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INTRODUCTION

This report contains summaries of transportation related bills that were chaptered or vetoed in the 2013 legislative session. Bills that were passed by the Legislature and became law are shown with the chapter number; bills that were vetoed by the Governor or that otherwise failed to become law are so noted. Some bills could have been appropriately placed in several subject categories; an effort was made to place each bill under the most appropriate subject heading.

Acronyms used in this report are as follows:

(ARB) Air Resources Board

(Caltrans) Department of Transportation

(CEC) California Energy Commission

(CHP) California Highway Patrol

(CTC) California Transportation Commission

(HOV) High-Occupancy Vehicle

(SR) State Highway Route

(ZEV) Zero Emmission Vehicles

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AIR QUALITY

AB 466 (Quirk-Silva) Requires Caltrans to allocate federal funds to regional agencies under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program based on a weighted formula that considers population and pollution in a given area, as specified. **Chapter 736, Statutes of 2013**

AVIATION

AJR 6 (Fox) Requests the Federal Aviation Administration to consider California as one of the six planned test sites for unmanned aircraft systems and integration of those systems into the next generation air transportation system. **Resolution Chapter 78, Statutes of 2013**

BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS

AB 1371 (Bradford) Establishes, beginning on September 16, 2014, the “Three Feet for Safety Act,” which creates requirements for the safe passing of bicyclists by motor vehicles and establishes fines and penalties for drivers who fail to abide by these requirements. **Chapter 331, Statutes of 2013 -3-**

DRIVER LICENSING

AB 35 (Roger Hernández) Specifically related to transportation, provides clarification to permit DMV to issue identification cards to applicants that have been granted Deferred Action by the Department of Homeland Security. **Chapter 571, Statutes of 2013**

AB 60 (Alejo) Requires DMV to issue driver's licenses to persons who are ineligible for a Social Security Number if additional documentation is provided. **Chapter 524, Statutes of 2013**

AB 722 (Lowenthal) Adds a specified licensed doctor of chiropractic to the list of persons who may make a report of a medical examination of the specified applicants for an original or renewal certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle. **Chapter 160, Statutes of 2013**

AB 1047 (Linder) Conforms state law to federal law related to commercial driver's license. **Chapter 649, Statutes of 2013**

AB 1113 (Frazier) Would have, on January 1, 2015, imposed additional restrictions on a person licensed under the provisional licensing program prohibiting the provisional licensee from driving between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., or transporting passengers who are under 21 years of age, except as specified. The bill would have required a person to have held an instruction permit for at least 9 months prior to applying for a provisional driver's license. **Vetoed by the Governor**

ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND PARTIAL ELECTRIC VEHICLES

AB 266 (Blumenfield and Bloom) Extends, from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2019, the sunset date on provisions of existing law that allow certain clean air vehicles to use HOV lanes regardless of vehicle occupancy levels. **Chapter 405, Statutes of 2013**

SB 359 (Corbett) Provides money for ARB projects and programs aimed at encouraging the deployment of ZEV's and hybrid vehicles. **Chapter 415, Statutes of 2013**

SB 459 (Pavley) Directs ARB to take specific steps to improve the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program. **Chapter 437, Statutes of 2013**

FUELS

AJR 21 (Olsen) Urges Congress to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard program, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency to use all available authority, to expeditiously transition away from biofuel sources that compete with food production, as well as implement aggressive mechanisms to promote the development of advanced, sustainable noncrop-based fuels, including, but not limited to, cellulosic ethanol. **Resolution Chapter 155, Statutes of 2013**

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

AB 178 (Beth Gaines) Requires Caltrans, until January 1, 2020, to allow the placement of traveler information signs along State Highway Route 65 within, or at exits leading to, the City of Lincoln. **Chapter 131, Statutes of 2013**

AB 401 (Daly) Authorizes the use of design-build procurements for highways and expressways, under certain conditions. **Chapter 586, Statutes of 2013**

AB 405 (Gatto) Would have required the conversion of HOV lanes on SR 134 and SR 210 from full-time to part-time operation. **Vetoed by the Governor**

AB 493 (Daly) Authorizes operators of toll facilities on federal-aid highways to fully implement technologies or business practices that provide for the interoperability of electronic toll collection programs on and after the date specified in MAP-21. **Chapter 79, Statutes of 2013**

AB 755 (Ammiano) Requires consideration of a suicide barrier for new or replacement bridge projects, under certain conditions. **Chapter 593, Statutes of 2013**

SB 110 (DeSaulnier) Would have established a safety review task force to assess the seismic safety of the east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, exempted the task force and its members from liability, and subjected the task force to open meeting and public record access requirements. **Vetoed by Governor**

SB 169 (Emmerson) Deletes the portion of SR 10 between Route 38 near Redlands and SR 62 near Whitewater in the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside from the state scenic highway system. **Chapter 173, Statutes of 2013**

SB 416 (Liu) Makes a number of changes to provisions governing the sale of surplus properties in the SR 710 corridor. **Chapter 468, Statutes of 2013**

SB 613 (DeSaulnier) Places limitations on the use of toll revenues from the seven state-owned toll bridges within the jurisdiction of the Bay Area Toll Authority. **Chapter 603, Statutes of 2013**

SB 811 (Lara) Would have implemented specific requirements on the environmental review and approval of the Interstate 710 corridor project. **Vetoed by the G**

HIGHWAY NAMING RESOLUTIONS

ACR 14 (Yamada) Designates the rest area in the Town of Dunnigan on Interstate 5 as the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff's Office, Memorial Rest Area. **Resolution Chapter 63, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 16 (Hagman) Designates a specified portion of SR 39 (Beach Blvd.) in the City of Buena Park from Hillsborough Drive to Stage Road as the Gerald "Blackie" Sawyer Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 68, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 41 (Chavez) Designates the Mission Avenue bridge over Interstate 5 in the City of Oceanside as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Resolution Chapter 64, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 51 (Jones) Designates a portion of SR 8 in the County of San Diego as the Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 55 (Stone) Designates a specified portion of SR 68, in the County of Monterey, as the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Highway. **Resolution Chapter 135, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 57 (Jones) Designates a specified portion of SR 94 in the County of San Diego as the James Craig Schmidt Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 136, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 62 (Ian Calderon) Designates a specified portion of SR 72 as the Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 139, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 65 (Hall) Names the western span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge. **Resolution Chapter 140, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 68 (Donnelly) Designates a portion of SR 38 in San Bernardino County as the Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 142, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 69 (Salas) Designates the Cross Creek Bridge in the County of Kings as the CHP Officer Dean Esquibel Memorial Bridge. **Resolution Chapter 143, Statutes of 2013**

ACR 70 (Chesbro) Designates the interchange at U.S. Route 101 and SR 200 in the County of Humboldt as the CHP Officer Kenneth E. Marshall Memorial Interchange. **Resolution Chapter 144, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 4 (Fuller) Designates a specified portion of SR 204 in the City of Bakersfield as the Vernon P. Valenzuela Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 69, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 6 (Wolk) Designates the portion of SR 37 between Interstate 80 and SR 29 as the Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 85, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 13 (Nielsen) Designates the Sacramento River Bridge located on SR 273 as it crosses the Sacramento River into downtown in the City of Redding as the Redding Police Officer Owen "Ted" Lyon Memorial Bridge. **Resolution Chapter 86, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 23 (Cannella) Designates a specified portion of SR 101 in the County of Monterey as the Soledad State Prison Correctional Officers Memorial Highway honoring John V. Mills, William C. Shull, Robert J. McCarthy, and Kenneth E. Conant. **Resolution Chapter 95, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 27 (Jackson) Designates specified portions of SR 101 in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail. **Resolution Chapter 88, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 36 (Berryhill) Designates a specified portion of SR 152 in the County of Madera as the Bill Whitehurst Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 71, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 43 (DeSaulnier) Designates a specified undercrossing on SR 680 in Contra Costa County as the CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Undercrossing. **Resolution Chapter 98, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 44 (DeSaulnier) Designates the Willow Avenue Overcrossing over SR 4 in Contra Costa County as the Joe Eddy McDonald Memorial Overcrossing. **Resolution Chapter 124, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 45 (Wolk) Designates the portion of Interstate 80 between Midway Road and the SR 12 East interchange in the County of Solano as the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Highway. **Resolution Chapter 92, Statutes of 2013**

SCR 55 (Gaines and Nielsen) Designates the interchange between SR 99 and Riego Road in Sutter County as the Dean Patton Memorial Interchange. **Resolution Chapter 124, Statutes of 2013**

HIGH-SPEED RAIL

AB 481 (Lowenthal) Vests responsibilities with the High-Speed Rail Authority related to property disposal, leasing, rental, and management. **Chapter 132, Statutes of 2013**

AB 528 (Lowenthal) Revises the items required to be included in the State Rail Plan and the High-Speed Rail business plan. **Chapter 237, Statutes of 2013**

SB 557 (Hill) Requires any track expansion of the high-speed passenger rail system for the San Francisco-to-San Jose segment, beyond the blended system approach, to be approved by all nine parties to the Bay Area High-Speed Rail Early Investment Strategy Memorandum of Understanding. **Chapter 216, Statutes of 2013**

MASS TRANSPORTATION AND RAILROADS

AB 179 (Bocanegra) Expands privacy protections currently afforded to electronic toll collection subscribers to include users of electronic transit fare collection systems. **Chapter 375, Statutes of 2013**

AB 206 (Dickinson) Authorizes the Sacramento Regional Transit District to install folding devices attached to the front of its buses that are designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles if the use of the device meets certain requirements. **Chapter 95, Statutes of 2013**

AB 541 (Daly) Authorizes, until January 1, 2019, the University of California, Irvine to implement a pilot program to authorize buses to be equipped with illuminated signs that display information directly related to public service and include, among other things, destination signs, route-number signs, run-number signs, public service announcement signs, or a combination of those signs, visible from any direction of the vehicle. **Chapter 133, Statutes of 2013**

AB 664 (Williams) Creates the Gold Coast Transit District in the County of Ventura. The bill provides that the jurisdiction of the district include the Cities of Oxnard, Ventura, Port Hueneme, and Ojai and the unincorporated areas of the County of Ventura. Authorizes other cities in the County of Ventura to subsequently join the district. **Chapter 503, Statutes of 2013**

AB 730 (Alejo) Expands the Monterey-Salinas Transit District's authority to issue revenue bonds. **Chapter 394, Statutes of 2013**

AB 797 (Gordon) Authorizes the Santa Clara County Transportation Authority and the San Mateo County Transit Districts to utilize the Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery contract method for transit projects within their respective jurisdictions, subject to certain conditions and requirements. **Chapter 320, Statutes of 2013**

AB 946 (Stone) Authorizes the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to conduct a transit bus-only program using the shoulders of certain state highways as transit bus-only traffic corridors, subject to approval by Caltrans and CHP. **Chapter 426, Statutes of 2013**

SB 142 (DeSaulnier) Updates the authority of transit operators to levy special benefit assessments to finance transit projects. **Chapter 655, Statutes of 2013**

RULES OF THE ROAD

AB 902 (Beth Gaines) Would have increased the fine from \$50 to \$100 for vehicle operators who fail to follow the "move over" law that prescribes actions that drivers must take on a freeway when passing a stopped emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights or a tow truck or Caltrans vehicle displaying flashing amber warning lights. **Vetoed by the Governor**

SB 194 (Galgiani) Prohibits persons under 18 years of age from using an electronic wireless communications device, as defined, even if it is equipped with a hands-free device. **Chapter 754, Statutes of 2013**

SB 604 (Anderson) Would have authorized a city or county to enact an ordinance to prohibit a person from soliciting, displaying, selling, offering for sale, or otherwise vending or attempting to vend any merchandise or service while being wholly or partly within any center median that is within 300 feet of an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal. **Failed passage in the Assembly Transportation Committee**

TOWING

AB 306 (Lowenthal) Prohibits the retrieval of a vehicle by, or the release of a vehicle to, a motor carrier of property using a tow truck until the retrieving motor carrier provides a copy of his or her motor carrier permit. Also, requires the motor carrier releasing the vehicle to maintain a copy of the motor carrier permit for a period of two years. **Chapter 96, Statutes of 2013**

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

AB 14 (Lowenthal) Requires the California State Transportation Agency to prepare a state freight plan and requires the agency to establish a freight advisory committee with various responsibilities in that regard. **Chapter 223, Statutes of 2013**

AB 1290 (John A. Perez) Would have modified the composition of the CTC and imposed new duties relative to assessing progress in implementing sustainable communities strategies. **Vetoed by the Governor**

TRANSPORTATION FINANCING

AB 767 (Levine) Authorizes counties to increase motor vehicle fees from \$1 to \$2, and commercial vehicle service fee from \$2 to \$4, upon adoption of a resolution by the County board of supervisors, and submission of the resolution to the DMV. **Chapter 241, Statutes of 2013**

AB 1070 (Frazier) Revises the roles and responsibilities of the California Transportation Finance Authority, relative to the issuance of bonds. **Chapter 198, Statutes of 2013**

SB 203 (Pavley) Modifies the provisions specifically relating to Ventura County and the expenditure of local transportation funds. Requires the Ventura County Transportation Commission to post on its internet web site an annual report for five years, beginning September 1, 2014, on transit service within the county. **Chapter 464, Statutes of 2013**

TRUCKS

AB 529 (Lowenthal) Revises and recasts provisions of the Biennial Inspection of Terminals Program. Commencing January 1, 2016, authorizes CHP to conduct terminal inspections at any time and requires the department, on or before January 1, 2016, to implement a performance-based truck terminal inspection priority system similar to that used by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that would require the department to place an inspection priority on motor carrier terminals never previously inspected by the department. **Chapter 500, Statutes of 2013**

VEHICLE AND VESSEL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

AB 8 (Perea) Extends until January 1, 2024, extra fees on vehicle registrations, boat registrations, and tire sales in order to fund the AB 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), the Carl Moyer Program, and AB 923 (Firebaugh, Chapter 707, Statutes of 2004) Programs that support the production, distribution, and sale of alternative fuels and vehicle technologies, as well as air emissions reduction efforts; suspends until 2024, ARB's authority to require through regulation any fuel supplier to provide hydrogen fueling stations and instead allocates up to \$220 million of these fee funds to construct and operate retail hydrogen fueling stations; and extends the authority of local air districts to impose vehicle registration surcharges in their areas to achieve air emission reductions from vehicles and off-road engines. **Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013**

AB 64 (Donnelly) Permits a fifth-wheel travel trailer to be up to 48 feet in length so long as the distance between the kingpin to rear axle meets specific length requirements. Requires that a manufacturer of a 5th-wheel travel trailer that meets this exemption to include in the delivery documents the specified length. **Chapter 548, Statutes of 2013**

AB 244 (Bonillia) Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to apply to DMV to sponsor a veterans specialized license plate, and would require DMV to issue the veterans specialized license plates if the Department of Veterans Affairs meets requirements. **Chapter 690, Statutes of 2013**

AB 443 (Lowenthal) Prohibits DMV from transferring the ownership and registration of a vehicle to a family member or to a revocable trust if delinquent parking or toll violations have been reported to DMV, unless the transferee pays the amount of the fines and penalties for those violations or provides specified documentation showing the fines and penalties have been cleared. **Chapter 101, Statutes of 2013**

SB 789 (Liu) Allows the California Arts Council to use, for administrative expenses, revenues from the sale of the special interest license plates. **Chapter 221, Statutes of 2013**

SB 806 (Hueso) Authorizes DMV to conduct a pilot program to evaluate alternatives that can be used in lieu of license plates, registration stickers, and registration cards. **Chapter 569, Statutes of 2013**

VEHICLE AND VESSEL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

SB 234 (Walters) Changes passenger seating and safety requirements for recreational off-highway vehicles. **Chapter 179, Statutes of 2013**

SB 109 (Corbett) Requires limousines operating within the state to be equipped with emergency exits no later than January 1, 2016. **Chapter 752, Statutes of 2013**

SB 122 (Lieu) Deletes the January 1, 2014 sunset date on a pilot program that allows boat owners to voluntarily surrender a vessel to a local agency at no cost, if that vessel is in danger of being abandoned. **Chapter 201, Statutes of 2013**

SB 338 (Hill) Would have required that all limousines, as defined, to be equipped with two fire extinguishers and would have required the CHP to administer an inspection program for certain limousines. **Vetoed by the Governor**

SB 427 (Monning) Redefines acceptable flotation devices, approved for boaters under the age of 13 and for persons on board a personal watercraft or being towed behind a boat as a skier, to be a United States Coast Guard approved wearable flotation device. **Chapter 256, Statutes of 2013**

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 501 (Nazrian) Modifies various provisions related to motor vehicle dealers. **Chapter 392, Statutes of 2013**

AB 707 (Ting) Permits a local authority to erect a standard "SENIOR" warning sign when it determines that the proposed signing should be implemented. Authorizes a local authority to request grant funding to pay for the erection of those warning signs from the Pedestrian Safety Account or from any other source of grant funding. **Chapter 240, Statutes of 2013**

AB 1092 (Levine) Requires the California Building Standards Commission to adopt mandatory standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings and nonresidential development in the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code. **Chapter 410, Statutes of 2013**

SB 155 (Padilla) Modifies the relationship between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers by, among other things, making changes regarding the use of flat-rate time schedules for warranty reimbursement, warranty and incentive claims, audits, protest rights, export policies, performance standards, and facility improvements. **Chapter 569, Statutes of 2013**

SB 448 (Leno) Would have required the CEC, upon legislative appropriation of funds for this purpose, to investigate suspected gasoline and diesel price manipulation and make recommendations to the Legislature on how to limit price volatility for these fuels. **Vetoed by the Governor**

SB 454 (Corbett) Establishes requirements for the operation of electric vehicle charging stations to better serve consumers. **Chapter 418, Statutes of 2013**

SB 788 (Committee on Transportation and Housing) Makes various non-substantive changes to provisions related to transportation. **Chapter 523, Statutes of 2013**

