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SB-1121 State and local transportation system: needs assessment. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 1121

CHAPTER 508

An act to add Section 14518 to the Government Code, relating to transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1121, Gonzalez. State and local transportation system: needs assessment.

Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature an annual report summarizing its prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the state. Existing law authorizes the report to also include a discussion of any significant upcoming transportation issues anticipated to be of concern to the public and the Legislature and requires the report to include specific, action-oriented, and pragmatic recommendations for legislation to improve the transportation system.

This bill would require the commission, in consultation with the Transportation Agency and the Department of Transportation, to prepare a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next 10 years, as provided. As part of the needs assessment, the bill would require the commission to forecast the expected revenue, including federal, state, and local revenues, to pay for the cost identified in the needs assessment, any shortfall in revenue to cover the cost, and recommendations on how any shortfall should be addressed. The bill would require the commission to submit to the Legislature an interim needs assessment on or before January 1, 2024, and a completed needs assessment on or before January 1, 2025, and every 5 years thereafter.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 14518 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14518. (a) (1) The commission shall prepare, in consultation with the Transportation Agency and the department, a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next 10 years. As part of the needs assessment, the commission shall forecast the expected revenue, including federal, state, and local revenues, to pay for the cost identified in the needs assessment, any shortfall in revenue to cover the cost, and recommendations on how any shortfall should be addressed.

(2) In determining the cost to provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system in the needs assessment, the commission shall include the costs of transportation system improvements included in regional, interregional, and state transportation improvement programs adopted pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 14520), the California State Rail Plan pursuant to Section 14036, and the State Highway System Management Plan adopted pursuant to

Section 164.6 of the Streets and Highways Code. Any analysis of necessary future growth shall be consistent with the transportation vision and preferred scenario contemplated in the most recent California Transportation Plan developed pursuant to Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 65070) of Division 1 of Title 7.

(3) The commission shall include the cost to address climate change impacts to provide for system resiliency in the needs assessment.

(4) In developing the needs assessment, the commission may use existing reports or analyses.

(5) In developing the needs assessment, the commission shall consult with relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, community-based organizations, environmental justice and equity-based organizations, organized labor, the transportation industry, metropolitan planning organizations, county transportation commissions, regional transportation planning agencies, local governments, and transit operators.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5, the commission shall submit an interim needs assessment to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024, and a completed needs assessment to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter. The needs assessment shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

(c) For purposes of this section, "state and local transportation system" includes all of the following:

(1) Bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

(2) Local streets and roads.

(3) Highways, bridges, and culverts.

(4) Transit systems, commuter rail systems, and intercity rail systems, including the operation of those systems.