

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 10, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 19

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

December 4, 2006

~~An act to relating to trade corridors, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~ *An act to amend Section 8879.23 of the Government Code, relating to air pollution.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 19, as amended, Lowenthal. Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: funding.

Existing law requires that of the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, a specified amount of those deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006, be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature and subject to the conditions and criteria contained in a statute enacted by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for certain emission reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes conditions and criteria, as specified, for projects funded under these provisions specify a list of projects eligible for this funding, and would require that the state board ensure that these funds are supplemented and matched with funds from federal, state, local, and private sources to the maximum extent feasible. Applicants for this funding would be required to include with their application for funding a plan to reduce emissions associated with goods movement activity.~~

~~The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8879.23 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8879.23. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality,
4 and Port Security Fund of 2006 is hereby created in the State
5 Treasury. The Legislature intends that the proceeds of bonds
6 deposited in the fund shall be used to fund the mobility, safety,
7 and air quality improvements described in this article over the
8 course of the next decade. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold
9 pursuant to this chapter for the purposes specified in this chapter
10 shall be allocated in the following manner:

11 (a) (1) Four billion five hundred million dollars
12 (\$4,500,000,000) shall be deposited in the Corridor Mobility
13 Improvement Account, which is hereby created in the fund. Funds
14 in the account shall be available to the California Transportation
15 Commission, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Bill by the
16 Legislature, for allocation for performance improvements on highly
17 congested travel corridors in California. Funds in the account shall
18 be used for performance improvements on the state highway
19 system, or major access routes to the state highway system on the
20 local road system that relieve congestion by expanding capacity,
21 enhancing operations, or otherwise improving travel times within
22 these high-congestion travel corridors, as identified by the
23 department and regional or local transportation agencies, pursuant
24 to the process in paragraph (3) or (4), as applicable.

25 (2) The commission shall develop and adopt guidelines, by
26 December 1, 2006, including regional programming targets, for
27 the program funded by this subdivision, and shall allocate funds
28 from the account to projects after reviewing project nominations
29 submitted by the Department of Transportation and by regional
30 transportation planning agencies or county transportation
31 commissions or authorities pursuant to paragraph (4).

32 (3) Subject to the guidelines adopted pursuant to paragraph (2),
33 the department shall nominate, by no later than January 15, 2007,

1 projects for the allocation of funds from the account on a statewide
2 basis. The department's nominations shall be geographically
3 balanced and shall reflect the department's assessment of a program
4 that best meets the policy objectives described in paragraph (1).

5 (4) Subject to the guidelines adopted pursuant to paragraph (2),
6 a regional transportation planning agency or county transportation
7 commission or authority responsible for preparing a regional
8 transportation improvement plan under Section 14527 may
9 nominate projects identified pursuant to paragraph (1) that best
10 meet the policy objectives described in that paragraph for funding
11 from the account. Projects nominated pursuant to this paragraph
12 shall be submitted to the commission for consideration for funding
13 by no later than January 15, 2007.

14 (5) All nominations to the California Transportation Commission
15 shall be accompanied by documentation regarding the quantitative
16 and qualitative measures validating each project's consistency
17 with the policy objectives described in paragraph (1). All projects
18 nominated to the commission for funds from this account shall be
19 included in a regional transportation plan.

20 (6) After review of the project nominations, and supporting
21 documentation, the commission, by no later than March 1, 2007,
22 shall adopt an initial program of projects to be funded from the
23 account. This program may be updated every two years in
24 conjunction with the biennial process for adoption of the state
25 transportation improvement program pursuant to guidelines adopted
26 by the commission. The inclusion of a project in the program shall
27 be based on a demonstration that the project meets all of the
28 following criteria:

29 (A) Is a high-priority project in the corridor as demonstrated by
30 either of the following: (i) its inclusion in the list of nominated
31 projects by both the department pursuant to paragraph (3) and the
32 regional transportation planning agency or county transportation
33 commission or authority, pursuant to paragraph (4); or (ii) if needed
34 to fully fund the project, the identification and commitment of
35 supplemental funding to the project from other state, local, or
36 federal funds.

37 (B) Can commence construction or implementation no later
38 than December 31, 2012.

39 (C) Improves mobility in a high-congestion corridor by
40 improving travel times or reducing the number of daily vehicle

1 hours of delay, improves the connectivity of the state highway
2 system between rural, suburban, and urban areas, or improves the
3 operation or safety of a highway or road segment.

4 (D) Improves access to jobs, housing, markets, and commerce.

5 (7) Where competing projects offer similar mobility
6 improvements to a specific corridor, the commission shall consider
7 additional benefits when determining which project shall be
8 included in the program for funding. These benefits shall include,
9 but are not limited to, the following:

10 (A) A finding that the project provides quantifiable air quality
11 benefits.

12 (B) A finding that the project substantially increases the safety
13 for travelers in the corridor.

14 (8) In adopting a program for funding pursuant to this
15 subdivision, the commission shall make a finding that the program
16 is (i) geographically balanced, consistent with the geographic split
17 for funding described in Section 188 of the Streets and Highways
18 Code; (ii) provides mobility improvements in highly traveled or
19 highly congested corridors in all regions of California; and (iii)
20 targets bond proceeds in a manner that provides the increment of
21 funding necessary, when combined with other state, local or federal
22 funds, to provide the mobility benefit in the earliest possible
23 timeframe.

24 (9) The commission shall include in its annual report to the
25 Legislature, required by Section 14535, a summary of its activities
26 related to the administration of this program. The summary should,
27 at a minimum, include a description and the location of the projects
28 contained in the program, the amount of funds allocated to each
29 project, the status of each project, and a description of the mobility
30 improvements the program is achieving.

31 (b) One billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be made available,
32 upon appropriation in the annual Budget Bill by the Legislature,
33 to the department for improvements to State Route 99. Funds may
34 be used for safety, operational enhancements, rehabilitation, or
35 capacity improvements necessary to improve the State Route 99
36 corridor traversing approximately 400 miles of the central valley
37 of this state.

38 (c) Three billion one hundred million dollars (\$3,100,000,000)
39 shall be deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security,
40 and Air Quality Improvement Account, which is hereby created

1 in the fund. The money in the account shall be available, upon
2 appropriation by the Legislature and subject to such conditions
3 and criteria as the Legislature may provide by statute, as follows:

4 (1) (A) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall be transferred
5 to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, which is hereby created.
6 The money in this fund shall be available, upon appropriation in
7 the annual Budget Bill by the Legislature and subject to such
8 conditions and criteria as the Legislature may provide by statute,
9 for allocation by the California Transportation Commission for
10 infrastructure improvements along federally designated “Trade
11 Corridors of National Significance” in this state or along other
12 corridors within this state that have a high volume of freight
13 movement, as determined by the commission. In determining
14 projects eligible for funding, the commission shall consult the trade
15 infrastructure and goods movement plan submitted to the
16 commission by the Secretary of Business, Transportation and
17 Housing and the Secretary for Environmental Protection. No
18 moneys shall be allocated from this fund until the report is
19 submitted to the commission for its consideration, provided the
20 report is submitted no later than January 1, 2007. The commission
21 shall also consult trade infrastructure and goods movement plans
22 adopted by regional transportation planning agencies, adopted
23 regional transportation plans required by state and federal law, and
24 the statewide port master plan prepared by the California Marine
25 and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council
26 (Cal-MITSAC) pursuant to Section 1760 of the Harbors and
27 Navigation Code, when determining eligible projects for funding.
28 Eligible projects for these funds include, but are not limited to, all
29 of the following:

30 (i) Highway capacity improvements and operational
31 improvements to more efficiently accommodate the movement of
32 freight, particularly for ingress and egress to and from the state’s
33 seaports, including navigable inland waterways used to transport
34 freight between seaports, land ports of entry, and airports, and to
35 relieve traffic congestion along major trade or goods movement
36 corridors.

37 (ii) Freight rail system improvements to enhance the ability to
38 move goods from seaports, land ports of entry, and airports to
39 warehousing and distribution centers throughout California,
40 including projects that separate rail lines from highway or local

1 road traffic, improve freight rail mobility through mountainous
2 regions, relocate rail switching yards, and other projects that
3 improve the efficiency and capacity of the rail freight system.

4 (iii) Projects to enhance the capacity and efficiency of ports.

5 (iv) Truck corridor improvements, including dedicated truck
6 facilities or truck toll facilities.

7 (v) Border access improvements that enhance goods movement
8 between California and Mexico and that maximize the state's
9 ability to access coordinated border infrastructure funds made
10 available to the state by federal law.

11 (vi) Surface transportation improvements to facilitate the
12 movement of goods to and from the state's airports.

13 (B) The commission shall allocate funds for trade infrastructure
14 improvements from the account in a manner that (i) addresses the
15 state's most urgent needs, (ii) balances the demands of various
16 ports (between large and small ports, as well as between seaports,
17 airports, and land ports of entry), (iii) provides reasonable
18 geographic balance between the state's regions, and (iv) places
19 emphasis on projects that improve trade corridor mobility while
20 reducing emissions of diesel particulate and other pollutant
21 emissions. In addition, the commission shall also consider the
22 following factors when allocating these funds:

23 (i) "Velocity," which means the speed by which large cargo
24 would travel from the port through the distribution system.

25 (ii) "Throughput," which means the volume of cargo that would
26 move from the port through the distribution system.

27 (iii) "Reliability," which means a reasonably consistent and
28 predictable amount of time for cargo to travel from one point to
29 another on any given day or at any given time in California.

30 (iv) "Congestion reduction," which means the reduction in
31 recurrent daily hours of delay to be achieved.

32 (C) The commission shall allocate funds made available by this
33 paragraph to projects that have identified and committed
34 supplemental funding from appropriate local, federal or private
35 sources. The commission shall determine the appropriate amount
36 of supplemental funding each project should have to be eligible
37 for moneys from this fund based on a project-by-project review
38 and an assessment of the project's benefit to the state and the
39 program. Except for border access improvements described in
40 clause (v) of subparagraph (A), improvements funded with moneys

1 from this fund shall have supplemental funding that is at least equal
2 to the amount of the contribution from the fund. The commission
3 may give priority for funding to projects with higher levels of
4 committed supplemental funding.

5 (D) The commission shall include in its annual report to the
6 Legislature, required by Section 14535, a summary of its activities
7 related to the administration of this program. The summary should,
8 at a minimum, include a description and the location of the projects
9 contained in the program, the amount of funds allocated to each
10 project, the status of each project, and a description of the mobility
11 and air quality improvements the program is achieving.

12 (2) (A) One billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be made
13 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature ~~and subject to~~
14 ~~such conditions and criteria contained in a statute enacted by the~~
15 ~~Legislature,~~ to the State Air Resources Board for emission
16 reductions, ~~not otherwise required by law or regulation,~~ from
17 activities related to the movement of freight along California's
18 trade corridors. Funds made available by this paragraph are
19 intended to supplement existing funds used to finance strategies
20 and public benefit projects that reduce emissions and improve air
21 quality in trade corridors commencing at the state's airports,
22 seaports, and land ports of entry. *The State Air Resources Board*
23 *shall ensure that funds are supplemented and matched with funds*
24 *from federal, state, local, and private sources to the maximum*
25 *extent feasible.*

26 (B) *Projects eligible for funding pursuant to this paragraph*
27 *include all of the following:*

28 (i) *The development of comprehensive plans to reduce emissions*
29 *associated with goods movement activity in a region.*

30 (ii) *The replacement, repower, or retrofit of heavy-duty diesel*
31 *trucks.*

32 (iii) *The replacement, repower, or retrofit of diesel switching*
33 *locomotive engines.*

34 (iv) *The repower or replacement of harbor craft that operate*
35 *at the state's seaports.*

36 (v) *The provision of on-shore electrical power for ocean carriers*
37 *calling at the state's seaports to reduce the use of auxiliary and*
38 *main engine ship power.*

39 (vi) *The replacement or repower of cargo handling equipment*
40 *that operates at the state's seaports.*

1 (C) Funds allocated pursuant to this paragraph are subject to
2 both of the following conditions:

3 (i) All projects shall result in emissions reductions not otherwise
4 required by law or regulation.

5 (ii) Applicants shall include with their application for funding
6 a plan to reduce emissions associated with goods movement
7 activity. Funds shall only be used to implement strategies described
8 in this plan.

9 (3) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be
10 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of
11 Emergency Services to be allocated, as grants, for port, harbor,
12 and ferry terminal security improvements. Eligible applicants shall
13 be publicly owned ports, harbors, and ferryboat and ferry terminal
14 operators, which may submit applications for projects that include,
15 but are not limited to, the following:

16 (A) Video surveillance equipment.

17 (B) Explosives detection technology, including, but not limited
18 to, X-ray devices.

19 (C) Cargo scanners.

20 (D) Radiation monitors.

21 (E) Thermal protective equipment.

22 (F) Site identification instruments capable of providing a
23 fingerprint for a broad inventory of chemical agents.

24 (G) Other devices capable of detecting weapons of mass
25 destruction using chemical, biological, or other similar substances.

26 (H) Other security equipment to assist in any of the following:

27 (i) Screening of incoming vessels, trucks, and incoming or
28 outbound cargo.

29 (ii) Monitoring the physical perimeters of harbors, ports, and
30 ferry terminals.

31 (iii) Providing or augmenting onsite emergency response
32 capability.

33 (I) Overweight cargo detection equipment, including, but not
34 limited to, intermodal crane scales and truck weight scales.

35 (J) Developing disaster preparedness or emergency response
36 plans.

37 The Office of Emergency Services shall report to the Legislature
38 on March 1 of each year on the manner in which the funds available
39 pursuant to this paragraph were expended for that fiscal year.

1 (d) Two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be
2 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for schoolbus
3 retrofit and replacement to reduce air pollution and to reduce
4 children’s exposure to diesel exhaust.

5 (e) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall be available for
6 projects in the state transportation improvement program, to
7 augment funds otherwise available for this purpose from other
8 sources. The funds provided by this subdivision shall be deposited
9 in the Transportation Facilities Account which is hereby created
10 in the fund, and shall be available, upon appropriation by the
11 Legislature, to the Department of Transportation, as allocated by
12 the California Transportation Commission in the same manner as
13 funds allocated for those projects under existing law.

14 (f) (1) Four billion dollars (\$4,000,000,000) shall be deposited
15 in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and
16 Service Enhancement Account, which is hereby created in the
17 fund. Funds in the account shall be made available, upon
18 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of
19 Transportation for intercity rail projects and to commuter or urban
20 rail operators, bus operators, waterborne transit operators, and
21 other transit operators in California for rehabilitation, safety or
22 modernization improvements, capital service enhancements or
23 expansions, new capital projects, bus rapid transit improvements,
24 or for rolling stock procurement, rehabilitation, or replacement.

25 (2) Of the funds made available in paragraph (1), four hundred
26 million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon
27 appropriation by the Legislature, to the department for intercity
28 rail improvements, of which one hundred twenty-five million
29 dollars (\$125,000,000) shall be used for the procurement of
30 additional intercity railcars and locomotives.

31 (3) Of the funds remaining after the allocations in paragraph
32 (2), 50 percent shall be distributed to the Controller, for allocation
33 to eligible agencies using the formula in Section 99314 of the
34 Public Utilities Code, and 50 percent shall be distributed to the
35 Controller, for allocation to eligible agencies using the formula in
36 Section 99313 of the Public Utilities Code, subject to the provisions
37 governing funds allocated under those sections.

38 (g) One billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be deposited in
39 the State-Local Partnership Program Account, which is hereby
40 created in the fund. The funds shall be available, upon

1 appropriation by the Legislature and subject to such conditions
2 and criteria as the Legislature may provide by statute, for allocation
3 by the California Transportation Commission over a five-year
4 period to eligible transportation projects nominated by an applicant
5 transportation agency. A dollar for dollar match of local funds
6 shall be required for an applicant transportation agency to receive
7 state funds under this program.

8 (h) One billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be deposited in
9 the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response
10 Account, which is hereby created in the fund. Funds in the account
11 shall be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature and
12 subject to such conditions and criteria as the Legislature may
13 provide by statute, for capital projects that provide increased
14 protection against a security and safety threat, and for capital
15 expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators, including
16 waterborne transit operators, to develop disaster response
17 transportation systems that can move people, goods, and emergency
18 personnel and equipment in the aftermath of a disaster impairing
19 the mobility of goods, people, and equipment.

20 (i) One hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000)
21 shall be deposited in the Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account,
22 which is hereby created in the fund. The funds in the account shall
23 be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide the 11.5
24 percent required match for federal Highway Bridge Replacement
25 and Repair funds available to the state for seismic work on local
26 bridges, ramps, and overpasses, as identified by the Department
27 of Transportation.

28 (j) (1) Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall
29 be deposited in the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account,
30 which is hereby created in the fund. Funds in the account shall be
31 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department
32 of Transportation for the completion of high-priority grade
33 separation and railroad crossing safety improvements. Funds in
34 the account shall be made available for allocation pursuant to the
35 process established in Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2450)
36 of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, except that a
37 dollar for dollar match of nonstate funds shall be provided for each
38 project, and the limitation on maximum project cost in subdivision
39 (g) of Section 2454 of the Streets and Highways Code shall not
40 be applicable to projects funded with these funds.

1 (2) Notwithstanding the funding allocation process described
2 in paragraph (1), in consultation with the department and the Public
3 Utilities Commission, the California Transportation Commission
4 shall allocate one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) of the
5 funds in the account to high-priority railroad crossing
6 improvements, including grade separation projects, that are not
7 part of the process established in Chapter 10 (commencing with
8 Section 2450) of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code.
9 The allocation of funds under this paragraph shall be made in
10 consultation and coordination with the High-Speed Rail Authority
11 created pursuant to Division 19.5 (commencing with Section
12 185000) of the Public Utilities Code.

13 (k) (1) Seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) shall
14 be deposited in the Highway Safety, Rehabilitation, and
15 Preservation Account, which is hereby created in the fund. Funds
16 in the account shall be available, upon appropriation by the
17 Legislature, to the Department of Transportation, as allocated by
18 the California Transportation Commission, for the purposes of the
19 state highway operation and protection program as described in
20 Section 14526.5.

21 (2) The department shall develop a program for distribution of
22 two hundred and fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) from the
23 funds identified in paragraph (1) to fund traffic light
24 synchronization projects or other technology-based improvements
25 to improve safety, operations and the effective capacity of local
26 streets and roads.

27 (l) (1) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall be deposited
28 in the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief,
29 and Traffic Safety Account of 2006, which is hereby created in
30 the fund. The proceeds of bonds deposited into that account shall
31 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the
32 purposes specified in this subdivision to the Controller for
33 administration and allocation in the fiscal year in which the bonds
34 are issued and sold, including any interest or other return earned
35 on the investment of those moneys, in the following manner:

36 (A) Fifty percent to the counties, including a city and county,
37 in accordance with the following formulas:

38 (i) Seventy-five percent of the funds payable under this
39 subparagraph shall be apportioned among the counties in the
40 proportion that the number of fee-paid and exempt vehicles that

1 are registered in the county bears to the number of fee-paid and
2 exempt vehicles registered in the state

3 (ii) Twenty-five percent of the funds payable under this
4 subparagraph shall be apportioned among the counties in the
5 proportion that the number of miles of maintained county roads
6 in each county bears to the total number of miles of maintained
7 county roads in the state. For the purposes of apportioning funds
8 under this clause, any roads within the boundaries of a city and
9 county that are not state highways shall be deemed to be county
10 roads.

11 (B) Fifty percent to the cities, including a city and county,
12 apportioned among the cities in the proportion that the total
13 population of the city bears to the total population of all the cities
14 in the state, provided, however, that the Controller shall allocate
15 a minimum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to each
16 city, pursuant to this subparagraph.

17 (2) Funds received under this subdivision shall be deposited as
18 follows in order to avoid the commingling of those funds with
19 other local funds:

20 (A) In the case of a city, into the city account that is designated
21 for the receipt of state funds allocated for local streets and roads.

22 (B) In the case of an eligible county, into the county road fund.

23 (C) In the case of a city and county, into a local account that is
24 designated for the receipt of state funds allocated for local streets
25 and roads.

26 (3) For the purpose of allocating funds under this subdivision
27 to cities and a city and county, the Controller shall use the most
28 recent population estimates prepared by the Demographic Research
29 Unit of the Department of Finance. For a city that incorporated
30 after January 1, 1998, that does not appear on the most recent
31 population estimates prepared by the Demographic Research Unit,
32 the Controller shall use the population determined for that city
33 under Section 11005.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

34 (4) Funds apportioned to a city, county, or city and county under
35 this subdivision shall be used for improvements to transportation
36 facilities that will assist in reducing local traffic congestion and
37 further deterioration, improving traffic flows, or increasing traffic
38 safety that may include, but not be limited to, street and highway
39 pavement maintenance, rehabilitation, installation, construction
40 and reconstruction of necessary associated facilities such as

1 drainage and traffic control devices, or the maintenance,
2 rehabilitation, installation, construction and reconstruction of
3 facilities that expand ridership on transit systems, safety projects
4 to reduce fatalities, or as a local match to obtain state or federal
5 transportation funds for similar purposes.

6 (5) At the conclusion of each fiscal year during which a city or
7 county expends the funds it has received under this subdivision,
8 the Controller may verify the city's or county's compliance with
9 paragraph (4). Any city or county that has not complied with
10 paragraph (4) shall reimburse the state for the funds it received
11 during that fiscal year. Any funds withheld or returned as a result
12 of a failure to comply with paragraph (4) shall be reallocated to
13 the other counties and cities whose expenditures are in compliance.

14 ~~SECTION 1. (a) Pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e)~~
15 ~~of Section 8879.23 of the Government Code, the Legislature~~
16 ~~declares its intent to enact legislation that establishes conditions~~
17 ~~and criteria for projects that reduce emissions from activities related~~
18 ~~to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors.~~

19 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria for selecting~~
20 ~~projects to be funded as described in this section include, but not~~
21 ~~be limited to, the potential to achieve the greatest emissions~~
22 ~~reductions and public health gains possible, the cost-effectiveness~~
23 ~~of the strategy, and the time required to achieve environmental~~
24 ~~and public health benefits.~~

25 ~~SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the~~
26 ~~immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within~~
27 ~~the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into~~
28 ~~immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:~~

29 ~~In order to distribute specified proceeds of bonds issued pursuant~~
30 ~~to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port~~
31 ~~Security Bond Act of 2006 (Chapter 12.49 (commencing with~~
32 ~~Section 8879.2) of Division 1 of title 2 of the Government Code),~~
33 ~~approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general~~
34 ~~election, at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this bill~~
35 ~~take effect immediately.~~