



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

Priority Actions for 2005

MEMBER AGENCIES

Association of Bay Area Governments
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Butte County Association of Governments
Calaveras Council of Governments
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Council of Fresno County Governments
Council of San Benito County Governments
El Dorado County Transportation Commission
Humboldt County Association of Governments
Kern Council of Governments
Kings County Association of Governments
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Madera County Transportation Commission
Mendocino Council of Governments
Merced County Association of Governments
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Orange County Transportation Authority
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
San Bernardino Associated Governments
San Diego Association of Governments
San Joaquin Council of Governments
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Southern California Association of Governments
Stanislaus Council of Governments
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Tulare County Association of Governments
Ventura County Transportation Commission
Western Riverside Council of Governments

CONSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

California State Association of Counties
League of California Cities

1. Work with other public and private transportation interests to protect Proposition 42 and other transportation funds from being authorized to be diverted to other purposes. Increase transportation funding and local transportation financing authority including opportunities for user fee and privately financed projects. Improve cost effectiveness in development and delivery of transportation projects and transportation operations and maintenance expenditures in order to increase accountability and improve efficiency.
2. Together with other California transportation interests, unite California's congressional Delegation behind the California consensus position on the reauthorization of ISTEA/TEA 21 in a manner that preserves the successes of ISTEA and TEA 21 for regional agencies and improves the funding for California transportation projects and programs. The joint position emphasizes goods movement either through a new formula factor or other increased funding options, provides for expediting federal environmental review, and protects transit operating and new start funding. The legislation should also include opportunities for more funds to flow directly to regional agencies and reduce unnecessary state procedures which delay receipt of funds.
3. Sponsor legislation and seek support of Governor Schwarzenegger to require other state and federally funded infrastructure to be consistent with regional plans in the same manner in which transportation projects are currently required to be consistent with regional transportation plans and provide funding to Councils of Governments to prepare such plans.
4. Sponsor or support legislation to insure that planning, programming, and monitoring funds are available with reasonably consistent funding. Insure that federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to delays in adoption of a state budget.
5. Support or sponsor legislation providing greater flexibility for local agencies to loan local transportation funds to the state to advance projects and to assist the state when it has cash flow difficulties by increasing the time in which local agencies may advance such funds and insuring that such loans can be paid back or credited to the local agencies with an amount comparable to interest on loans would yield.
6. Work with the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties and other interests to improve state law regarding regional housing needs determinations, funding for that process, and funding for affordable housing to support regional planning priorities.
7. Support amendments to Federal Clean Air Act to clarify that timely implementation of transportation control measures applies only to those which have a quantified impact on air quality.