

Assembly Bill No. 308

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Sections 14536 and 65080 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 308, Longville. Transportation: funding.

(1) Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature, by December 15 of each year, an annual report summarizing the commission's prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the state.

This bill would require the specified annual report to include a summary of the maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety needs of local streets and roads and public transit systems, as contained in the regional transportation plans submitted to the commission under certain provisions of existing law, that are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element of those plans. This summary would be required to be developed in consultation with the Department of Transportation.

(2) Existing law requires each regional transportation plan to include specific policy and financial elements.

This bill would authorize the policy element to include an assessment of the maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety needs of local streets and roads and public transit systems. The bill would authorize the financial element to include an estimate of funds required to meet those needs, as specified.

The bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 65080 of the Government Code proposed by SB 532, to become operative only if both bills are enacted and become operative on or before January 1, 2000, and this bill is enacted last.



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

SECTION 1. Section 14536 of the Government Code is amended to read:

14536. (a) The annual report shall include an explanation and summary of major policies and decisions adopted by the commission during the previously completed state and federal fiscal year, with an explanation of any changes in policy associated with the performance of its duties and responsibilities over the past year.

(b) The annual report may also include a discussion of any significant upcoming transportation issues anticipated to be of concern to the public and the Legislature.

(c) The report shall include a summary of the maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety needs of local streets and roads and public transit systems, as contained in the regional transportation plans submitted to the commission under subdivision (c) of Section 65080, that are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element of those plans. This summary shall be developed in consultation with the department.

SEC. 2. Section 65080 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65080. (a) Each transportation planning agency designated under Section 29532 or 29532.1 shall prepare and adopt a regional transportation plan directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system, including, but not limited to, mass transportation, highway, railroad, maritime, bicycle, pedestrian, goods movement, and aviation facilities and services. The plan shall be action-oriented and pragmatic, considering both the short-term and long-term future, and shall present clear, concise policy guidance to local and state officials. The regional transportation plan shall consider factors specified in Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code. Each transportation planning agency shall consider and incorporate, as appropriate, the



transportation plans of cities, counties, districts, private organizations, and state and federal agencies.

(b) The regional transportation plan shall include all of the following:

(1) A policy element that describes the transportation issues in the region, identifies and quantifies regional needs, and describes the desired short-range and long-range transportation goals, and pragmatic objective and policy statements. The policy element may also include an assessment of the maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety needs of local streets and roads and public transit systems, including, but not limited to, needs that are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element. The objective and policy statements shall be consistent with the funding estimates of the financial element.

(2) An action element that describes the programs and actions necessary to implement the plan and assigns implementation responsibilities. The action element may describe all projects proposed for development during the 20-year life of the plan.

The action element shall consider congestion management programming activities carried out within the region.

(3) A financial element that summarizes the cost of plan implementation constrained by a realistic projection of available revenues. The financial element shall also contain recommendations for allocation of funds. A county transportation commission created pursuant to Section 130000 of the Public Utilities Code shall be responsible for recommending projects to be funded with regional improvement funds, if the project is consistent with the regional transportation plan. The first four years of the financial element shall be based on the four-year estimate of funds developed pursuant to Section 14524. If the policy element includes maintenance, rehabilitation, or safety needs for local streets and roads or public transit systems, and those needs are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element, the financial element may also include an estimate of



funds required to meet those needs. The financial element may recommend the development of specified new sources of revenue, consistent with the policy element and action element.

(c) Each transportation planning agency shall adopt and submit, biennially, an updated regional transportation plan to the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation. The plan shall be consistent with federal planning and programming requirements. A transportation planning agency that does not contain an urbanized area may at its option adopt and submit a regional transportation plan once every four years beginning with December 1, 1997. Prior to adoption of the regional transportation plan, a public hearing shall be held, after the giving of notice of the hearing by publication in the affected county or counties pursuant to Section 6061.

SEC. 2.5. Section 65080 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65080. (a) Each transportation planning agency designated under Section 29532 or 29532.1 shall prepare and adopt a regional transportation plan directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system, including, but not limited to, mass transportation, highway, railroad, maritime, bicycle, pedestrian, goods movement, and aviation facilities and services. The plan shall be action-oriented and pragmatic, considering both the short-term and long-term future, and shall present clear, concise policy guidance to local and state officials. The regional transportation plan shall consider factors specified in Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code. Each transportation planning agency shall consider and incorporate, as appropriate, the transportation plans of cities, counties, districts, private organizations, and state and federal agencies.

(b) The regional transportation plan shall include all of the following:

(1) A policy element that describes the transportation issues in the region, identifies and quantifies regional needs, and describes the desired short-range and



long-range transportation goals, and pragmatic objective and policy statements. The policy element may also include an assessment of the maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety needs of local streets and roads and public transit systems, including, but not limited to, needs that are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element. The objective and policy statements shall be consistent with the funding estimates of the financial element.

(2) An action element that describes the programs and actions necessary to implement the plan and assigns implementation responsibilities. The action element may describe all projects proposed for development during the 20-year life of the plan.

The action element shall consider congestion management programming activities carried out within the region.

(3) A financial element that summarizes the cost of plan implementation constrained by a realistic projection of available revenues. The financial element shall also contain recommendations for allocation of funds. A county transportation commission created pursuant to Section 130000 of the Public Utilities Code shall be responsible for recommending projects to be funded with regional improvement funds, if the project is consistent with the regional transportation plan. The first four years of the financial element shall be based on the four-year estimate of funds developed pursuant to Section 14524. If the policy element includes maintenance, rehabilitation, or safety needs for local streets and roads or public transit systems, and those needs are not currently projected to be funded in the revenue-constrained financial element, the financial element may also include an estimate of funds required to meet those needs. The financial element may recommend the development of specified new sources of revenue, consistent with the policy element and action element.

(c) Each transportation planning agency shall adopt and submit, every three years beginning by September 1, 2001, an updated regional transportation plan to the



California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation. The plan shall be consistent with federal planning and programming requirements. A transportation planning agency that does not contain an urbanized area may at its option adopt and submit a regional transportation plan once every four years beginning by September 1, 2001. Prior to adoption of the regional transportation plan, a public hearing shall be held, after the giving of notice of the hearing by publication in the affected county or counties pursuant to Section 6061.

SEC. 3. Section 2.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 65080 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and SB 532. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) each bill amends Section 65080 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 532, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.



Approved _____, 1999

Governor

