

TRANSPORTATION & GOODS MOVEMENT

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 and programs that provide system-wide, regional solutions. 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 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. Following the defeat of the SB1 repeal, the Chamber will seek to ensure these funds are dispersed efficiently and responsibly.

Build on transportation funding successes

The Chamber partnered with fellow stakeholders to help pass Measure M, which combined with Measure R, will secure local funding for a generation of projects. The next step is to explore state and federal funding sources to combine with local funding to accelerate the construction of planned transportation projects.

Metro Measure M implementation

The Chamber will work with Metro and the federal government to expedite transportation projects that require United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) and National Environmental Policy Act approval, while supporting Metro in their project proposals to USDOT. With the ambitious goal to complete 28 projects by 2028, it is important to monitor our progress towards the goal. The Chamber will work with Metro and stakeholders to advocate for efficient allocation of funding and accountability in project implementation.

Federal Administration Infrastructure Plan

The Chamber successfully advocated for the five-year Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act,

which was passed by Congress at the end of 2015. The Chamber will track and work closely with federal leadership on any future transportation infrastructure funding plan, while advocating for the continuation of existing policies and programs that have benefitted the region.

Support balanced policies to increase mobility and meet environmental goals

Transportation planning is a powerful tool to develop 21st Century sustainable communities and enable economic development. 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.



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Advance LAX modernization

Los Angeles International Airport is the second busiest airport in the U.S. and the number one origin and destination airport in the world. Serving 87 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 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 Games timeline, while engaging our membership in the procurement process and other related business opportunities.

Support investment in goods movement infrastructure and pro-job policies at the ports

The Panama Canal Widening Project, now completed, provides shippers an option to bypass west coast ports; modernizing the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach is essential to maintaining our region's competitiveness in the global economy. The Chamber will advocate for terminal improvement projects, the construction of on and near-dock rail facilities, investment in our national and state freight plans, and pro-jobs policies at the Ports.

In 2017, the Port of L.A. and Port of Long Beach adopted the 2017 Clean Air Action Plan. The Chamber will continue to advocate for cost-effective measures and a balance between economic competitiveness and emissions reduction during the implementation of the Plan. This includes ensuring regional and state air quality plans and programs focusing

on “sustainable” freight include economic sustainability as a value and do not negatively impact the economic competitiveness of our goods movement sector and regional economy.

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 and deliver goods and more efficiently build necessary infrastructure projects. The Chamber urges the City and County to evaluate and utilize Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD), Tax Increment Financing 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 to develop policies that expand the use of design-build project delivery systems and evaluate Public Private Partnerships (P3) opportunities to ensure they provide public benefits and are structured for accountability and results.