



"Diversity and Unity"

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

CALCOG 2007 PRIORITY ACTIONS
Adopted 11/29/06

1. Work on implementing guidelines and legislation to ensure that prop 1B bonds are implemented consistently with CALCOG policy supporting the partnership between state and regional agencies including project selection.
2. Work with other key stakeholders in the development of legislation to implement the funding connected to regional planning in proposition 1C (state housing bonds) and Proposition 84, (water and park bonds). Funding should support local and regional planning for implementation and project selection by regional agencies, in accordance with state policies and oversight similar to the relationship that exists presently for transportation planning and programming.
3. Support amendments to CEQA to minimize environmental review requirements for infill projects which implement regional plans for which there has been comprehensive environmental analysis.
4. Support more comprehensive planning at the regional level that is coordinated with water planning.
5. Support legislation to ensure that transit spillover funds related to the inter-relationship between sales tax on gasoline and overall sales tax revenues are provided for transit purposes, in particular to support transit operating costs which will increase with transit expansion authorized by proposition 1B transportation bonds.
6. Continue to support legislation to authorize design/build and expand public-private partnerships and hot lanes and other innovative financing opportunities.
7. Work with Caltrans and other interests on the development of California consensus principles and priorities for SafeTeaLu reauthorization including the preservation of FTIPs and long range transportation planning.
8. Ensure that there is adequate state funding for the regional housing needs process and support efforts to reform the process to coordinate it with regional blueprints and regional planning to ensure that there is consistency with growth forecasting for housing needs.
9. Sponsor or support legislation to ensure that planning programming monitoring funds are available with adequate funding.
10. Ensure that federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to the state budget.
11. Support federal Amtrak legislation with a capital program (an 80/20 match) to create intercity rail similar to previous California investments.

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