



## DRAFT 2011 Legislative Program: State Issues

- 1S. **Preserve funding and delivery schedule of priority transportation projects.**
- 2S. **Seek state intercity rail funding for operations and vehicle acquisition for eligible passenger rail services:**
  1. Rail Extension to Monterey County
  2. New Coast Daylight train
- 3S. **Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation and transit funding.**
- 4S. **Monitor proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures from the 2/3 supermajority to a simple majority, 55% or 60% majority vote.**
- 5S. **Monitor climate change legislation** to ensure that proposals support local economies and do not adversely affect transportation projects.
- 6S. **Support legislation that reduces the cost of litter removal** from transportation facilities, including the plastic bag ban, and seek funding for litter removal efforts.
- 7S. **Support the California High-Speed Rail project** and seek funding for connections with Monterey County rail projects.
- 8S. **Support facilitating the ability of non-profits to assume the long-term management of lands or easements as mitigation for road projects.**
- 9S. **Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development**, transit villages and smart growth, and support eligibility for housing bond funds.
- 10S. **Support “complete streets” and development guidelines that integrate alternative forms of transportation**, such as transit, bicycle and pedestrian commuting.
- 11S. **Support member agencies’ requests** for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and **support partner agency legislative efforts** as they interface with regional transportation priorities, consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County policies.



## **DRAFT 2011 Legislative Program: Federal Issues**

- 1F. Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other funding for the Agency's high priority projects, in priority order:**
1. US 101 - San Juan Road interchange (Red Barn)
  2. Reauthorization of passenger rail and bus transit facilities and service:  
Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County;  
Monterey Peninsula light rail transit
  3. State Route 156 improvements
  4. Route 68 Holman Highway (Access to Community Hospital), Phase II, construction
  5. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
- 2F. Support the following priorities for federal authorization legislation:**
1. **Stabilize and increase transportation funding sources** in order to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
    - i. Raise or index the gas tax to keep up with inflation.
    - ii. Identify additional funding sources above and beyond the gas tax for maintenance and operations on the existing transportation network.
    - iii. Support maximum federal transportation spending and removal of any procedural obstacles that would impede expenditure of all authorized funding.
    - iv. Focus funding on projects that support economic development and provide jobs.
  2. Streamline project delivery
  3. Allocate funding to support goods movement programs, especially for highway and rail projects that transport agricultural goods to market
  4. Support "complete streets" programs
  5. Support infrastructure bank programs
- 3F. Support federal jobs stimulus bills that invest in infrastructure and:**
- a. Relieve local agencies from funding match requirements; and
  - b. Prioritize shelf-ready local streets and roads maintenance projects and transit operations.
- 4F. Seek federal funding for Monterey County rail and busway projects** through the Federal Transit Administration New Starts/ Small Starts program, the railroad safety grant program, the high-speed rail program, or other sources.
- 5F. Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California's state requirements, support local economies, and do not adversely affect transportation projects.**
- 6F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak** in the annual appropriations bill and the Amtrak reauthorization legislation, support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition, and support the appointment of a California representative to the Amtrak Board of Directors.
- 7F. Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts** as they interface with regional transportation priorities, consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County policies.