

**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 16, 2019****Motion by:****BONIN, HAHN, GARCIA AND NAJARIAN****Aligning Highway Programs with State Emissions Reduction Goals**

In California, over 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions are from cars and trucks. Unlike all other major sources, emissions from the transportation sector continue to increase and are on pace to prevent the State from meeting its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. On September 20th, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order to align certain discretionary transportation funding with the State's emissions reduction goals. Governor Newsom directed the California State Transportation Agency to realign its portfolio of construction, operations, and maintenance projects to help reverse trends of rising fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. This Order affects approximately \$5 billion in annual State expenditures, which are a significant funding source for projects in Los Angeles County.

Inconsistencies between local project development processes and State funding criteria could affect the relative competitiveness of Los Angeles County highway projects for State funding. In order to maintain the region's competitiveness, Metro should conduct a review of local highway planning and programming policies and practices in parallel with the state process.

**SUBJECT: ALIGNING HIGHWAY PROGRAMS WITH STATE EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS**

APPROVE motion by Directors Bonin, Hahn, Garcia and Najarian that the Board direct the CEO to report back to the Planning & Programming Committee in January 2020 with:

- A. An assessment of how Metro's highway program will be affected by the Executive Order;
- B. Steps that can be taken to align Metro's highway program with the Executive Order in order to ensure continued competitiveness for scarce State resources; and
- C. Recommended revisions to local funding and project development rules and guidelines to ensure project eligibility, scoping, and selection criteria are consistent with State and regional planning goals.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-19-19

**WHEREAS** California is proof that a bold climate agenda is good for the economy, for workers, for health and for our future, as evidenced by our state having achieved record economic growth while reaching some of the strongest climate goals in the world; and

**WHEREAS** in the face of inaction on climate change from the federal government, California is a global leader in climate change mitigation efforts through bold climate goals and actions, as well as leadership in the US Climate Alliance and Under2 Coalition, using the state's power as the fifth largest economy in the world to drive positive action; and

**WHEREAS** California has ambitious and essential climate goals to transition to a healthier, more sustainable and more inclusive economy, including: reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; providing 100 percent of the state's electricity from clean energy sources by 2045; reducing methane emissions and hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40 percent; and adding five million zero-emission vehicles to California's roads by 2030; and

**WHEREAS** California has made substantial, measurable progress on many of the goals enumerated above, but in recent years, direct tailpipe emission from cars, ships, diesel trains, airplanes, and other transportation sources have remained a stubborn driver of greenhouse gas emissions, totaling 40.1 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions statewide; and

**WHEREAS** the California Air Resources Board has a fifty-year history of leading the globe in addressing harmful pollution through innovative air pollution control standards, including the nation's first NOx emissions standards for motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS** California's renewable energy targets have spurred innovation and private investment in new technologies with California leading the nation in clean technology patents and bringing in more than 50 percent of all clean energy investment in the nation; and

**WHEREAS** the state has made significant progress in lowering greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate risk in California's own state government operations and public schools; and

**WHEREAS** achieving California's climate goals will require concerted commitment and partnership by government, the private sector, and California residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately to require that every aspect of state government redouble its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change while building a sustainable, inclusive economy.

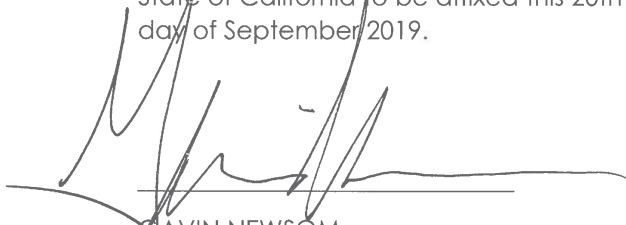
1. To leverage the state's \$700 billion investment portfolio to advance California's climate leadership, protect taxpayers, and support the creation of high-road jobs, the Department of Finance shall create a Climate Investment Framework.
  - a. The Framework shall include a proactive investment strategy for the state's pension funds that reflects the increased risks to the economy and physical environment due to climate change.
  - b. The Framework shall provide the timeline and criteria to shift investments to companies and industry sectors that have greater growth potential based on their focus of reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change, including but not limited to investments in carbon-neutral, carbon-negative, climate resilient, and clean energy technologies.
  - c. The Framework shall align with the fiduciary responsibilities of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, California State Teachers' Retirement System and the University of California Retirement Program.
  - d. The Department of Finance shall consult with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the California Department of Human Resources on the Framework.
2. The State Transportation Agency shall leverage the more than \$5 billion in annual state transportation spending for construction, operations, and maintenance to help reverse the trend of increased fuel consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transportation sector. To accomplish this, the State Transportation Agency, in consultation with the Department of Finance, shall:
  - a. Align the state's climate goals with transportation spending on planning, programming and mitigation to achieve the objectives of the state's Climate Change Scoping Plan, where feasible,
  - b. Reduce vehicle miles traveled by strategically directing discretionary transportation investments in support of housing production near available jobs and in accordance with the state's smart growth principles, as defined in Government Code section 65041.1, and taking public health into account,

- c. Reduce congestion through innovative strategies designed to encourage people to shift from cars to other modes of transportation,
  - d. Fund transportation options that contribute to the overall health of Californians and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as transit, walking, biking and other active modes, and
  - e. Mitigate increases in transportation costs for lower income Californians.
3. The Department of General Services shall leverage its management and ownership of the state's 19 million square feet in managed buildings, 51,000 vehicles and other physical assets and goods to minimize state government's carbon footprint. To accomplish this, the Department of General Services shall:
- a. Maximize reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including harmful diesel emissions, from the state fleet,
  - b. Develop and implement sustainable purchasing policies across state agencies that prioritize the purchase of environmentally preferable goods such as more sustainable food and recycled materials, consistent with state climate policies,
  - c. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate risk from the state's owned and future-leased buildings,
  - d. Manage energy demand to maximize benefits to the grid, and
  - e. Promote zero-emission vehicle purchasing in state and local government fleets.
4. To accelerate progress towards California's goal of five million zero emissions vehicles sales by 2030, the California Air Resources Board shall:
- a. Develop new criteria for clean vehicle incentive programs to encourage manufacturers to produce clean, affordable cars,
  - b. Propose new strategies to increase demand in the primary and secondary markets for zero emissions vehicles, and
  - c. Consider strengthening existing or adopting new regulations to achieve the necessary greenhouse gas reductions from within the transportation sector.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given to this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 20th day of September 2019.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State