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## **League Board Adopts Resolution in Support of Transportation Funding** *Also Encourages Cities to Pass Resolutions*

In response to Gov. Jerry Brown's Proclamation calling an Extraordinary Session on Transportation and Infrastructure, the League's Board of Directors formally adopted a resolution urging the Governor and the Legislature to provide new sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure. The League and many cities have been actively lobbying this year for a significant investment in transportation infrastructure. With just eight weeks left until the legislature adjourns for the year, it is time for the Legislature and cities to act.  
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## **Medical Cannabis Regulation Passes Two Key Committees**

On July 15, AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer and Lackey) passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 4-0, and the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 8-1. The League and the California Police Chiefs Association continue to support this legislation due to its strong local control provisions, including dual licensing, which requires both a local permit and a state license for a marijuana business to operate legally within California. Permits will be issued according to local ordinances, which will unconditionally protect jurisdictions that have enacted bans. *For more, see Page 2.*

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## **Bills to Monitor upon Legislature's Return**

*City Officials Encouraged to Register for League's Legislative Webinar Aug. 11*

The Legislature is currently on summer recess and will return Aug. 17 for the final weeks of the 2015 legislative session, which ends on Sept. 11. With policy committees now complete, many bills will head to appropriations committees or straight to the Senate or Assembly floor.  
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League staff continues to hear that legislators need to hear directly from their cities. In response, the League is requesting two immediate actions from cities:

- Pass a resolution urging the state to provide new sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure.
- Provide the League a list of projects that could be funded by a new funding package.

In the future city officials will be hearing more about opportunities to talk about the needs of your city with legislators. Please stay tuned.

### **Cities Provide Lead Testimony on Need for Investment**

Following the Governor's Proclamation calling the special session on transportation, both the Senate and Assembly have held hearings to discuss the current conditions of highways, streets, and roads as well as the current funding structure. Local streets and roads received significant attention at both hearings.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo provided the opening testimony at the Senate Transportation Hearing, and received a very favorable response from committee members. Mayor Liccardo's impactful testimony, which included information on the needs of his city and the needs of cities statewide, was followed by a spirited and lengthy discussion among legislators.

During the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee, League Staff Jennifer Whiting presented the findings of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment at the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee. Again, committee members expressed agreement that any package must include investment in the local system.

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The League and Police Chiefs' continued support of the bill will depend upon the outcome of negotiations pertaining to disqualifying felonies for licensure, restrictions on vertical integration, and the regulation of Uber-like delivery services for marijuana.

#### **Disqualifying Felonies**

Debate continues over the proper universe of California felonies that will disqualify an applicant from being licensed to operate a marijuana business under the bill. The Police Chiefs, joined by the League, have been adamant that a range of drug felonies, including those involving marijuana trafficking, should be on that list.

#### **Vertical Integration**

This issue involves the degree to which cross-licensing will be allowed, preventing a single business entity from being licensed in cultivation, transport and dispensing, i.e. all the major instrumentalities in the stream of commerce affecting medical cannabis. AB 266 already contains a strict prohibition on operators of testing labs being licensed to perform any other activity, as well as transport licensees being restricted from other activities. Discussions are ongoing as to whether and to what degree to impose further limitations.

#### **Uber-like Delivery Services**

AB 266 already specifies that delivery services may only operate in areas where they are explicitly authorized by local ordinance, but the issue to Internet-based technology platforms linking patients with potentially unregulated, unlicensed delivery services is one that must also be addressed in the bill.

The bill will now go to the Senate Appropriations Committee, with a hearing date pending in the third week of August.

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Once the Legislature returns, cities will need to remain vigilant as we enter the time period of final negotiations on pending bills, with other "gut and amend" proposals appearing in print with little notice. In addition, the League will be heavily engaged in the efforts to secure additional funding for maintenance of local streets and roads in the extraordinary session on transportation. Below is a list of bills on which the League has positions and where they will next be heard upon the Legislature's return. City officials are encouraged to review these measures and take advantage of the summer break to weigh in on bills important to your community.

**League Legislative Webinar**

The League's Legislative Advocates will be hosting a Summer Break/End of Session Webinar on Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To view the event announcement and register visit the League's [website](#).

To access any bill on this list, the League's position letter and sample letters, please go to [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) and plug in the bill number into the search box.

A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

**Bills in Appropriations**

Monday, Aug. 17

Senate Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT AB 2 (Alejo) Community revitalization authority.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 22 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 88 (Gomez) Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **AB 254 (Hernández, Roger) Election dates.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **HOT AB 266 (Bonta) Medical cannabis.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 388 (Chang) Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 744 (Chau) Planning and zoning: density bonuses.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 988 (Stone) Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1157 (Nazarian) Property taxation: certified aircraft assessment.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1222 (Bloom) Tow trucks.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1223 (O'Donnell) Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1236 (Chiu) Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **AB 1347 (Chiu) Public contracts: claims.** *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee (No Date Set)

- **HOT AB 113 (Budget Committee) Redevelopment Dissolution.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*

## Bills on the Floor

### Senate Floor

- **HOT AB 36 (Campos) Local government: federal surplus property.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT AB 718 (Chu) Local government: powers.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT SB 16 (Beall) Transportation funding.** *League position: Support.*

### Assembly Floor

- **HOT AB 1335 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act.** *League position: Support.*
  - **HOT SB 175 (Huff) Peace officers: body-worn cameras.** *League position: Support.*
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