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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 455](#) & [SB 783](#) passed committee.

Senate Bills					
Bill	Author	Hearing	Description	Status/Update	Committee
<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.	4/21 Trans: do pass ( <a href="#">7-4</a> ) 4/27 Env Qual: do pass ( <a href="#">5-2</a> ) 5/18 Sen Appr: pass ( <a href="#">8-5</a> ) 6/1 Senate: ( <a href="#">23-15</a> ) ; Asm 1 <sup>st</sup> read. 6/29 Asm Trans: ( <a href="#">9-5</a> ). 7/8 to Asm Appr suspense.	Assembly Appropriations (suspense file)
<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: placed on hold, waiting for CA Research Bureau's study due 5/1. Projected 5/15. 6/9 Sen Trans: ( <a href="#">10-0</a> )	Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 455</a>	Lowenthal	July 17	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> ).	Assembly Third read.
<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> 7/7.	6/9 & 6/16 & 6/29: Testimony taken; hearing postponed. 7/7 Sen Trans: ( <a href="#">9-0</a> )	Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 476</a>	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. <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.	4/23 re-referred to Env Qual Com 4/27 Env Qual: do pass ( <a href="#">6-0</a> ) re-refer to Appropriations 5/11 Senate: ( <a href="#">36-0</a> ) ; Asm 1 <sup>st</sup> read.	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="#">Amend</a> 5/12. <a href="#">SenAnal</a> 5/20. <a href="#">Amend</a> 5/21. <a href="#">Anal</a> 5/22. <a href="#">Anal</a> 5/26. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/24 rewritten. <a href="#">Anal</a> 6/29. <a href="#">Amend</a> 7/13.	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> ).	Assembly Appropriations
<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	July 17	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.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass ( <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> )	Assembly Third reading
<a href="#">SB 783</a>	Ashburn	July 17	Establishes additional requirements for CHSRA business plan. <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 4/23. <a href="#">Amend</a> on 4/30 removes bond contingency. <a href="#">Appr Anal</a> 5/26. <a href="#">Amend</a> 5/28 extends bus plan date by 2 years. <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.	4/28 Sen Trans: pass ( <a href="#">10-0</a> ) 5/26 Sen Appr: pass ( <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> ).	Assembly Consent Cal.

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<a href="#">AB 153</a>	Ma		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. Hearing postponed by committee 6/23, 7/2.	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	July 27 <a href="#">11:00</a>	Variety of trans concerns; includes 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.	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>	Senate Appr
<a href="#">AB 289</a>	Galgiani		Exempts high-speed grade separation projects from having to meet CEQA. <a href="#">Amend</a> 4/14. <a href="#">Trans Anal</a> 4/24. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 4/27.	4/15 re-referred to Trans Com 4/27 Trans: do pass to floor <a href="#">(13-0)</a> 5/18 Assembly: <a href="#">(72-3)</a> ; Sen 1st read.	Senate Env Qual.
<a href="#">AB 338</a>	Ma	July 20	Increases definition of transit village from ¼ to ½ mile of main entrance of a 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. <a href="#">Local Gov Anal</a> 3/31. <a href="#">Appr Analysis</a> 4/21. <a href="#">Asm Analysis</a> 4/29. <a href="#">Amend</a> 5/11. <a href="#">Asm Anal</a> 5/13. <a href="#">Amend</a> 6/25. <a href="#">Sen LocGov Anal</a> 7/2.	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>	Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> read
<a href="#">AB 733</a>	Galgiani	July 20 <a href="#">11:00</a>	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.	4/20 Trans: pass <a href="#">(13-0)</a> & to Appr. 4/29 Appr: pass <a href="#">(16-0)</a> . 5/13 Assembly <a href="#">(73-0)</a> ; Sen 1 <sup>st</sup> read. 7/7 Sen Trans: pass <a href="#">(9-1)</a>	Senate Appr
<a href="#">AB 928</a>	Blakeslee		Requires CHSRA to develop an earthquake early warning system. <a href="#">Amend</a> 4/27.	4/30 to Rules for assignment	Assembly
<a href="#">AB 1375</a>	Galgiani		Repeal and reenact CHST Act in Public Utilities Code. Creates new Dept. of Rail. Similar to SB 409. <a href="#">Trans Com Analysis</a> 4/24.	4/27 Trans: do pass <a href="#">(9-4)</a> & refer to Appr. Com.	Asm Appropriations

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> .
<b>Assembly:</b>				
<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> .