

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 22, 2009
POSITION: Oppose unless amended
SPONSOR: Imperial County Board of Supervisors

BILL NUMBER: SB 607
AUTHOR: D. Ducheny

BILL SUMMARY: Imperial County Transportation Commission

Under current law, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is designated as the multi-county transportation planning agency for the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Within SCAG's jurisdiction, responsibility for allocating Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds rests with five county transportation agencies in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura, and with the Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) in Imperial County which includes the County of Imperial, the seven incorporated cities within Imperial County and the Imperial Irrigation District.

This bill would create the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) as the successor agency to IVAG. Specifically, this bill would:

- Assign all assets and liabilities of IVAG to ICTC, and provide that ICTC may use up to three percent of revenue from the local transportation fund for administrative purposes.
Confer on ICTC the authority for administering TDA provisions governing the use of public transportation funds.
Establish a governing board of up to 15 members of whom 10 would be voting members, one designated non-voting member, appointed by the Governor to represent Caltrans, and up to four non-voting, ex-officio members. The 10 voting members would include:
One representative from each of seven incorporated cities in the county.
Two members of the county board of supervisors.
One member representing the Imperial Irrigation District.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Finance estimates this bill would result in minor and absorbable costs for Caltrans to prepare for ICTC meetings. To obviate potential mandate issues, we recommend the attached amendment be adopted.

COMMENTS

Finance opposes this bill unless amended for the following reason:

- Although the bill allows the ICTC to retain three percent of local transportation fund revenues for administrative purposes, a mandate could be created if ICTC administrative costs exceed the three-percent cap. We therefore recommend the attached amendment to ensure the governing board's ability to limit commission operations to fit within the available administrative appropriation.

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Governor's Office: By: Date: Position Approved
Position Disapproved

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	
0001/Major Rev	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----			0001
2660/Caltrans	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001

Suggested Amendments  
SB 607 (As amended April 22, 2009)

132820. The commission may do any of the following:

(a) Use up to 3 percent of the revenues in the local transportation fund for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities. If this sum is insufficient to cover the commission's operating expenses, the governing board shall be authorized to reduce the commission's activities as appropriate, notwithstanding the requirements of this Division.