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BILL FOR MORE INFILL, TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS AND COUNTY ROADS GOES TO GOVERNOR

Legislation that fast-tracks additional allocations of bond funding authorized under Propositions 1C and 1B (2006), was approved by the Assembly and sent to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday, June 26. AB 1252 (Caballero) provides an additional \$150 million for infill infrastructure and transit-oriented development (TOD) programs initiated through Prop. 1C. This allocation was requested by the Administration in response to the heavy demand for these funds at the local level. *For more, see Page 2.*



SAVE THE DATE FOR AIR QUALITY WORKSHOPS

City officials will soon have a chance to weigh in on the future of the state's air quality. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is holding three public workshops in July in preparation for drafting a "scoping plan" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as required by AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. *For more, see Page 2.*



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ISSUES TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON CEQA AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION

Local government officials and their planning staff have a new resource to help address climate change. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recently published a new technical advisory on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and climate change. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The FY 2007-08 budget provided \$240 million for the Infill Infrastructure Fund and \$95 million for Transit-Oriented Development, but the volume of applications exceeded those amounts four-fold. AB 1252 provides an additional \$100 million for infill infrastructure projects and another \$50 million for TOD.

As part of the Senate deliberations, an additional \$150 million allocation in Prop. 1B funds was added to the measure, with \$63 million allocated for railroad grade crossing improvements and \$87 million for county roads.

The League has a support position on this measure and is urging the Governor's signature.

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The workshop dates and locations are:

July 8 – South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar

July 14 – Fresno City Hall, Fresno

July 17 – California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, Sacramento

ARB is scheduled to consider the scoping plan in November 2008. For more information about the workshops and the draft scoping plan, visit www.arb.ca.gov, click on the "Events" tab and select "Workshops Only."

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The emerging role of CEQA in addressing climate change and greenhouse gas emissions has been the subject of much discussion and debate in recent months. To assist professional planners, land use officials, and CEQA practitioners, OPR has provided this advisory containing informal guidance for public agencies as they address the issue of climate change in their CEQA documents.

The advisory provides OPR's perspective on the issue and precedes the development of draft implementing regulations for CEQA, in accordance with SB 97 (2006). It was produced in collaboration with the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board.

To view the technical advisory or for more information, please visit the OPR Web site, www.opr.ca.gov.

League Seeks Session Ideas for 2009 Planners Institute

The League is accepting proposals for educational topics and speakers for the 2009 League of California Cities Planners Institute.

The conference is set for March 25-27, 2009 in Anaheim. Each year, the event hosts 800-900 planning department directors, planning commissioners, city engineers, city managers and elected officials.

Educational topic suggestions should:

- Relate to what is new and critical for the future of local planning
- Draw a wide audience; and
- Stimulate action and further discussion

Topic suggestions which include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind will not be considered.

Preferred speaker qualifications include:

- At least five years of public presentation experience.
- At least two years of experience related to working in or presenting on the topic of the proposal; and
- More than two successful speaking engagements to large audiences at a regional or state level in the past two years.

Suggested speakers who pose a conflict of interest with the subject or business area must disclose such information in the speaker bio submitted, and may not be considered.

The deadline to submit session and speaker proposals is noon on Monday, July 21, 2008. To submit a proposal, download the Call for Education Session Ideas (www.cacities.org/events) form from the League's Web site, fill it out completely, and e-mail it to education@cacities.org.

Wildomar Becomes a City on July 1

On July 1, California will gain a new city. Wildomar, a community in Riverside County, officially incorporates that day, becoming the state's 479th city. Murietta was the last city to incorporate in the county and did so in 1991. The total population in Wildomar on July 1 is estimated to be 30,965.

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Visit (and bookmark!) the League's [Legislative Resources](http://www.cacities.org/legresources) Web page (www.cacities.org/legresources). You'll find a roster and contact information for the League's legislative staff; the online Bill Search program, background materials on lobbying your legislators, and more.
