



Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Recommendations for Infrastructure: State of California

1. Pursue public private partnerships to fund transportation infrastructure projects:

To encourage the use of public private partnerships to build transportation infrastructure, the chamber recommends creating resources to develop new projects and specifically funding shelf-ready projects which include a likely public private partnership (P3) component.

- Authorize ready to go projects to be used as demonstration P3 infrastructure projects, including State highways.
 - 710 – 210 Connector
 - High-Desert Corridor
- Require the CalTrans to compare P3, design-build and traditional funding sources for all transportation infrastructure projects before designating its funding mechanism.
- Authorize the Business Transportation and Housing Agency to study P3 for transportation and other infrastructure projects in California and develop a best practices manual as well as a comprehensive list of good candidate projects.

2. Allocate and spend 1B bond money as part of an economic stimulus package

In midst of the economic crisis, the State of California can spur economic growth and development by quickly allocating and spending all of the money raised through the Proposition 1B bonds. Nearly \$7 billion has yet to be committed including money for:

- \$750 Million for the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program
- \$3 Billion for Public Transportation Modernization
- \$960 Million for transit system safety and port security

3. Creating flexibility for self-help counties

Los Angeles is one of more than a dozen self-help counties in the State of California. These counties should be rewarded for prioritizing infrastructure development and maintenance.

- Give self-help counties better flexibility to ensure that their infrastructure needs are met where they provide local funds at or greater than a 1:1 match to state funds.

4. Streamlining the Approval Process for Transportation Projects

Uncertainty and delays in the approval process cause serious limitations in agencies' ability to fund infrastructure projects. Project delays cause serious impediments to meeting environmental and growth goals as California embraces more efficiency and sustainability transportation projects.

- Require time limits on the CEQA and other approval processes for transportation and other major public works projects to ensure timely completion, in addition:
 - Remove duplicative measures from the CEQA analysis process, so that studies do not need to be redone to satisfy requirements.
 - Reduce CEQA time restrictions for voter approved projects.