



Assembly Member **MIKE FEUER**

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FEUER INTRODUCES PACKAGE OF TRANSPORTATION BILLS TO RAISE REVENUE FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

February 22, 2008 (Sacramento) Assemblymember Mike Feuer introduced a package of legislation designed to allow local communities to control their own transportation destinies.

“Los Angeles and every other region of our state desperately need to improve our transportation infrastructure. People spend too much time in their idling cars sitting in traffic rather than at home with their families. That is why I am introducing this package of bills to promote local control of our transportation future.” said Feuer.

“The State’s fiscal crisis must not consign cities and counties to be perpetually gridlocked.”

The package of bills includes:

- **AB 2321** amends SB 314 (Murray 2003). SB 314 authorized the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) to adopt an additional 0.5% sales tax in Los Angeles County upon the approval of the voters. This bill extends the tax for a 30-year period and allows the extra revenue generated from the sales tax to be used for projects in MTA’s Long Range Transportation Plan. It is estimated to generate \$20 billion for 20 years and \$30 billion for 30 years.
- **AB 2558** authorizes the MTA to impose a countywide or regional carbon emissions fee subject to voter approval. The MTA would decide whether the fee would be assessed at the pump or through the Vehicle License Fee. The revenue generated estimated at \$400 to \$600 million a year would be used to pay for air pollution and congestion management programs.
- **AB 2388** requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect a statewide surcharge on the registration fees for every passenger vehicle based on carbon dioxide emissions and weight of the vehicle. The revenue generated would go to projects to mitigate the effects of carbon emissions, wear and tear on roads and congestion.
- **ACA 10** lowers the vote threshold for the approval of bonds (and any tax increase associated with these bonds) for local transportation projects from a two-thirds vote of the people to a 55% vote of the people.

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- **AB 1815** establishes a task force to study alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes and report its findings to the Legislature by January 2010.
- **AB 2495** allows the state to create public-public partnerships with local agencies to create fee-producing infrastructure projects and facilities.
- **AB 1836** brings Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs) more in line with redevelopment districts by removing the voter approval currently needed for cities and counties to create IFDs. IFDs are similar to redevelopment districts in that they allow reallocation of existing tax revenues to improve a designated area. Local agencies that will contribute their property tax increment revenue to the IFD must still approve the plan.

These bills will be heard in their first policy committees in March and April.

Assemblyman Mike Feuer was elected to the California State Assembly to represent the 42nd Assembly District, which includes all or part of the Los Angeles communities of Sherman Oaks, Studio City, North Hollywood, Valley Glen, Valley Village, Toluca Lake, Universal City, Griffith Park, Brentwood, Bel Air, Holmby Hills, Beverly Glen, Westwood, Century City, Hollywood, Fairfax, Hancock Park, Los Feliz, as well as the Cities of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood.