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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Arizona Transit Association

January 28, 2005

Week in Review

There was no legislation relating to public transportation during the week ending January 28th.

A Preview for the Week Ahead

HB 2440, relating to the priority of lottery fund distributions, is scheduled to be heard in the House Committee on Government Reform and Government Finance Accountability on Wednesday, February 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

Comments

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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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BILL	TITLE	SPONSORS	SUMMARY	HOUSE COMMITTEES	SENATE COMMITTEES	ACTION
HB 2292	regional transportation plan; performance audits	Biggs	As introduced, the legislation requires the first performance audit of light rail projects to occur two years after the initial route is completed and operational. The baseline performance standards for light rail are to be established by the Auditor General and an independent auditor. The baseline standards shall include the performance of other light rail systems in other communities. Requires consultation with the regional transportation authority, regional planning authority, county board of supervisors and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. Creates additional performance indicators to include the impact on "relieving congestion and improving mobility" and whether light rail fails, meets or exceeds the baseline standards established above. If the program fails to meet the established baseline standards, then the funds allocated to light rail are to be reallocated to freeways and other controlled access highways. Requires five year reviews of light rail projects.	Transportation, Rules		committee assignment, 1/18
HB 2293	regional transportation; election authorization	Biggs	As introduced, for election purposes, requires the regional transportation plan to be submitted to the Legislature and the county board of supervisors and requires voter approval in order for the plan to be implemented. Requires the Legislature to approve the plan via a concurrent resolution in order for the plan to be placed on the ballot.			awaiting committee assignment



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HB 2300	local transportation elections; public transportation	Biggs	As introduced, requires a separate public transportation election for municipal and county governments that pursue their own elections of a transportation plan that includes a component for public transportation.			awaiting committee assignment
HB 2440	state lottery; distributions	McComish and Paton	As introduced, establishes additional priorities for the distribution of lottery funds if funds are available after the current priorities are met. The initial distribution of Local Transportation Assistance Funds remain at \$23 million. However, in order to accommodate the additional distribution priorities, LTAF II is capped at \$5 million. The additional priorities include funding for commerce and economic development, early childhood education and the Healthy Families program.	Appropriations, Government Reform, Rules		committee assignment, 1/26
HB 2538	public construction; business losses; compensation	Allen and (12)	As introduced, allows a business owner to recover losses resulting from a public construction project, provided that the loss of business is over an eight month period. A narrow list of public construction projects that are exempt from the statute is provided. As proposed, impacts from public transportation projects would trigger the compensation requirement.			awaiting committee assignment
SB 1322	transportation policy committee	Verschoor	As introduced, requires the Transportation Policy Committee to submit the same written response on the regional plan to the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee as it presently provides to the regional public transportation authority, State Board of Transportation and the county board of supervisors.		Transportation, Rules	committee assignment, 1/27
SB 1332	membership; transportation board	Verschoor	As introduced, changes the appointment process to the State Transportation Board by increasing the board composition to allow for the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to appoint one member each from Maricopa County. An additional			awaiting committee assignment

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			board member from Pima County would be jointly appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The legislation has no impact on existing board members.			