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Bill numbers are hyperlinked to their doc set; links in the Description column are of particular interest; votes are linked; times are linked to video. Links to Budget Subcommittee Hearings and CHSRA Board Meetings are in the Committee Info tables on Page 2.

Passed Assembly: [AB 153](#), [AB 282](#), [AB 289](#), [AB 338](#), [AB 733](#). Passed Senate: [SB 391](#), [SB 455](#), [SB 476](#), [SB 555](#), [SB 686](#), [SB 734](#), [SB 783](#).

Noteworthy changes: [SB 409](#) to Senate Appropriations suspense file. Dropped [AB 1375](#) to make space for [ABX4 1](#), the Budget Bill containing HSR.

Senate Bills					
Bill	Author	Hearing	Description	Status/Update	Committee
SB 391	Liu, Lowenthal		Requires Caltrans to address trans. planning policy & process; relates to sustainable communities strategy. Does not specifically include HSR. CPUC Analysis 7/2008. Amended 5/4. Appr Anal 5/18. Sen Anal 5/20. Asm Trans Anal 6/30. AsmAppr Anal 7/7.	4/21 Trans: do pass (7-4) 4/27 Env Qual: do pass (5-2) 5/18 Sen Appr: pass (8-5) 6/1 Senate: (23-15) ; Asm 1 st read. 6/29 Asm Trans: (9-5). 7/8 to Asm Appr suspense.	Assembly Appropriations (suspense file)
SB 409	Ducheny		Creates Dept. of Railroads, transferring all rail functions from Caltrans to new dept; also moves rail safety from CPUC to rail dept. (see CPUC Report) Amend 5/21.	4/14 Trans Com: placed on hold, waiting for CA Research Bureau's study due 5/1. Projected 5/15. 6/9 Sen Trans: (10-0) 7/23 to Sen Appr suspense. (13-0)	Senate Appropriations
SB 455	Lowenthal		Gov appointed members of CHSRA are subject to Senate approval. CHSRA to exemptions Caltrans benefits from, including property acquisition. Like Caltrans, they'd be exempt from DGS, SPWB and DOF body of law. Amend on 4/16. Trans Anal 4/16. Appr Anal 5/26. Sen Anal 5/28. Asm Trans Anal 6/26. Asm Appr Anal 7/14. Asm Anal 7/16.	4/21 Sen Trans: do pass (10-1) 5/26 Appr: pass (9-4) 6/2 Senate: (32-5); Asm 1 st read. 6/29 Asm Trans: (10-4). 7/15 Asm Appr: (11-5). 7/24 Placed on inactive file	Assembly Third read.
SB 474	Ducheny	August 17 11:00	Pilot trans programs: Public-Private Partnership, design-build, streamlining CEQA. Amend 6/3. Trans Anal 6/25. Amend 7/9.	6/9 & 6/16 & 6/29: Testimony taken; hearing postponed. 7/7 Sen Trans: (9-0)	Senate Appropriations
SB 476	Correa	July 6 postpone by com.	Prohibits taking action against an agency for noncompliance with CEQA unless complaints were presented prior to close of public comment period. Amend 4/23 – significantly alters intent. Env Qual Anal 4/23 by Simitian. Amend 4/30. Sen Anal 5/4.	4/23 re-referred to Env Qual Com 4/27 Env Qual: do pass (6-0) re-refer to Appropriations 5/11 Senate: (36-0) ; Asm 1 st read.	Assembly Natural Resources
SB 526	Ashburn		Requires the operation of at least 1 Amtrak train on San Joaquin (Altamont) route that terminates in SF. Trans Com Analysis added 4/23. Appr Analysis 5/29.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass (10-0) 5/1 Sen Appr: (13-0) 5/28 held in com, under submiss.	Senate Appropriations
SB 555	Kehoe		Prohibits person from acquiring conservation easement by eminent domain unless specified procedures are followed. Allows current holder to state objections. Jud Anal 4/20. Amend 5/12. SenAnal 5/20. Amend 5/21. Anal 5/22. Anal 5/26. Amend 6/24 rewritten. Anal 6/29. Amend 7/13.	4/21 Senate Jud Com: (3-2). 6/2 Senate: (22-14). 6/30 Assembly Judicial (7-3).	Assembly Appropriations
SB 686	DeSaulnier		Adds to the CEQA process. Env. Qual. Com Anal (by Simitian) 4/19. Senate Anal Consent 4/22. Senate Anal 3rd Read 4/23.	4/20 Env Qual Com: pass (7-0) 4/27 Senate: (36-0); Asm 1 st read.	Assembly Natural Resources
SB 734	Lowenthal	July 23	Allocates funds for various projects including grade separation, freight, etc. Trans Com Anal 4/23. Sen Anal 5/12. Amend 6/22. Asm Trans Anal 6/26. Asm Appr 7/7. Asm Anal 7/16.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass (10-0) 5/18 Senate: (36-0); 6/30 Asm Trans: (13-0) to consent. 7/8 Asm Appr: (15-0)	Assembly Third reading
SB 783	Ashburn	July 23	Establishes additional requirements for CHSRA business plan. Trans Anal 4/23. Amend on 4/30 removes bond contingency. Appr Anal 5/26. Amend 5/28 extends bus plan date by 2 years. Sen Anal 5/29. Asm Trans Anal 6/19. Amend 6/23. Asm Trans Anal 6/26. Amend 7/2. Asm Trans Anal 7/7.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass (10-0) 5/26 Sen Appr: pass (12-1) 6/1 Senate: (38-0). 6/29 Asm Trans (12-0). 7/15 Asm appr: (16-0).	Assembly Consent Cal.

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ABX4 1	Evans		One of 31 Budget Bills; contains HSR. Amend 7/23.	7/23 Senate: pass (27-13) 7/23 Assembly: pass (56-23) 7/24 Enrolled and to Governor.	Governor
AB 153	Ma		Exempts CHSRA from certain contingencies related to eminent domain, giving them greater autonomy when acquiring rights-of-way. Allows hiring legal staff. Jud Anal 4/13. Trans Anal 3/20. Appr Anal 4/28. Asm Anal 5/8. Sen Trans Anal 6/18. Hearing canceled at request of author 7/2.	3/23 Trans Com: pass (9-3) & to Jud. 4/14 Jud Com: pass (7-2) & to Appr. 4/29 Appr: do pass (11-5). 5/11 Asm: (53-16); Sen 1st read.	Senate Trans
AB 282	Asm Trans Committee	August 17 11:00	Variety of trans concerns; includes placing \$250M into fund for grade separations, allocation is to be made in consultation & coordination with HSRA. TransAnal 4/17. ApprAnal 4/28. Amend 7/13.	4/20 Trans: pass (12-0) & to consent 4/29 Appr: pass (16-0) & to cons cal. 5/11 Asm: (78-0) ; Sen 1st read. 7/7 Sen Trans: (10-0)	Senate Appr
AB 289	Galgiani		Exempts high-speed grade separation projects from having to meet CEQA. Amend 4/14. Trans Anal 4/24. Asm Anal 4/27.	4/15 re-referred to Trans Com 4/27 Trans: do pass to floor (13-0) 5/18 Assembly: (72-3); Sen 1st read.	Senate Env Qual.
AB 338	Ma		Increase transit village from ¼ to ½ mile of transit station. Affects affordable housing, density, funding of TODs. Authorizes city or county to make infrastructure improvements without voter approval. Requires local govts to use at least 20% of tax increment of certain bond funds for affordable housing. Amend 5/11. Asm Anal 5/13. Amend 6/25. Sen LocGov Anal 7/2.	4/2 Com on Local Gov: do pass (4-2) 4/22 Appr Com: do pass (11-5) 5/11 Third read, amend, resubmit. 6/1 Asm Floor: pass (48-31) 7/8 Sen Local Gov: pass (3-2)	Senate 3 rd read
AB 733	Galgiani		Authorizes CHSRA to allow job creations as a factor when awarding contracts. Trans Com Analysis 4/17. Appr Com Analysis 4/28. Asm Analysis 5/8.	4/20 Trans: pass (13-0) & to Appr. 4/29 Appr: pass (16-0). 5/13 Assembly (73-0); Sen 1 st read. 7/7 Sen Trans: pass (9-1)	Senate 2 nd read
AB 928	Blakeslee		Requires CHSRA to develop an earthquake early warning system. Amend 4/27.	4/30 to Rules for assignment	Assembly

Select Committee Info:				
Senate (no. members)	Hearings	Chair	Vice Chair	Hearings of interest (non-bill items)
Appropriations (13)	Mon 11:00	Kehoe	Cox	
Budget & Fiscal Review (40)	Thurs 8:00	Ducheny	Dutton	
Budget Sub No2 Resources, Env, Energy, Trans (3)	Thurs 9:30	Simitian		April 30: CHSRA – agenda ; mp3 audio (CHSRA 01:40:00); outcomes . May 14: CHSRA - agenda ; mp3 audio .
Environmental Quality (7)	1/3 Mon 1:30	Simitian	Runner	
Judiciary (5)	Tues 1:00	Corbett	Harman	
Rules (5)	Wed 1:30	Steinberg	Aanestad	
Transportation & Housing (11)	Tues 1:30	Lowenthal	Huff	March 17: CHSRA – agenda ; video .
Assembly:				
Appropriations (17)	Wed 9:00	De Leon	Nielsen	
Budget (27)	Wed, on call	Evans	Niello	
Budget No5 Tech, Trans (5)	Wed 4:00	Blumenfield		April 29: CHSRA – agenda.doc
Judiciary (10)	Tues 9:00	Feuer	Tran	
Natural Resources		Skinner	Gilmore	
Rules (11)	Mon, on call	Lieu	Blakeslee	
Transportation (14)	Mon 1:30	Eng	Jeffries	
Joint Legislative Audit (13)	Monthly	Huber	Ashburn	May 27: Video (01:14:00) audit CHSRA after Fed Stim Appl. (10-0)
CHSRA Board Meetings	Monthly	Kopp	Florez	Board packets (select “2009 Meetings”). May 4: audio . June 4: audio ; video . July 2: audio ; video . Aug 6.