



DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM – 2014

Issue	Goal	Strategy
1. Transportation Funding	A. Lower the 2/3 super majority vote for local and regional transportation taxes	Support proposals to assist in the passage of local transportation measures by amending the constitution to allow a city, county, special district or regional transportation agency to impose a special tax for transportation projects with 55 percent approval. Oppose efforts to add burdensome restrictions on the expenditure plan for measures seeking passage by a 55 percent margin.
	B. Support efforts to secure new sources of statewide transportation funding	Engage in any efforts that may emerge in 2014 to provide new sources of statewide funding for transportation whether it is a new dedicated user fee, such as a gas tax or a vehicle license fee. Advocate that any new sources of funding should provide eligibility for all transportation modes.
	C. Support innovative transportation finance programs options to replace the loss of redevelopment funding	Support efforts to revive the authority of local governments to use tax-increment financing (TIF) or infrastructure finance districts in support of projects consistent with the sustainable communities strategy.
	D. FY 2014-15 State Budget	Advocate for effective use of existing transportation funds and protect them from diversion to the General Fund. Advocate for a FY 2014-15 State Budget that best addresses the state's extensive transportation needs.
2. Cap-and-Trade Funding	A. Secure funding in the FY 2014-15 Budget	Work closely with our Bay Area partner agencies and legislative delegation to secure cap-and-trade funding in the FY 2014-15 State Budget
	B. Enact legislation providing for a longer term commitment of cap-and-trade funds to regional agencies	Advocate for a long-term statutory framework for cap-and-trade funds — including extending the cap-and-trade program beyond 2020 to regional agencies.

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3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Monitor efforts to update and streamline the CEQA process	Work with Bay Area partner agencies or other coalitions to support CEQA streamlining for transportation projects that are consistent with an RTP.
4. School Siting Reform	Require school districts to take state and local planning goals into account when siting new schools	In partnership with other Bay Area agencies, support revision of the state's school siting requirements to require school districts to take into account state goals related to climate change, infill development, and open space preservation, as well as local and regional plans. Such changes would be applicable to schools built with funds approved in the next bond measure anticipated to be on the November 2014 ballot.
5. Project Delivery	Support institutional changes at all levels that result in more expeditious, cost-effective project delivery and/or a more efficient, cohesive transportation system	Support legislation to expand the use of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) to Self-Help Counties or other local project sponsors of projects on the State highway system.
		Monitor and support elements of the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI) report to California State Transportation Secretary that may require legislative action.
6. Regional Autonomy	Support efforts that respect, enhance or expand local decision-making authority and assures regional flexibility.	Monitor legislative or administrative efforts that propose new programs or amend existing programs to ensure that local decision-making authority is maintained.