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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.

**Noteworthy changes:** [AB 289](#) (grade separation CEQA exemptions) rewritten to require bond proceeds to be used to match ARRA funds.

**Enrolled and Chaptered:** [SB 391](#), [SB 734](#), [SB 783](#), [AB 282](#). **Vetoed:** [SB 555](#), [AB 338](#), [AB 733](#).

Senate Bills					
Bill	Author	Hearing	Description	Status/Update	Location
<a href="#">SB 391</a>	Liu, Lowenthal		Requires Caltrans to address trans. planning policy & process; relates to sustainable communities strategy. Does not specifically include HSR. <a href="#">CPUC Analysis</a> 7/2008. <a href="#">Amended</a> 5/4. <a href="#">Appr Anal</a> 5/18. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 5/20. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 6/30. <a href="#">AsmAppr Anal</a> 7/7. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 8/31.	4/21 Trans: <a href="#">(7-4)</a> 4/27 EnvQI: <a href="#">(5-2)</a> 5/18 Appr: <a href="#">(8-5)</a> 6/1 Senate Floor: <a href="#">(23-15)</a> 6/29 Asm Trans: <a href="#">(9-5)</a> 8/27 Asm Appr <a href="#">(12-5)</a> 9/3 Assembly Floor <a href="#">(48-28)</a>	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/4. <a href="#">Chaptered</a> 10/11.
<a href="#">SB 409</a>	Ducheny		Creates Dept. of Railroads, transferring all rail functions from Caltrans to new dept; also moves rail safety from CPUC to rail dept. (see <a href="#">CPUC Report</a> ) <a href="#">Amend</a> 5/21.	4/14 Trans Com: on hold, waiting for CA Research Bureau's study. 6/9 Sen Trans: <a href="#">(10-0)</a> 8/27 Sen Appr: <a href="#">(13-0)</a>	Senate
<a href="#">SB 455</a>	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. <a href="#">Amend</a> on 4/16. <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 4/16. <a href="#">Appr Anal</a> 5/26. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 5/28. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 6/26. <a href="#">Asm Appr Anal</a> 7/14. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 7/16.	4/21 Sen Trans: do pass <a href="#">(10-1)</a> 5/26 Appr: pass <a href="#">(9-4)</a> 6/2 Senate: <a href="#">(32-5)</a> ; Asm 1 <sup>st</sup> read. 6/29 Asm Trans: <a href="#">(10-4)</a> . 7/15 Asm Appr: <a href="#">(11-5)</a> . 7/24 Placed on inactive file	Assembly (inactive file)
<a href="#">SB 474</a>	Ducheny		Pilot trans programs: Public-Private Partnership, design-build, streamlining CEQA. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/3. <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 6/25. <a href="#">Amend</a> 8/24. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 8/24.	7/7 Sen Trans: <a href="#">(9-0)</a> 8/27 Senate: <a href="#">(38-0)</a>	Assembly
<a href="#">SB 476</a>	Correa		Prohibits taking action against an agency for noncompliance with CEQA unless complaints were presented prior to close of public comment period. <a href="#">Amend</a> 4/23 – significantly alters intent. <a href="#">Env Qual Anal</a> 4/23 by Simitian. <a href="#">Amend</a> 4/30. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 5/4.	4/27 Env Qual: <a href="#">(6-0)</a> 5/11 Senate: <a href="#">(36-0)</a> ; Asm 1 <sup>st</sup> read. 6/22 Hearing postponed by com.	Assembly Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 526</a>	Ashburn		Requires the operation of at least 1 Amtrak train on San Joaquin (Altamont) route that terminates in SF. <a href="#">Trans Com Analysis</a> added 4/23. <a href="#">Appr Analysis</a> 5/29.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass <a href="#">(10-0)</a> 5/1 Sen Appr: <a href="#">(13-0)</a> 5/28 held in com, under submiss.	Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 555</a>	Kehoe		Prohibits person from acquiring conservation easement by eminent domain unless specified procedures are followed. Allows current holder to state objections. <a href="#">Jud Anal</a> 4/20. <a href="#">SenAnal</a> 5/20. [...] <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/24 rewritten. [...] <a href="#">Amend</a> 9/3. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 9/3. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 9/9.	4/21 Senate Jud Com: <a href="#">(3-2)</a> . 6/2 Senate: <a href="#">(22-14)</a> . 6/30 Assembly Judicial <a href="#">(7-3)</a> . 8/19 Asm Appr: <a href="#">(12-4)</a> 9/8 Assembly: <a href="#">(50-25)</a> 9/10 Senate: <a href="#">(27-11)</a>	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/15. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> 10/12.
<a href="#">SB 686</a>	DeSaulnier		Adds to the CEQA process. <a href="#">Env. Qual. Com Anal (by Simitian)</a> 4/19. <a href="#">Senate Anal Consent</a> 4/22. <a href="#">Senate Anal 3rd Read</a> 4/23.	4/20 Env Qual Com: pass <a href="#">(7-0)</a> 4/27 Senate: <a href="#">(36-0)</a> ; Asm 1 <sup>st</sup> read.	Assembly Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 734</a>	Lowenthal		Allocates funds for various projects including grade separation, freight, etc. <a href="#">Trans Com Anal</a> 4/23. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 5/12. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/22. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 6/26. <a href="#">Asm Appr</a> 7/7. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 7/16. <a href="#">Amend</a> 8/27. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 8/28. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 9/2.	4/28 Sen Trans: <a href="#">(10-0)</a> 5/18 Senate: <a href="#">(36-0)</a> ; 6/30 Asm Trans: <a href="#">(13-0)</a> to consent. 7/8 Asm Appr: <a href="#">(15-0)</a> 9/1 Assembly: <a href="#">(78-0)</a> 9/8 Senate: <a href="#">(40-0)</a>	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/10. <a href="#">Chaptered</a> 10/11.
<a href="#">SB 783</a>	Ashburn		Establishes additional requirements for CHSRA business plan. <a href="#">Amend</a> on 4/30 removes bond contingency. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 5/29. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 6/19. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/23. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 6/26. <a href="#">Amend</a> 7/2. <a href="#">Asm Trans Anal</a> 7/7. <a href="#">Asm Appr Anal</a> 7/14. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 8/18.	4/28 Trans <a href="#">(10-0)</a> . 5/26 Appr <a href="#">(12-1)</a> 6/1 Senate: <a href="#">(38-0)</a> 6/29 Asm Trans: <a href="#">(12-0)</a> 7/15 Asm Appr: <a href="#">(16-0)</a> 8/17 Assembly: <a href="#">(76-0)</a> 8/24 Senate: <a href="#">(39-0)</a>	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 8/25. <a href="#">Chaptered</a> 10/11.

Assembly Bills					
Bill	Author	Hearing	Description	Status/Update	Committee
<a href="#">ABX4 1</a>	Evans		One of 31 Budget Bills; contains HSR. <a href="#">Amend</a> 7/23. Gov line-item <a href="#">vetoed</a> 7/28.	7/23 Sen ( <a href="#">27-13</a> ); Assembly ( <a href="#">56-23</a> ). 7/28 Gov approved; <a href="#">Chapt'd</a> .	<a href="#">Chapt'd</a> 7/28
<a href="#">AB 153</a>	Ma	Hearing canceled at request of author 7/2.	Exempts CHSRA from certain contingencies related to eminent domain, giving them greater autonomy when acquiring rights-of-way. Allows hiring legal staff. <a href="#">Jud Anal</a> 4/13. <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 3/20. <a href="#">Appr Anal</a> 4/28. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 5/8. <a href="#">Sen Trans Anal</a> 6/18.	3/23 Trans Com: pass ( <a href="#">9-3</a> ) & to Jud. 4/14 Jud Com: pass ( <a href="#">7-2</a> ) & to Appr. 4/29 Appr: do pass ( <a href="#">11-5</a> ). 5/11 Asm: ( <a href="#">53-16</a> ); Sen 1st read.	Senate Trans
<a href="#">AB 282</a>	Asm Trans Committee		Variety of trans concerns; includes \$1B for emission reductions, \$4B for public trans; placing \$250M into fund for grade separations, allocation is to be made in consultation & coordination with HSRA. <a href="#">TransAnal</a> 4/17. <a href="#">ApprAnal</a> 4/28. <a href="#">Amend</a> 7/13. <a href="#">Amend</a> 9/2.	4/20 Trans: pass ( <a href="#">12-0</a> ) & to consent 4/29 Appr: pass ( <a href="#">16-0</a> ) & to cons cal. 5/11 Asm: ( <a href="#">78-0</a> ) ; Sen 1st read. 7/7 Sen Trans: ( <a href="#">10-0</a> ) 9/4 Senate: ( <a href="#">39-0</a> ) 9/9 Assembly: ( <a href="#">78-0</a> )	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/11. <a href="#">Chapt'd</a> 10/11.
<a href="#">AB 289</a>	Galgiani		<del>Exempts high-speed grade separation projects from having to meet CEQA.</del> <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 4/24. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 4/27. <a href="#">Amend</a> 8/17 use bonds to match ARRA.	4/27 Trans: do pass to floor ( <a href="#">13-0</a> ) 5/18 Assembly: ( <a href="#">72-3</a> ); Sen 1st read. 8/17 to Rules for assignment.	
<a href="#">AB 338</a>	Ma	August 19	Increase transit village from ¼ to ½ mile of transit station. Affects affordable housing, density, funding of TODs. Authorizes city or co. to make infrastructure improve's without voter approval. Requires local govts to use >20% of tax increment of certain bond funds for afford housing. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 5/13. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/25. <a href="#">Sen LocGov Anal</a> 7/2. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 7/10. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 9/8.	4/2 Com on Local Gov: do pass ( <a href="#">4-2</a> ) 4/22 Appr Com: do pass ( <a href="#">11-5</a> ) 5/11 Third read, amend, resubmit. 6/1 Asm Floor: pass ( <a href="#">48-31</a> ) 7/8 Sen Local Gov: pass ( <a href="#">3-2</a> ) 9/3 Senate: ( <a href="#">22-16</a> ) 9/10 Assembly: ( <a href="#">48-29</a> )	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/16. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> 10/11.
<a href="#">AB 733</a>	Galgiani	August 19	Authorizes CHSRA to allow job creations as a factor when awarding contracts. <a href="#">Trans Com Analysis</a> 4/17. <a href="#">Appr Com Analysis</a> 4/28. <a href="#">Asm Analysis</a> 5/8. <a href="#">Sen Anal</a> 8/17. <a href="#">Gov vetoed</a> : it could cause delays & jeopardize success in securing billions.	4/20 Trans: ( <a href="#">13-0</a> ) 4/29 Appr: ( <a href="#">16-0</a> ) 5/13 Assembly ( <a href="#">73-0</a> ); Sen 1 <sup>st</sup> read. 7/7 Sen Trans: ( <a href="#">9-1</a> ) 8/31 Senate: ( <a href="#">31-4</a> )	<a href="#">Enrolled</a> 9/3. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> 10/12.
<a href="#">AB 928</a>	Blakeslee		CHSRA to develop earthquake early warning sys.	4/30 to Rules for assignment	Assembly
<a href="#">AB 1111</a>	Blakeslee		Sales tax exemption for alt. energy projects, HSR.	4/27 Alt Eng: ( <a href="#">14-0</a> )	Assembly Appr

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