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After a flurry of activity late Friday night, the State Senate considered and ultimately did not pass AB 134, its version of an infrastructure bond bill. On Saturday, negotiations switched to the Assembly where Speaker Nunez began efforts to move a version of this bill through the Assembly. The committee analysis below outlines the funding provided in the bill. Staff would like to note that the bond provides significant resources for transportation in both highway and transit categories. The transit category in particular is important to highlight, as it would provide significant funds for Los Angeles County projects. Now that efforts have moved to the Assembly, we expect that Republicans in the Assembly would object to the transit funding. To that end, staff have distributed the attached Legislative Alert to the Los Angeles County Delegation. A variety of highway categories include funding for a Corridor Mobility Program aimed at congested corridors, Goods Movement and augmentations to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the State Highway Operations Protection and Preservation Program. (SHOPP). Funds would also be made available for grade separations, air quality programs, and housing.

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0101-0150/ab_134_cfa_20060311_000845_sen_floor.html

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