solar initiative and rental housing

This bill would have required the Public Utilities Commission to implement a strategy to expand the participation of multi-unit residential and commercial rental properties in the California Solar Initiative. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1473 Calderon

Green building standards

This bill 1) requires the Building Standards Commission to adopt green building standards for those occupancies over which no state agency has authority; 2) requires every city and county to collect a fee of \$4 per \$100,000 in valuation on each building permit for the purpose of funding the development of building standards with emphasis on the development of and educational efforts associated with green building standards; and 3) requires state agencies to continue using the national model building codes that were used in 2007 as the basis for future editions. *Signed into law. Chapter 719, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1491 McClintock

Remotely controlled thermostats and appliances

This bill would have prohibited an electric utility from operating a remotely controlled device without the customer's consent and allows a customer to deny access to or override a remotely controlled device at his or her discretion. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1508 Corbett

Seismic safety standards: sill plates and cripple walls

This bill 1) requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare guidelines and standards for the seismic strengthening of sill plates and cripple walls for light wood frame residential buildings; and 2) requires the Contractor's Licensing Board to update examinations for both a general contractor's license and a carpentry and framing license to ensure that applicants have sufficient knowledge to perform a the seismic strengthening of cripple walls. *Signed into law. Chapter 242, Statutes of 2007.*

SB 1518 Correa

Water meters in rental housing

This bill would have required the installation of separate water meters for each residential rental unit constructed on or after January 1, 2012 as a condition of providing water service to that property. *This bill was later amended to address a different subject matter*.

AB 1065 Lieber

Energy efficiency standards for new construction

This bill would have set a goal for the California Energy Commission to require zero net energy new residential buildings by 2020 and zero net energy new nonresidential building by 2030. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2013 Krekorian

Water-permeable pavement

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose building standards for the use of water-permeable pavement for exterior surfaces in residential construction. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2030 Lieu

Zero net energy mandate for non-residential construction

This bill would have required the California Energy Commission to adopt standards that require new nonresidential construction begun after January 1, 2030 to be "zero net energy" buildings. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2112 Saldaña

Energy efficiency standards for new residential construction

This bill would have required the California Energy Commission (CEC) to require that new residential construction commenced on or after January 1, 2020, or on a date when the CEC determines that the use of photovoltaic technology is cost effective, whichever is later, use zero net-energy. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 2335 Nakanishi

Building permit applications

This bill replaces the existing statutory forms related to building permits with revised and consolidated forms. *Signed into law. Chapter 66, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2678 Núñez

Energy efficiency

This bill would have required the Energy Commission to develop a comprehensive program to achieve greater energy savings in existing residential and commercial buildings, including energy audits, energy efficiency improvements, and financing options. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2925 Davis

<u>Identification of substandard building purchasers</u>

This bill would have required owners of substandard property to provide identifying information and a plan of correction to the local code enforcement agency. *Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 2939 Hancock

Green building standards: local authority

This bill would have authorized a city or county to impose more restrictive building standards than the California Green Building Standards Code upon a finding that the standards are reasonably necessary to mitigate or address environmental conditions and will not unreasonably impact housing affordability. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

5. COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS

SB 1511 Ducheny

Notification of foreclosure sale

This bill 1) allows a common interest development to record a request that a mortgagee or trustee, when foreclosing on a unit within the development, mail a copy of any trustee's deed, and 2) requires a mortgagee or trustee, when so requested, to mail that information to the association within 15 business days following the date the trustee's deed is recorded. *Signed into law. Chapter 527, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 567 Saldaña

Common Interest Development Bureau

This bill would have established the Common Interest Development Bureau as a pilot project within the Department of Consumer Affairs to provide education and dispute resolution and to collect data about the most common types of disputes that occur in common interest developments. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1892 Smyth

Common interest developments: solar energy systems

This bill provides that a prohibition or restriction on the installation or use of a solar energy system in any of the governing documents of a common interest development is void and unenforceable. *Signed into Law. Chapter 40, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 1921 Saldaña

Rewrite of the Davis-Stirling Act

This bill would have revised and recasts the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act which governs common interest developments. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 1955 Plescia

Common interest developments: basis for assessments

This bill would have prohibited a common interest development from levying assessments on separate interests based on the taxable value of the separate interest unless the declaration allowed for this practice on or before December 31, 2008. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2020 Fuentes

Liquidated damages in high-rise condos

This bill, until July 1, 2014, increases from three percent to six percent the amount of presumptively proper liquidated damages that a builder may retain if a buyer breaks a contract to purchase a newly constructed attached condominium for more than \$1 million in a high-rise, high-density development. *Signed into law, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2180 Lieu

Solar energy system requests

This bill requires a common interest development to act on a request to install a solar energy system within 60 days and to make any denial in writing. *Signed into law. Chapter 539, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2259 Mullin Ability to rent units

This bill would have provided that an owner of a separate interest in a common interest development is not subject to a provision in a governing document that prohibits the rental or leasing of their unit, unless that provision was effective prior to the date the owner acquired title. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2806 Karnette Board member education

This bill would have required common interest development board members and candidates to disclosure whether or not they have completed an educational course on CID laws or have other relevant education and required the board to include this information in its ballot materials. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2846 Feuer

Disputed assessments: payment under protest

This bill clarifies that an owner in a common interest development may pay a disputed assessment under protest and still bring an action in small claims court to resolve the dispute. *Signed into law. Chapter 502, Statutes of 2008.*

6. DRIVER LICENSING

SB 1114 Torlakson

Driver's education: provisional licenses

This bill would have required DMV, when issuing a provisional driver's license, to charge an additional fee of \$10 for the purpose of funding driver education and training programs at public schools. The bill also would have required the Director of DMV and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish an advisory group to evaluate and make recommendations to improve driver education and training, the activities of which may be funded by the \$10 fee. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1394 Lowenthal

Lapses of consciousness: reports to the DMV

This bill would have modified, starting January 1, 2010, the circumstances under which a physician is required to report a patient who has experienced a lapse of consciousness to DMV for reexamination. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2039 Arambula

Department of Motor Vehicles: records

This bill removes the additional Department of Motor Vehicles confidentiality if a person is terminated from employment because of a criminal conviction. *Signed into Law. Chapter 91, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2107 Mullin

Driver's education: provisional licenses

This bill would have required a provisional driver's license (PDL) applicant under the age of 18 to submit proof related to high school enrollment and/or graduation or enrollment in a postsecondary institution (in addition to other documentation), before a PDL is issued. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2319 Horton

Identification cards: renewal by mail

This bill requires DMV to establish, by January 1, 2011, a program whereby persons may renew their identification cards by mail or the internet. *Signed into law. Chapter 674, Statutes of 2008*.

AB 2414 Fuller

Student driver privileges

This bill would have authorized a local or county school attendance review board to recommend that DMV suspend the learner's permit or driver's license of a pupil until the age of 18 who meets specified criteria. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2742 Furutani

Firefighting equipment: leased or rented

The bill adds equipment that is leased or rented to the list of eligible firefighting equipment for which the DMV may issue a restricted driver's license to a firefighter and provides that firefighters are not subject to federal requirements regarding drug testing and reporting provided that they participate in a substance abuse detection program within the scope of their employment. *Signed into law. Chapter 368, Statutes of 2008.*

7. HOUSING PROGRAMS AND FINANCE

SB 863 Yee

Proposition 1C housing-related parks funds: Half Moon Bay

This bill would have appropriated \$10 million of Proposition 1C funds dedicated for the housing-related parks program to the Coastal Conservancy for purposes of allowing the City of Half Moon Bay to purchase and improve the Beachwood and Pilarcitos Creek Park properties as parks. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

SB 870 Ridley-Thomas

CalHFA refinance program

This bill allows the California Housing Finance Agency to establish a mortgage refinance program through resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors rather than through promulgated rules and regulations. *Signed into law. Chapter 281, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1065 Correa

Local Housing finance agencies: refinance mortgages

This bill, until January 1, 2012, allows local housing finance agencies to acquire refinancing loans made to low- or moderate-income households if the homes are owner-occupied and the loans are federally insured, federally guaranteed, or eligible to be purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. *Signed into law. Chapter* 283, *Statutes of 2008*.

SB 1175 Steinberg

Housing for persons with developmental disabilities

This bill authorizes the Department of Developmental Services to approve regional center proposals for leasing housing for persons with developmental disabilities and authorizes the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to finance residential facilities for persons with developmental disabilities. *Signed into law. Chapter 617, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1220 Cedillo

Multifamily Housing Program: veterans

This bill allows sponsors of permanent supportive housing projects funded under the Multifamily Housing Program to restrict occupancy to veterans who have barriers to social reintegration. *Signed into law. Chapter 618, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1226 Alquist

CalHome Program: mobilehome parks

This bill would have authorized CalHome Program funds to be provided as loans or grants to local agencies and mobilehome park owners, as joint applicants, for infrastructure improvements and repairs in mobilehome parks. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1247 Lowenthal

Farmworker housing tax credits

This bill consolidates the farmworker housing tax credit program into the low-income housing tax credit program as a farmworker set-aside. *Signed into law. Chapter 521, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1284 Lowenthal

Property tax exemption for Century Freeway housing

This bill clarifies that the Century Freeway housing portfolio will remain exempt from property taxation as long as it is maintained as affordable housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 524, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1470 Lowenthal

Homeless Youth Prevention and Assistance Act of 2008

This bill would have required the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Housing and Community Development to produce and distribute a statewide prevention and assistance plan for homeless youth. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1572 Wyland Cal-Vet bond

This bill places a \$900 million general obligation bond on the November 2008 ballot to provide financing for the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase (Cal-Vet) Program. *Signed into law. Chapter 122, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1651 Steinberg

PROMISE Program

This bill, among other things, would have created the PROMISE Program as a pilot to provide supportive housing to mentally ill parolees. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1675 Cox Cal-Vet bond terms

This bill provides the Department of Veterans Affairs with the discretion to structure the terms and conditions of any authorized debt issuance related to the Cal-Vet Home Loan Program. *Signed into law. Chapter 287, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1681 Hollingsworth

Surplus state property

This bill rewrites the law governing the disposal of surplus state property for the purpose of providing affordable housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 532, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 725 Lieber

Uniform rental housing application

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), on or before April 1, 2009, to convene a working group of subsidized affordable housing providers to draft a uniform subsidized affordable housing application and post the application on its website. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 842 Jones

Prop 1C programs and VMT reduction

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development, when ranking applications under Prop 1C's Infill Incentive Grant Program and the Transit Oriented Development Implementation Program, to give preference to projects that are consistent with local or regional land use plans that will reduce the growth of vehicle miles traveled by at least 10%. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1129 Arambula

Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program

This bill would have reduced the minimum grant a newly established housing trust fund in a county of less than 425,000 people can receive under the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program from \$1 million to \$500,000 and provides that newly established trusts may provide adequate documentation that the matching funds will be deposited upon the approval of the application, as opposed to already having the funds on deposit. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1252 Caballero

Supplemental Proposition 1B and 1C appropriations

This bill would have appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development an additional \$100 million and \$50 million to fund applications submitted in the first rounds of the Proposition 1C Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program, respectively. The bill also would have appropriated to the Department of Transportation an additional \$87 million and \$63 million for the Proposition 1B Local Streets and Roads Program and Grade-Separation Program, respectively. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 1366 Portantino

State housing programs and housing element compliance

This bill makes housing element compliance and submission of the annual housing element progress report a threshold requirement for the CalHome, BEGIN, and Infill Infrastructure Grant programs. *Signed into law. Chapter 717, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 1818 Fuentes

Multifamily Housing Program: veterans

This bill would have allowed sponsors of permanent supportive housing projects funded under the Multifamily Housing Program to restrict occupancy to veterans who have barriers to social reintegration. *Held on Senate inactive file.*

AB 1831 Mendoza

Report on teacher housing

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to report on programs designed to help public teachers or faculty members secure housing in the communities in which they work. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2019 Fuentes

Preservation right-of-first refusal law: standing

This bill would have given tenants the ability to enforce the preservation right-of-first refusal law. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2188 Arambula

Community Development Block Grant Program

This bill deletes the sunset on provisions allowing the Department of Housing and Community Development annually to establish the maximum grant amounts under the General Program and Economic Development Allocations of the Community Development Block Grant program and to determine the amount of funding that will be set aside for technical assistance and planning grants. *Signed into law. Chapter 95, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2331 DeSaulnier

CalHFA income limits

This bill would have allowed the California Housing Finance Agency to serve households earning up to 150% of the area median income. *Held in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee*.

AB 2494 Caballero

Housing-Related Parks Program

This bill implements a portion of Proposition 1C by establishing the Housing-Related Parks Program to provide entitlement park grants to cities and counties for each housing start that will be affordable to lower-income households. *Signed into law. Chapter 641, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2513 Caballero

Proposition 1C programs and prior housing production

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development, when awarding grants or loans from Proposition 1C, to give additional consideration to projects within jurisdictions that met at least 75% of their share of the regional housing need in the previous housing element planning period. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2521 Portantino

Housing choice vouchers and shared housing

This bill would have sought to require public housing authorities to provide shared housing as an option for housing choice voucher (HCV) recipients with special needs and to reduce the HCV housing assistance payment to 20% of monthly income for extremely low income, special needs recipients who utilize shared housing. *Held in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee*.

AB 2670 Sala Department of Veterans Affairs: qualified residential rental project programs

This bill authorizes the California Department of Veterans Affairs to apply to the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee for the issuance of private activity bonds to be used for qualified residential rental projects. *Signed into law. Chapter 332, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2818 Jones

Disposition of public housing

This bill, until January 1, 2019, would have prohibited a public housing authority from disposing of specified public housing units without meeting certain requirements, including replacing the units. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2857 Fuentes

MPROP Program and infrastructure projects

This bill, as introduced, would have authorized the Department of Housing and Community Development to make loans under the Mobilehome Park Resident Ownership Program to finance the costs of the repair or rehabilitation of infrastructure projects. *This bill was amended to deal with a different subject matter*.

AB 2867 De León

HCD programs and priority for sustainable building methods

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development, for all its programs that finance housing construction and rehabilitation, to give priority to projects that utilize sustainable building methods. *Held in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee*.

AB 3035 Huffman

Welfare exemption

This bill extends from 90 days to 180 days the grace period for an eligible non-profit organization to qualify for a welfare property tax exemption on a supplement assessment. *Signed into law. Chapter 201, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 3067 Committee on Veterans Affairs

Veteran housing

This bill would have created an affordable rental housing rental program for veterans administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. *Held in Senate Veterans Affairs Committee*.

8. LANDLORD/TENANT AND FAIR HOUSING

SB 1299 Migden

Replacement housing under the Ellis Act

This bill, as introduced, would have authorized a local government with rent control to require a property owner to replace any demolished residential units at the rent level of the demolished units. Subsequent versions would have required the Legislative Analyst to study the loss of affordable housing units resulting from the construction of condominiums on properties where rent-controlled resident units were demolished. *Held in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee*.

SB 1598 Padilla

Smoking in rental units

This bill would have permitted a landlord to prohibit the smoking of tobacco products in areas of rental property, including inside a tenant's individual dwelling unit. *Held in Assembly Judiciary Committee*.

AB 2052 Lieu

Breaking leases for domestic violence

This bill, until January 1, 2012, allows a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to terminate a lease and be discharged from payment due. *Signed into law. Chapter 440, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2204 De La Torre

Restrictive convenants

This bill would have required a county counsel, before the recorder can record a deed transferring title to residential property constructed prior to 1964, to strike unlawful restrictions that violate fair housing laws. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2363 Ma

Evictions based on Megan's Law

This bill, as introduced, would have provided that it is just cause for a landlord to evict a tenant listed on the Megan's Law website to protect a person at risk. Subsequent versions of this bill require the Sex Offenders

Management Board to conduct an assessment of the availability of rental housing for sex offenders and the effect on public safety of using the Megan's Law website as a basis for screening or terminating tenancies. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2586 Torrico

Tenant protections in foreclosures

This bill would have extended certain tenant protections to apply after a foreclosure sale, including prohibitions against interrupting or terminating a tenant's utility service, changing the locks, or removing a tenant's personal property from the premises and requirements for the return of security deposits. The bill also would have required utilities to notify tenants of single-family homes of an impending shut-off of utility service. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

9. LAND USE

Transportation and land use planning

SB 375 Steinberg

and the California Environmental Quality Act

This bill 1) requires the Air Resources Board to provide each region with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector; 2) requires a regional transportation plan to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy designed to achieve the targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction; 3) requires the California Transportation Commission to maintain guidelines for travel demand models;

- 4) requires cities and counties, in general, to revise their housing elements every eight years in conjunction with the regional transportation plan and complete any necessary rezonings within a specific time period; and 5) relayes CEOA requirements for housing developments that are consistent with a Sustainable Communities
- 5) relaxes CEQA requirements for housing developments that are consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy. *Signed into law. Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 732 Steinberg

Blueprint implementation and urban greening grants

This bill creates a Strategic Growth Council within state government and makes \$180 million in Proposition 84 funds available for loans and grants: 1) to regional entities to develop or implement regional blueprints; 2) to cities and counties to adopt or implement general plans, specific plans, community plans, and zoning ordinances to achieve smart growth; and 3) to cities, counties, and non-profits to plan and implement urban greening projects. *Signed into law. Chapter 729, Statutes of 2008*

SB 1106 Cedillo Housing element law

This bill would have made technical corrections to clean up SB 2 (Cedillo) of 2007. *Held in Assembly Local Government Committee*.

SB 1185 Lowenthal

Extension of subdivision maps

This bill automatically extends by 12 months approved tentative maps, vesting tentative maps, parcel maps, and related state agency approvals that will expire before January 1, 2011 and allows local governments to grant an additional 12 month extension at their discretion. *Signed into law. Chapter 124, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1433 Wyland

Housing elements and rent-controlled mobilehome parks

This bill would have prohibited a city or county from meeting any of its housing need by counting spaces in rent-controlled mobilehome parks. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 242 Blakeslee

Housing element law: annexation

This bill makes technical changes to the statutes governing regional housing needs allocation transfers in the event of an incorporation or annexation. *Signed into law. Chapter 11, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2000 Mendoza

Housing element law: credit for overproduction

This bill would have permitted a local government that exceeds its regional housing need allocation share for a particular income category during a planning period to count the excess units towards meeting its share for that category in the subsequent planning period. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2069 Jones No-net-loss zoning law

This bill amends the no-net-loss zoning law to clarify that upzoning or findings are required if fewer units are approved for a particular site than were counted for the site in the housing element. *Signed into Law. Chapter 491, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2093 Jones

General plans and greenhouse gas emissions

This bill would have required city and county general plans to consider climate policies to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions of AB 32. *Failed passage in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 2219 Parra

Water supply for large new housing developments

This bill would have required that the water supply assessments mandated by SB 221 and SB 610 be based on the anticipated water demand for the project, given current statutory and regulatory requirements, reduced by the water savings attributable to proposed voluntary demand management measures. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2280 Saldaña Density bonus law

This bill makes a number of changes to density bonus law, including: 1) allowing a city or county to deny incentive or waiver requests that are contrary to state or federal law; 2) replacing the requirement that a developer show economic necessity for the waiver of development standards with a requirement that the developer show a physical necessity for the waiver in order to achieve the allowed density; 3) clarifying that waivers do not count towards the number of incentives a developer is entitle to; and 4) requiring the developer to identify a proposed source of funding for the affordable units associated with a density bonus for the donation of land. Signed into Law. Chapter 454, Statutes of 2008.

AB 2322 Portantino

Housing element law: need reduction for foster youth programs

This bill would have allowed a city or county to reduce its regional housing need allocation by 10% if it adopts a program to actively promote and assist in the placement of foster youth with families. *Failed passage in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee*.

AB 2447 Jones

Subdivision maps in high fire severity zones

This bill would have required a county to deny approval of a subdivision map if the map will cause increased development in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2604 Torrico

Delay of developer impact fees

This bill allows a local government to defer the collection of one or more impact fees imposed on new housing, except for school fees, until the close of escrow. *Signed into Law. Chapter 246, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2870 DeSaulnier

Blueprint Implementation Council

This bill would have created the California Blueprint Implementation Council to work with regional agencies to facilitate the implementation of regional blueprints and to develop recommendations to facilitate coordination between regional blueprints and state growth and infrastructure plans. *Failed passage in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 3005 Jones Vehicular traffic impact fees and transit-oriented development

This bill requires that when a city or county imposes a vehicular traffic impact fee, that it set the rate in a manner that reflects a lower rate of automobile trip generation associated with transit-oriented development. *Signed into Law. Chapter 692, Statutes of 2008.*

10. MANUFACTURED HOUSING

SB 1107 Correa

Mobilehome parks and persons with disabilities

This bill requires a mobilehome park to allow residents to install accommodations for the disabled on their spaces and to allow residents to share their home with a live-in caregiver without being charged a fee. *Signed into law. Chapter 170, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1122 Correa Mobilehome parks

This bill would have authorized the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), upon request of a local agency, to establish an enhanced level of enforcement to resolve code violations in mobilehome parks that constitute an immediate risk to life, health, and safety. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1226 Alquist

CalHome Program: mobilehome parks

This bill would have authorized CalHome Program funds to be provided as loans or grants to local agencies and mobilehome park owners, as joint applicants, for infrastructure improvements and repairs in mobilehome parks. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1234 Correa

Privacy of accessory structures in mobilehome parks

This bill prohibits mobilehome park management from entering an enclosed accessory structure without the prior written consent of the resident. *Signed into law. Chapter 394, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1433 Wyland

Housing elements and rent-controlled mobilehome parks

This bill would have prohibited a city or county from meeting any of its housing need by counting spaces in rent-controlled mobilehome parks. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

SB 1452 Correa Manufactured housing: factory-built housing: violations: civil penalties

This bill establishes civil penalties and makes other changes with respect to violations of state law related to construction or sale of manufactured housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 750, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2050 Garcia

Mobilehomes and manufactured homes

This bill requires, at the time of sale, all mobilehomes and manufactured homes to have a smoke alarm installed in each room designed for sleeping and to have all fuel-gas-burning water heaters seismically braced, anchored, or strapped. *Signed into Law. Chapter 737, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2554 Mullin

Relinquishment of code enforcement programs

This bill provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development shall reassume responsibility for enforcing the Employee Housing Act, the Mobilehome Parks Act, and the Special Occupancy Parks Act within 90 days of receiving notice that a city or county is canceling its local enforcement and clarifies which already-collected fees a local government must remit to HCD. *Signed into law. Chapter 138, Statutes of 2008.*

11. MORTGAGES AND FORECLOSURES

SB 870 Ridley-Thomas

CalHFA refinance program

This bill allows the California Housing Finance Agency to establish a mortgage refinance program through resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors rather than through promulgated rules and regulations. *Signed into law. Chapter 281, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1137 Perata

Foreclosure procedures

This bill until January 1, 2013, 1) requires a lender at least 30 days prior to filing a notice of default on a loan made between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2007 to contact a borrower in person or by telephone to assess the borrower's financial situation and explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure; 2) requires a legal owner to maintain vacant, residential property acquired through foreclosure; 3) requires that tenants at the time a home is sold in foreclosure be given 60-days notice to terminate the tenancy. Signed into law. Chapter 69, Statutes of 2008.

SB 1055 Machado

Tax relief for forgiven mortgage debt

This bill conforms state tax law to federal tax law by allowing taxpayers to exclude from gross income any mortgage principal discharged by a lender. *Signed into law. Chapter 282, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1065 Correa

Local housing finance agencies: refinance mortgages

This bill, until January 1, 2012, allows local housing finance agencies to acquire refinancing loans made to low- or moderate-income households if the homes are owner-occupied and the loans are federally insured, federally guaranteed, or eligible to be purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. *Signed into law. Chapter* 283, *Statutes of 2008*.

SB 1511 Ducheny

Notification of foreclosure sale

This bill 1) allows a common interest development to record a request that a mortgagee or trustee, when foreclosing on a unit within the development, mail a copy of any trustee's deed, and 2) requires a mortgagee or trustee, when so requested, to mail that information to the association within 15 business days following the date the trustee's deed is recorded. *Signed into law. Chapter 527, Statutes of 2008*.

AB 1830 Lieu

Higher-priced mortgage loans

This bill, with respect to higher-priced mortgage loans, would have capped prepayment penalties, prohibited yield-spread premiums, prohibited negative amortization loans, required brokers to offer borrowers the lowest cost loans for which they qualify, created a fiduciary duty for mortgage brokers towards their clients, prohibited licensed persons from recommending default on an existing loan, and prohibited licensed persons from making false, deceptive, or misleading statements. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2509 Galgiani

Homeownership Preservation Mortgage Guarantee Program

This bill would have established the Homeownership Preservation Mortgage Guarantee Program in the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to issue loan guarantees for new or refinanced loans in cases where homeowners are at risk of foreclosure due to interest rate resets. *Held in Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee.*

AB 2586 Torrico

Tenant protections in foreclosures

This bill would have extended certain tenant protections to apply after a foreclosure sale, including prohibitions against interrupting or terminating a tenant's utility service, changing the locks, or removing a tenant's personal property from the premises and requirements for the return of security deposits. The bill also would have required utilities to notify tenants of single-family homes of an impending shut-off of utility service. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

12. OMNIBUS BILLS

SB 432 Lowenthal

General Transportation

This bill would have made several non-controversial and largely non-substantive changes to current law, including updating code sections relating to highway relinquishments, the California Transportation Plan, and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; cleaning up code sections related to parking citations; clarifying the law regarding permitting bicycles to use crosswalks and bicycle paths; and removing obsolete references. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2016 Asm. H. & C.D.

Housing omnibus bill

This bill makes technical and non-controversial changes to various sections of the law dealing with housing. *Signed into Law. Chapter 664, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 3064 TRANS. Transportation

This bill was the Assembly Transportation Committee's annual omnibus bill and makes technical, non-substantive, and conforming changes to existing law. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

13. OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

SB 227 Harman Outdoor Advertising

This bill would have provided an exemption from the landscaping provision of the Outdoor Advertising Act for an existing sign in the City of Huntington Beach that advertised automobile dealerships. *Held on Senate Inactive File*.

SB 1310 Negrete McLeod

Outdoor advertising

This bill would have allowed nonconforming advertising displays located along landscaped freeways to be converted into digital message centers, according to specified conditions. The bill would have limited the number of conversions to five percent of permitted displays annually until January 1, 2012. *Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 2026 Emmerson

Outdoor Advertising

This bill would have deleted the provision of law prohibiting the relocation of advertising displays if it resulted in an increase of nonconforming signs in the jurisdiction where the sign would be relocated, thereby allowing a local governmental entity to relocate a display to a different jurisdiction provided the total number of nonconforming displays was not increased statewide. *This bill was amended to address another subject matter*.

AB 2339 Solorio Advertising displays

This bill exempts from the Outdoor Advertising Act advertising displays in existence before January 1, 2009 at large sports arenas located on publicly-owned land provided that the displays advertise products, goods, or services sold on the premise on a regular basis for at least one year. *Signed into law. Chapter 439, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2988 Emmerson

Outdoor Advertising

This bill would have incorporated several spot exemptions into a single measure, including exemptions for the Los Angeles and Sports and Entertainment District, the cities of Huntington Beach, Rancho Cucamonga, and Riverside, and the Lennox School District in Los Angeles. *Failed passage on the Senate Floor*.

14. PORTS

SB 974 Lowenthal Ports: container fees

This bill would have imposed, starting January 1, 2009, a fee on containerized cargo passing through the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland. The revenue would have funded projects that improved the movement of containerized cargo to and from these ports and projects that mitigate pollution caused by the movement of all cargo to and from these ports. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

15. RAIL AND MASS TRANSPORTATION

SB 53 Ducheny

Department of Railroads

This bill requires the California Research Bureau, by May 1, 2009, to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on ways to improve state oversight of rail transportation, including consolidation of oversight into one state entity. *Signed into law. Chapter 612, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1263 Ashburn

Intercity rail services: feeder buses

This bill conditionally allows Caltrans to amend its contract with Amtrak to provide bus service between the town of Lebec and the City of Santa Clarita for riders who do not have a related train ticket. *Signed into law. Chapter 173, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1561 Steinberg

Transit passenger misconduct

This bill allows Sacramento Regional Transit and Fresno Area Express, until January 1, 2012, to issue prohibition orders banning persons from entering district property for determined periods of time for specified offenses. *Signed into law. Chapter 528, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1722 Oropeza

Metro Green Line Construction Authority

This bill would have established the Metro Green Line Construction Authority to manage final design and construction of an extension of the Green Line light rail system to Los Angeles International Airport. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*.

AB 660 Galgiani

Railroad-highway grade separations

This bill makes numerous changes to California's railroad-highway at-grade separation Section 190 program. *Signed into law. Chapter 315, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 981 Ma

California High-Speed Rail Authority

This bill would have clarified the authority of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to condemn property, deletes requirements that the Legislature adopt its rail plan and its financial plan, permits it to employee legal staff, and would have authorized its governing board to have two vice chairs. *This bill was amended to deal with a different subject matter*.

AB 1836 Feuer

Infrastructure financing districts and transit facilities

This bill would have deleted the requirement for 2/3-voter approval to form an infrastructure financing district that will finance public transit facilities. *Held in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 1845 Duvall

Highway-railroad grade separations

This bill would have eliminated the California railroad-highway at-grade separation program. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 3034 Galgiani Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century

This bill revises, updates, and expands upon provisions of the existing Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. It establishes oversight processes for the independent review and approval of financing and engineering plans for the construction of California's high-speed train system. *Signed into law. Chapter 267, Statutes of 2008.*

16. REDEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SB 1689 Lowenthal

Redevelopment agency audits

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to refer uncorrected major audit violations to the Attorney General and authorizes the Controller to conduct quality control reviews of redevelopment agency independent audits. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1771 Romero

Redevelopment: time limits

This bill would have allowed the City of Industry and its Industry Urban-Development Agency to amend their redevelopment plans to extend the time limits on the plans' effectiveness by 10 years. It would have also allowed Industry officials to amend their redevelopment plans to extend the time limits on the payment of indebtedness and the receipt of property tax increment revenues by 10 years. *Held in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 1221 Ma

Transit village developments: infrastructure financing

This bill would have allowed local officials to divert property tax increment revenues to pay for public facilities and amenities within transit village development districts. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund:

AB 2097 Coto

supportive services: Santa Clara County

This bill would have allowed a redevelopment agency in the County of Santa Clara to use tax increment funds from its Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Fund to pay for supportive services for new permanent housing units occupied by persons and families with extremely low income. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2594 Mullin

Redevelopment: affordable housing

This bill would have allowed a redevelopment agency, until January 1, 2013, to use <u>non-Low-& Moderate-Income Housing Funds</u> to acquire, assume, or refinance loans to eligible homeowners with sub-prime or nontraditional mortgages in default or at risk of default. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2868 Davis

Redevelopment agencies: affordable housing

This bill would have allowed the Los Angeles County redevelopment agency, until January 1, 2013, to expend moneys from its Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to assist homebuyers with a gross income up to 150% of the area median income. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

17. RESOLUTIONS

SCR 71 Yee

Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide

This resolution designates, as the "Tom Lantos Tunnel at Devil's Slide," the future tunnel on Highway 1 between the town of Montara and the City of Pacifica in San Mateo County. *Resolution Chapter 85, Statutes of 2008.*

SCR 78 Aanestad

George Jumper sawmill

This resolution would have requested the Department of Transportation to erect informational signs on a specified portion of State Highway Route 3, in the County of Trinity, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, directing motorists to the George Jumper sawmill. *In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SCR 84 Cox

The Jay-D Ornsby-Adkins Bridge

This resolution designates the new bridge over Amador Creek on Highway 49 near the town of Sutter Creek Amador County as the "Jay Ornsby-Adkins Bridge." *Resolution Chapter 86, Statutes of 2008.*

SCR 90 Wiggins

Daniel D. Broeske Memorial Highway

This resolution designates, as the "Daniel Broeske Memorial Highway," a one-mile segment of Highway 101 near the City of Willits in Mendocino County. *Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2008.*

SCR 103 Cogdill

Senator Chuck Poochigian Highway

This resolution designates, as the "Senator Charles S. Poochigian Highway," the 43-mile segment of Highway 180 between the City of Fresno and General Grant Grove Park in Fresno County. *Resolution Chapter 87, Statutes of 2008.*

The Medal of Honor Recipient, Eugene A. Obregon, USMC,

SCR 109 Cedillo

Memorial Interchange

This resolution redesignates the "Marine Private First Class Eugene A. Obregon" freeway interchange between interstates 5 and 10 and highways 60 and 101 in Los Angeles County as the "Medal of Honor Recipient Eugene A. Obregon, USMC, Memorial Interchange." *Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2008.*

SCR 119 Dutton

The CHP Officer John Bailey Memorial Freeway

This resolution designates the five-mile segment of Interstate 15 between Interstate 10 and State Highway Route 210 in the City of Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County as the "CHP Officer John Bailey Memorial Freeway." *Resolution Chapter 113, Statutes of 2008.*

SCR 120 Wiggins

The James McManus Memorial Bridge

This resolution would have designated the Salmon Creek Bridge on State Highway Route 101 in Humboldt County as the James F. McManus Memorial Bridge. *Held at Assembly Desk*.

ACR 80 Garcia

The CHP Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a segment of Interstate 8 in Imperial County as the Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway. *Resolution Chapter 70, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 82 Huff

Mayor Bob Zirbes Memorial Freeway

This resolution designates a segment of State Route 57 as the Mayor Bob Zirbes Memorial Freeway. *Resolution Chapter 78, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 90 Fuller Kern County Deputy Sheriff William "Joe" Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway
This resolution designates a segment of State Route 178 in Kern County as the Kern County Deputy Sheriff
William Joe Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway." Resolution Chapter 71, Statutes of 2008.

ACR 96 Carter

Deputy Frank M. Pribble Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a portion of State Route 10 in the City of Fontana in San Bernardino County as the Deputy Frank M. Pribble Memorial Highway." *Resolution Chapter 72, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 98 Jeffries

Historic U.S. Highway 395

This resolution allows for the signing of Historic United States Highway 395. *Resolution Chapter 79, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 102 Strickland

Airborne Memorial Highway

This resolution would have designated, as the "Airborne Memorial Highway," the entire 807 mile-length of Highway 101 from the Oregon Border to the City of Los Angeles. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

ACR 107 Cook

CDF Firefighter John D. Guthrie Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a segment of State Highway Route 215 in Riverside County as the "CDF Firefighter John D. Guthrie Memorial Highway." *Resolution Chapter 80, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 116 Strickland

Adolfo Camarillo Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 101 in the City of Camarillo as the Adolfo Camarillo Memorial Highway. *Resolution Chapter 74, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 122 Blakeslee

Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a segment of State Route 41 as the Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway. *Resolution Chapter 94, Statutes of 2008.*

Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring

Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed,

ACR 127 Tran

Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr.

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 22 in the City of Garden Grove as the "Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr." *Resolution Chapter 95, Statutes of 2008*.

ACR 128 Arambula

Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway

This resolution designates a segment of State Route 33 in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno County as the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr. Memorial Highway. *Resolution Chapter 75, Statutes of 2008*.

ACR 139 Villines

The Kimberly Marie Hamilton Memorial Interchange

This resolution designates the State Highway Route 180 interchange at Fowler Avenue in the City of Fresno as the Kimberly Marie Hamilton Memorial Interchange. *Resolution Chapter 136, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 141 La Malfa

CHP Officer Andrew "Andy" Stevens Memorial Highway

This resolution designates an intersection and a highway off ramp in Yolo County as the California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew "Andy" Stevens Memorial Highway. *Resolution Chapter 137, Statutes of 2008.*

ACR 144 Anderson

Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge

This resolution designates the bridge on State Highway Route 52 that crosses over West Hills parkway in Santee, California, as the Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge. *Resolution Chapter* 133, Statutes of 2008.

AJR 21 Portantino

Housing choice vouchers and shared housing

This resolution urges each public housing authority to include shared housing as an option for housing choice voucher (HCV) recipients and memorializes the President and Congress to enact legislation reducing the HCV housing assistance payment to 20 percent of monthly income for extremely low income, special needs recipients who utilize shared housing. *Resolution Chapter 126, Statutes of 2008.*

AJR 52 Karnette

Commercial motor vehicles

This resolution affirms California's opposition to proposals authorizing increases in the size or weight of commercial motor vehicles because of the impact that increases would have on highway infrastructure. *Resolution Chapter 99, Statutes of 2008.*

AJR 53 Huffman

Air resources: greenhouse gas emissions

This resolution encourages the Untied States Congress and President to support federal legislation that permits California to implement standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles. *Resolution Chapter 92, Statutes of 2008.*

18. RULES OF THE ROAD

SB 28 Simitian

Motor vehicles: electronic wireless communications device

This bill prohibits a person from writing, sending, or reading text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. *Signed into law. Chapter 270, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1325 Kuehl

Automated speed enforcement

This bill would have authorized the City of Beverly Hills to implement an automated speed enforcement program according to specified conditions and procedures. This authority would have expired on January 1, 2014. *Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1350 Ashburn

Speed limits: Bear Valley Community Services District

This bill would have authorized the Bear Valley Community Services District to consider equestrian safety in addition to the other factors. *This bill later was amended to address another subject.*

SB 1374 Battin

HOV lanes and carbon offsets

This bill would have allowed an unlimited number of vehicles that have received offsets for their carbon dioxide emissions to use HOV lanes. *Failed passage in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1567 Oropeza

Windshield: GPS device

This bill allows a GPS device to be mounted in the 7-inch square in the lower corner farthest removed from the driver or in the 5-inch square in the lower corner nearest the driver, if the system is used only for door-to-door navigation while the motor vehicle is being operated and the device is mounted outside of an airbag deployment zone. *Signed into law. Chapter 413, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1614 Oropeza

Rental car companies

This bill would have required rental car companies to provide to their out-of-state customers a list that summarizes up to ten of California traffic laws, as specified, when the renter presents an out-of-state driver's license or upon the renter's request. *Failed passage in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

SB 1720 Lowenthal

Clean Air Sticker: misuse: penalties

This bill provides that an individual convicted of the creation, use, sale, and trafficking of fraudulent Clean Air Stickers, or fraudulently reselling valid Clean Air Stickers, is guilty of an infraction and is subject to specified monetary penalties. *Signed into law. Chapter 417, Statutes of 2008*.

SB 1727 Negrete McLeod

Electronic beacons

This bill makes it illegal to cross an electronic beacon pattern set up to regulate traffic or manage the scene of an emergency. Signed into Law. Chapter 120, Statutes of 2008.

AB 23 Ma

Automated enforcement

This bill would have authorized the use of an automated traffic enforcement system (i.e., red light cameras) to enforce a prohibition against turning at a specified intersection in San Francisco. Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and was amended to address a different subject matter.

AB 290 De León

Move Over Law: Caltrans' vehicles

This bill would have prescribed until 2010 the actions that drivers must take on a freeway when passing a stopped Caltrans' vehicle that has its amber warning lights flashing. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 963 Adams Golf carts

This bill allows, until January 1, 2016, the City of La Verne to designate a highway or portion thereof for use by both golf carts and motor vehicles under specified conditions. *Signed into law. Chapter 6, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 1971 Portantino

Vehicles: studded pneumatic tires

This bill exempts from the prohibition of driving with studded tires during non-winter months those tires that have retractable metal studs and are retracted between May 1 and October 30. This bill extends the exempted use of studded pneumatic tires outside the currently specified time period, if the studs are retracted. *Signed into Law. Chapter 220, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2233 Maze

Vehicles: transportation of animals

This bill would have prohibited a person from driving a motor vehicle while holding a live animal in his or her arms or lap. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2669 Krekorian

Speeding: violation point counts

This bill would have made a two-point violation exceeding the prima facie or posted speed limit by 26 or more miles per hour, except on an expressway or a freeway. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2714 Keene Cargo loads: spilling

This bill amends the existing "cargo load spilling" law to allow a minimal and incidental amount of hay or straw chaff to escape from a vehicle without it constituting a violation. *Signed into law. Chapter 250*, *Statutes of 2008*.

AB 2884 Portantino Motor vehicle operation: television broadcaster video signal display

This bill would have permitted a person to drive a motor vehicle if a video screen displaying a video signal or television broadcast is operating in the front seat area provided that the video equipment is designed, operated, and configured to prevent the driver from viewing the broadcast or video signal while operating the vehicle in a safe and reasonable manner. *Held on Senate inactive file*.

19. STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 377 Aanestad

Highway signs: pharmacies and attractions

This bill requires Caltrans to develop rules and regulations governing the placement of signs, near exits on freeways in rural areas, informing motorists of nearby 24-hour pharmacy services and a broad array of attractions. *Signed into law. Chapter 378, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 404 Kehoe

Caltrans' property: parks

This bill would have specified that the 2.5 acres of property that was the former site of the District 11 headquarters of Caltrans, be used in perpetuity for park purposes. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 791 Corbett

Surplus property in the State Route 238 and 84 corridors

This bill allows for separate local alternative transportation improvement programs for surplus properties owned by the Department of Transportation in the State Route 238 and 84 corridors, respectively. *Signed into law. Chapter 705, Statutes of 2008.*

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: facilities: design-build project: public-private partnership

SB 1350 Cedillo

This bill would have set forth provisions governing either a design-build or public-private partnership (P3) contract for completion of the Interstate 710 freeway gap closure project. (As passed by the Senate, this bill addressed speed limits in the Bear Valley Community Services District.) *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

SB 1366 Negrete McLeod

State highway routes: relinquishments

This bill allows the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to the Cities of Rialto and Oxnard, state highway segments lying within each city's boundaries, as follows: 1)Highway 66 to the City of Rialto and 2)Highways 1, 34 and 232 to the City of Oxnard. *Signed into law. Chapter 717, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1419 Yee

Highways: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones

This bill designates, until January 1, 2014, segments of highways 1 (19th Avenue) and 101 (Van Ness Avenue/Lombard Street/Richardson Avenue) in San Francisco as "Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones (DFZs)," and requires Caltrans, by January 1, 2013, to report to the Legislature on the DFZs' effectiveness. *Signed by the Governor. Chapter 121, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1422 Ridley-Thomas

High-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes

This bill authorizes, until January 15, 2013, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to convert existing high-occupancy vehicle lanes on Interstates 10 and 110 into high-occupancy toll lanes pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding set forth by the United States Department of Transportation, Caltrans, and LACMTA. *Signed into law. Chapter 547, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1564 Cogdill

Access routes: approval

This bill would have required that once an access route is approved pursuant to these provisions or by any other state or federal approval process, the route may not be revoked or rescinded by the Caltrans based upon a change of warrants, specifications, or procedures or for any other reason, except as applied to the trucking operations that are established along that route after the change in warrants, specifications, or procedures. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 981 Leno

Treasure Island Transportation Management Act

This bill creates the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to impose varying tolls on motor vehicles exiting and entering Treasure Island from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to fund, along with other local charges, a transportation management program for Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco Bay. *Signed into law. Chapter 317, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 1915 Jeffries

State Highway Routes 49 and 74: relinquishment

This bill authorizes the relinquishment of a segment of State Route 74 in the cities of Perris and Lake Elsinore and State Route 49 in the City of Auburn. *Signed into Law. Chapter 635, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2074 Nava Encroachment permits

This bill would have required the Department of Transportation to appoint an ombudsperson to receive applications for encroachment permits in each state transportation district in which applications for encroachment permits are received. *Held on Senate inactive file.*

AB 2211 Karnette State Highway Route 110

This bill relinquishes a segment of Interstate 110 from State Route 47 (Terminal Island Freeway) to 9th Street in the San Pedro district of the City of Los Angeles. *Signed into law. Chapter 669, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2326 Lieu State Highway Routes 1 and 107: City of Torrance

This bill authorizes the relinquishment of portions of State Route 107 (Hawthorn Boulevard) and State Route to the City of Torrance. *Signed into law. Chapter 639, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2413 Hayashi Surplus State Route 238 land

This bill would have required the Department of Transportation to offer for sale at fair market value a specific parcel of land in the State Route 238 bypass corridor to the City of Hayward or a nonprofit entity for use by meal service programs. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2617 Duvall Highways: high-occupancy vehicle lanes

This bill would have required the Department of Transportation or local authorities for roads within their jurisdiction, to ensure signs are posted along high occupancy vehicle lanes that indicate motorcycles are permitted in the lanes, where applicable; requires Caltrans, or local authorities, to determine the appropriate locations for signs and coordinate their placement in conjunction with other work to minimize lane closures. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2650 Carter Caltrans: environmental review process: reports

This bill extends, from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2012, the state's limited waiver of its Eleventh Amendment right to sovereign immunity from citizens' lawsuits, thereby enabling Caltrans to continue its assumption of National Environmental Policy Act responsibilities under an ongoing pilot program administered by the Federal Highway Administration. *Signed by the Governor, Chapter 248, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2906 Tran Vehicles: high-occupancy vehicle lane: buffer area

This bill repeals the requirements that high-occupancy vehicle lanes on State Route 55 in Orange County be constructed with a four-foot buffer between them and the adjacent free flowing lanes and that these high-occupancy vehicle lanes operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. *Signed into law. Chapter 27, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2971 DeSaulnier Caltrans' safety programs: bicyclists and pedestrians

This bill would have required Caltrans, by January 1, 2010, to establish guidelines and criteria to ensure that the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians are addressed in the development of its safety program. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 2999 Huffman Animal carcasses: removal from highways

This bill establishes procedures for the removal and disposal of animal carcasses on state highways by Caltrans and by state or local agencies having appropriate jurisdiction. *Signed into Law. Chapter 257, Statutes of 2008.*

20. TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 445 Torlakson

Greenhouse gas mitigation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation planning agency or a local transportation commission to impose a fee on either motor vehicle fuels or vehicle registrations to fund climate change mitigation. *Held in Assembly Transportation committee*.

SB 1093 Wiggins San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority

This bill is a cleanup measure to SB 976 (Torlakson), Chapter 734, Statutes of 2007, a measure that established the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation (WET) Authority, to clarify the process for consolidating a number of individual public transportation ferry services under the WET Authority's jurisdiction and delay a number of actions until a transition plan is adopted. *Signed into law. Chapter 387, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1316 Correa Transportation facilities: tolls: Orange and Riverside Counties

This bill establishes a process by which the Orange County Transportation Authority may relinquish its rights to develop transportation facilities in the median of State Highway Route 91 in Riverside County to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). In doing so, the bill authorizes RCTC to develop high-occupancy toll lanes on SR 91 between the Orange-Riverside county line to the west and Interstate 15 to the east, according to specified conditions. *Signed into law. Chapter 714, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1363 Perata Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements

This bill would have extended from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013 the period of time that Caltrans and regional transportation agencies may enter into lease agreements with private entities for the development of transportation facilities. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee without being heard.*

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SB 1429 Perata

Bay Area state-owned toll bridges

This bill would have clarified reporting requirements for sponsors of Regional Measure 2 (RM2) projects to specify that they must identify and report to the Bay Area Toll Authority information identifying the source of state matching funds for each project. *Held on Assembly inactive file*.

SB 1486 Ducheny

Otay Mesa East Toll Facility Act

This bill authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments to build and operate a 2.5 mile toll road (State Highway Route 11), a new port of entry at Otay Mesa East, and related transportation facilities in the corridor according to specified conditions. *Signed into law. Chapter 720, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1507 Oropeza

Highway construction: school boundaries

This bill would have prohibited, with exceptions, construction and expansion of state highways within one-fourth mile of a school boundary. *Failed passage in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

SB 1613 Margett Caltrans: contracts

This bill increases, from \$2,500 to \$25,000, the maximum value of a lease or rental agreement Caltrans is authorized to enter into for heavy highway maintenance equipment without having to go through a competitive bid process. *Signed into law. Chapter 357, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1685 Kehoe

Regional comprehensive plan: San Diego County

This bill expands the purposes for which revenues from a countywide, voter-approved retail transaction and use tax in San Diego County may be used. *Signed into law. Chapter 83, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1731 Yee Vehicles: fees: Metropolitan Transportation Commission: congestion mitigation

This bill would have allowed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to impose a \$1 fee on the annual registration renewal of motor vehicles registered in any of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties under the commission's jurisdiction to fund projects designed to mitigate traffic congestion. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 117 Beall

Transportation authorities and districts: contracts

This bill would have revised the procurement requirements for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the San Mateo County Transit District, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

AB 152 Beall

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

This bill would have authorized the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to provide for the repair and maintenance of facilities for which it already has the authority to acquire and construct. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 268 Assembly Budget Committee

Transportation Budget Trailer Bill

This bill implements the transportation-related provisions of the 2008-2009 Budget Act. *Signed into law. Chapter 756, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 387 Duvall

Design-build: transit contracts

This bill exempts transit districts from a \$2.5 million threshold requirement when using the design-build procurement process to acquire security technology. *Signed into law. Chapter 185, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 660 Galgiani

Railroad-highway grade separations

This bill makes numerous changes to California's railroad-highway at-grade separation Section 190 program. *Signed into law. Chapter 315, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 981 Leno

Treasure Island Transportation Management Act

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AB 1836 Feuer

Infrastructure financing districts and transit facilities

This bill would have deleted the requirement for 2/3-voter approval to form an infrastructure financing district that will finance public transit facilities. *Held in Senate Local Government Committee*.

AB 1845 Duvall

Highway-railroad grade separations

This bill would have eliminated the California railroad-highway at-grade separation program. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

AB 1954 Jeffries

High-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes

This bill authorizes the Riverside County Transportation Commission to set, levy, and collect tolls for the use of high-occupancy toll lanes to be developed on Interstate 15 in Riverside County and to vary the price of tolls throughout the day according to demand for the lanes. Signed into law. Chapter 421, Statutes of 2008.

AB 2295 Arambula

Transportation capital improvement projects

This bill would have provided that state and local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for transportation capital improvement funds, pursuant to the State Transportation Improvement Program process. Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2321 Feuer

Transportation funding: County of Los Angeles

This bill amends the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority existing authority to adopt a 5% transactions and use tax in Los Angeles County by eliminating outdated deadlines for specific projects and programs and extending the period in which the tax can be collected from six and one-half years to 30 years, subject to a two-thirds approval of local voters. Signed into Law. Chapter 302, Statutes of 2008.

AB 2558 Feuer

Climate protection and system preservation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation agency, to impose, subject to voter approval within the jurisdiction of the regional transportation agency, a climate protection and system preservation fee on either motor vehicle fuel or motor vehicle registration within its jurisdiction. Held on Senate inactive file.

AB 2650 Carter

Caltrans: environmental review process: reports

This bill extends, from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2012, the state's limited waiver of its Eleventh Amendment right to sovereign immunity from citizens' lawsuits, thereby enabling Caltrans to continue its assumption of National Environmental Policy Act responsibilities under an ongoing pilot program administered by the Federal Highway Administration. Signed by the Governor, Chapter 248, Statutes of 2008.

AB 2971 **DeSaulnier**

Caltrans' safety programs: bicyclists and pedestrians

This bill would have required Caltrans, by January 1, 2010, to establish guidelines and criteria to ensure that the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians are addressed in the development of its safety program. Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 3021 Nava

California Transportation Financing Authority: toll facilities This bill would have established the California Transportation Financing Authority to assist transportation

agencies in obtaining financing, primarily through the issuance of bonds backed by specified sources of revenue, to develop transportation facilities. In doing so, the bill would have allowed the authority to permit agencies to set, levy, and collect tolls for use of the facilities constructed, according to specified conditions. This bill also would have deleted the requirement that high-occupancy toll lanes developed under AB 1467 (Núñez), Chapter 32, statutes of 2006, must be approved by the Legislature. Vetoed by the Governor.

21. VEHICLES, VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND VEHICLE DEALERS

Torlakson

Greenhouse gas mitigation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation planning agency or a local transportation commission to impose a fee on either motor vehicle fuels or vehicle registrations to fund climate change mitigation. Held in Assembly Transportation committee.

SB 1163 Maldonado

Sex offenders: vehicle license plates

This bill would have required the Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue distinctive license plates and stickers for motor vehicles operated by sex offenders, as specified. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1174 Lowenthal Vehicles: hybrid and electric vehicles: visually impaired pedestrians

This bill would have required, until January 1, 2011, the California Energy Commission to convene a Quiet Motorized Road Vehicle and Safe Mobility Committee to develop strategies that ensure motor vehicles make enough sound to be heard by pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired, and requires the Energy Commission, by January 1, 2010, to report the committee's recommendations to the Legislature. *Vetoed by Governor*.

SB 1228 Maldonado

Vehicles: maximum combination length

This bill extends for one year the January 1, 2009 sunset date on an exemption from current vehicle length restrictions for motor truck-trailer combinations used for transporting agricultural products in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. As introduced, this bill would have required that a person be at least 16 years old to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on public lands without being accompanied by an adult. This bill also limits the size of ATV that children under age 16 may operate on public lands. *Signed into law. Chapter* 394, *Statutes of* 2008.

SB 1229 Maldonado

Vehicles: special license plates: disabled veterans

This bill would have provided for the issuance of special license plates for non-handicapped, disabled veterans. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*.

SB 1455 Cogdill Gold Star license plates

This bill exempts the Department of Veterans Affairs, if it sponsors a Gold Star Family specialized license plate program, from the requirement that it collect 7,500 paid applications for that license plate prior to the Department of Motor Vehicles issuing the plates. This bill establishes civil penalties and makes other changes with respect to violations of state law related to construction or sale of manufactured housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 309, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1469 Calderon

Motor vehicles: repossession

This bill would have made several revisions to the laws related to repossession of motor vehicles. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1549 Florez

Historic vehicles: special license plates

This bill would have required DMV, by January 10, 2010, to report to the governor and to the transportation committees of the Legislature on the special license plate programs for historic vehicles. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

SB 1567 Oropeza

Windshield: GPS device

This bill allows a GPS device to be mounted in the 7-inch square in the lower corner farthest removed from the driver or in the 5-inch square in the lower corner nearest the driver, if the system is used only for door-to-door navigation while the motor vehicle is being operated and the device is mounted outside of an airbag deployment zone. *Signed into law. Chapter 413, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1646 Padilla

South Coast Air Quality Management District: air pollution fee

This bill deletes the 2010 sunset date on the SCAQMD's authority to impose an additional fee of \$1 on motor vehicles registered in that district to fund programs to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. *Signed into law. Chapter 724, Statutes of 2008.*

SB 1731 Yee Vehicles: fees: Metropolitan Transportation Commission: congestion mitigation

This bill would have allowed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to impose a \$1 fee on the annual registration renewal of motor vehicles registered in any of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties under the commission's jurisdiction to fund projects designed to mitigate traffic congestion. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 619 Emmerson

Vehicle registration amnesty program

This bill requires DMV to establish a vehicle registration amnesty program designed to encourage owners of specially constructed vehicles who have incorrectly registered their vehicle to register their vehicle properly and avoid prosecution. The bill specifies the conditions that must be met in order for a vehicle owner to be granted amnesty, including assigning to the vehicle the model year that is the calendar year of registration under the amnesty program (i.e., 2010) for purposes of establishing the emission standards that the vehicle is required to meet under the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (smog check). The program is to be in effect between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. *Signed into law. Chapter 420, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 830 Ma

Charter-party carriers: transportation of school pupils

This bill exempts vehicles designed to carry between 11 and 25 persons and operated by a charter-party carrier from the definition of "school bus" and specifies the conditions that a charter-party carrier must meet in order to operate such vehicles carrying students to or from school-related activities. The bill also requires the California Department of Education to review and, if necessary, revise its training courses and requirements for classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training to ensure that they appropriately address those vehicles that carry between 11 and 25 persons. *Signed into law. Chapter 649, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 860 Salas

Vehicles: additional registration fees

This bill would have extended until 2018 the \$1 surcharge on vehicle registrations that funds vehicle theft prevention, investigation, and prosecution programs. *Vetoed by the Governor*.

AB 1939 DeSaulnier

Vehicles: document preparation charges

This bill would have increased the amount a vehicle dealer may charge a vehicle lessee for document preparation by \$10 to \$55. This bill also would have increased the amount of the required surety bond for vehicle dealers from \$50,000 to \$100,000. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

AB 2042 Fuentes

Vehicles: removal: unlicensed dealers

This bill allows a peace officer to remove and impound a vehicle when citing a person for acting as an unlicensed vehicle dealer. *Signed into Law. Chapter 736, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2060 Jeffries

Vehicles: fee exemption: tribal firefighting equipment

This bill exempts from vehicle registration fees firefighting and rescue equipment owned by federally recognized Indian tribes that have entered into a mutual aid agreement with a government agency to provided fire protection and emergency response services. *Signed into Law. Chapter 92, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2241 Saldaña

Vehicle operation: temporary permits

This bill imposes a fee of \$50 for the issuance of a temporary permit to operate a motor vehicle whose registration requires a certificate of compliance (i.e., smog certificate), provided the vehicle has undergone and failed its most recent smog inspection. Temporary operating permits are valid for 60 days and no more than one permit may be issued every two years. *Signed into law. Chapter 451, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2272 Fuentes Vehicles: motorcycles

This bill permits fully enclosed, three-wheeled motor vehicles to access high-occupancy vehicle lanes and deletes the maximum weight from the definition of "motorcycle." *Signed into law. Chapter 672*, *Statutes of 2008*.

AB 2273 Fuentes

Vehicles: nonrepairable vehicle certificates

This bill requires DMV to issue a nonrepairable vehicle certificate for a vehicle without a certificate of ownership if the owner of the vehicle has failed to provide the certificate of ownership to an insurance company upon acceptance of a total loss settlement and the insurance company has made at least two written attempts to obtain the certificate of ownership. *Signed into law. Chapter 97, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2388 Feuer Vehicles: registration fees

This bill would have imposed two separate fees for the registration of a passenger vehicle. *Held in Assembly Transportation Committee*.

AB 2436 Emmerson

Recreational vehicles: dealer agreements

This bill provides that a recreational vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or dealer cannot sell a new recreational vehicle in California without a signed, written dealer agreement. *Signed into Law. Chapter 743, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2522 Arambula San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

This bill allows the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to increase the motor vehicle registration surcharge to up to \$30 per vehicle per year according to specified conditions. This bill also permits the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to adopt rules and regulations to reduce vehicle trips. *Signed into law. Chapter 677, Statutes of 2008.*

AB 2557 DeVore

Vehicles: special license plates

This bill would have established a process at the DMV by which an eligible vehicle owner can apply for and receive special license plates that indicate he or she is an active member of the California National Guard. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2558 Feuer

Climate protection and system preservation fee

This bill would have authorized a regional transportation agency, to impose, subject to voter approval within the jurisdiction of the regional transportation agency, a climate protection and system preservation fee on either motor vehicle fuel or motor vehicle registration within its jurisdiction. *Held on Senate inactive file*.

AB 2896 Lieber Gold Star license plates

This bill would have established a process at the DMV by which an eligible vehicle owner can apply for and receive special license plates that indicate he or she is a relative of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed on active duty. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*.

AB 2963 Gaines

Neighborhood electric vehicles

This bill extends until 2012 a pilot project in the cities of Lincoln and Rocklin under which these cities may adopt neighborhood electric vehicle transportation plans. *Signed into law. Chapter 199, Statutes of 2008.*