



2026 Policy Priorities Look Ahead

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State Look Ahead – A Look Back!

- **By the numbers:**
 - 2,833 bills introduced (including resolutions)
 - 1,100 two-year bills
 - 917 bills sent to Governor
 - 794 bills signed
 - 123 bills vetoed
- **Bill Introduction Limits:**
 - 4,200 total (35 per legislator)



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State Look Ahead – SB 375 Modernization

- October 2024 LCMC – Presentation from Bill Higgins, CalCOG
- Working among sister MPOs to identify opportunities to modernize SB 375
- Conducting stakeholder working groups in partnership with CalCOG



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State Look Ahead – REAP 3.0 Grant

- REAP 2.0 provided \$232M for ~100 transformative projects.
- REAP 2.0 “Lasting Affordability Program” Round 2 NOFA – November 17, 2025
- Opportunities for REAP 3.0 funding:
 - Cap and Invest
 - State Budget



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State Look Ahead – All things RHNA!

- **Bills affecting RHNA timeline this year:**
 - **AB 130** Housing Budget Trailer Bill
 - **AB 1275** (Elhawary): Improved alignment between SCS and RHNA
 - **SB 233** (Seyarto): Earlier consultation between HCD and COGs
 - **SB 486** (Cabaldon): Accounting for postsecondary enrollment in SCS



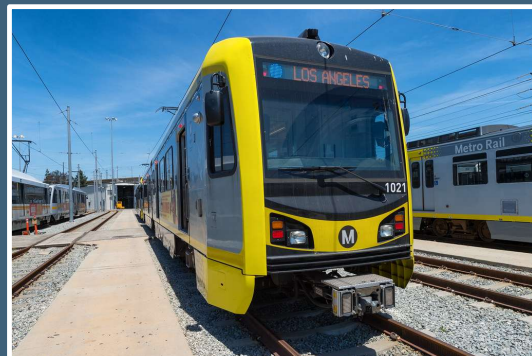
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State Look Ahead – SB 79 Clean Up Legislation

- Aims to increase housing supply by streamlining housing development near transit.
- Signed by Governor Newsom on October 10, 2025.
- Late amendments require MPOs to develop maps that identify transit stations and surrounding areas affected by the bill.
- Letter sent to HCD requesting guidance, as required by law.



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State Look Ahead – Transit Transformation Taskforce

- Two-year taskforce process charged with producing recommendations on policy reforms to grow transit ridership, improve the rider experience, and address long-term operational and funding challenges
- SB 125 (2023) authorized the creation of the Taskforce
- Final report written by CalSTA is expected this month



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State Look Ahead – Everything Else

- Assemblymember Lauri Wilson's "Regional Transportation Funding Town Halls"
- High Speed Rail
- Responding to the SB 695 Report, which details Caltrans' highways projects
- VMT Mitigation Banks



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State Look Ahead - Sacramento Summit

- March 16-17, 2025
- Hyatt Centric, Downtown Sacramento



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Federal Look Ahead - Appropriations Update

- President Trump signed Continuing Resolution and full-year FY 26 appropriations bills – November 12, 2025
- FY 26 Appropriations Bills:
 - US Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration
 - Department of Veterans Affairs and Military Construction
 - Congressional Operations
- Continuing Resolution – January 30, 2026



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Federal Look Ahead – Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Continue advocating for priority programs and project delivery efficiencies
- House T&I Chair Sam Graves (R-Missouri) – new deadline of early Spring



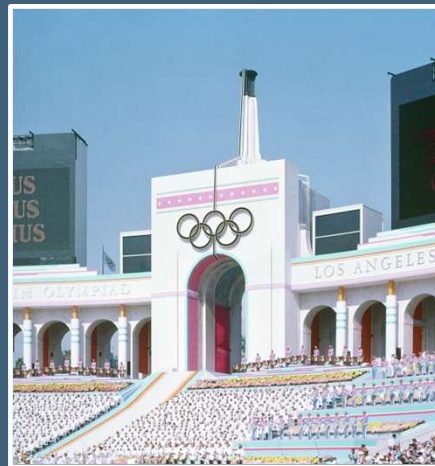
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Federal Look Ahead – 2028 Summer Olympic Games

- SCAG is leading the regional transportation demand management (TDM) workstream
- Continue to uplift all regional appropriations requests to support the Olympic games
- Lasting improvements to the transportation system in the SCAG region



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Federal Look Ahead – DC Reception & Hill Lobby Day

- Anticipated May 2026
- In partnership with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) & SCAG Region transportation commissions



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