



# TRANSPORTATION & GOODS MOVEMENT COUNCIL

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**The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce believes in “A Thriving Region for All.” We design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is inclusive and globally competitive.**

The Transportation & Goods Movement Council addresses all issues related to our region’s mobility — highway, rail, air, shipping, transit, cycling, walking, roads and arterials. The Council advocates for federal, state and local policies, programs that provide system-wide, regional solutions and promotes equity through transportation. The Council also emphasizes the importance of transportation and goods movement to the region and nation’s economy, while encouraging balanced approaches to improving environmental sustainability.

### **Support investment in goods movement infrastructure at the ports and along goods movement corridors**

One of our region’s key competitive edges is its two ports, the Port of L.A. and Port of Long Beach, their modernization is essential to maintain our competitiveness on a global scale. Investment in both the federal and state freight plan will also bolster our edge. The Chamber will advocate for terminal improvement projects, on and near-dock rail facilities, and pro-job policies at our ports. It will also continue to advocate for cost-effective measures that balance economic competitiveness and emissions reductions during the implementation of the 2017 Clean Air Action Plan; and it will emphasize that economic sustainability is an integral component of “sustainable freight.”

### **Advance LAX modernization**

LAX is the fifth busiest airport in the U.S. and the number one origin and destination airport in the world. Serving 84 million passengers and generating more than \$40 billion in regional economic activity annually, the airport is undergoing nearly \$14 billion in critical landside, terminal and airside infrastructure investments. Vital to its continued success is reducing traffic congestion in the Central Terminal Area and surrounding streets, improving connectivity to transit, and improving the overall passenger traveling experience, which are all goals of the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). The Chamber will work with Los Angeles World Airports and local leadership to secure funding for these projects on a pace to meet a 2028 Olympic timeline, while engaging our membership in the procurement process and other related business opportunities.

### **Support policies to increase mobility and relieve congestion**

Transportation planning is a powerful tool to develop 21st Century sustainable communities and enable economic development — infrastructure investments will be a key component of the COVID-19 economic recovery. The Chamber supports transportation policies at all levels that increase mobility, relieve congestion and expand alternative commute options. The Chamber will work with policy makers to ensure the business community is engaged and there is a balanced implementation of the numerous transportation planning efforts including: SCAG’s Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan, the City of L.A.’s General Plan Mobility Element, L.A. DOT’s Strategic Plan and Metro’s Vision 2028.

As these plans are developed and implemented, the Chamber will work to ensure future transportation investments will support greater mobility, reduce gridlock and encourage sustainable economic growth. In coordination with the Chamber’s Land Use, Construction and Housing Council, the Chamber will promote policies that address the transportation, housing, and jobs imbalance in the region.

In addition, the Chamber will closely monitor air quality regulation and requirements as it pertains to the goods movement and transportation sectors, advocating that both the environmental and the economic needs of the South Coast Air Basin are balanced.



## Support expanding and improving Southern California's multi-modal transportation systems

The region's network of roads, transit lines, commuter rail, goods movement corridors, and ports of entry (both air and sea) provide the mobility and accessibility foundation that support L.A.'s economy. The Chamber supports adequate funding for implementation of effective infrastructure investments and operational improvements to improve mobility and safety within the region. As part of this effort, the Chamber supported SB1 and its implementation, it successfully helped defeat efforts to repeal the critical funding source.

Past successes with SB 1, and Measures R and M demonstrate our region's commitment to infrastructure improvement as the Chamber explores further state and federal funding sources to expand and improve our regional system, and accelerate the construction of planned transportation projects. This includes working with Metro and the federal government to expedite projects that require United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval. Additionally, a federal reauthorization of the FAST Act or other infrastructure funding plan is critical for our national, state, and regional transportation systems. The Chamber will work closely with federal leadership on future plans, while advocating for the continuation of policies and programs that have benefitted the region.

## Advocate for alternative transportation financing and alternative project delivery methods

With limited federal and state funding available for transportation, it is imperative that cities and counties be allowed to explore innovative, alternative mechanisms to fund, deliver goods and more efficiently build necessary infrastructure projects. The Chamber urges the City and County to evaluate and utilize Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and private sector investment in transportation infrastructure and operations through the full range of innovative mechanisms for public-private partnerships, including the expansion of Metro ExpressLanes into a regional network. The Chamber will also work with the City, County and State to develop policies that expand the use of design-build project delivery systems and evaluate P3 opportunities to ensure they provide public benefits and are structured for accountability and results.

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