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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Arizona Transit Association

January 31, 2003

Vision 21 Task Force Recommendations Presented

Marty Shultz, co-chairman of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, addressed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation regarding the key findings and recommendations of the task force that was created by former Governor Jane Dee Hull.

Shultz also commented on HB 2292, relating to county transportation planning, in which he clearly supports the need for the extension of the half-cent sales tax (Regional Area Road Fund) for an additional 20 years to 2025.

For the full report please visit the Vision 21 Task Force web site at <http://www.dot.state.az.us/Vision21/>.

Meeting Held for Controversial Transportation Legislation

Representative Gary Pierce, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, met with representatives from municipal governments, Maricopa County and the business community regarding HB 2288 and HB 2292, both relating to regional and county transportation planning.

Both bills are opposed by local governments located in Maricopa County.

According to a position paper released by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), transportation legislation should include the following points:

1. Acknowledgment of MAG's role and responsibility in developing and approving transportation plans and programs and conducting air quality conformity analysis.
2. Acknowledge the role of the Transportation Policy Committee.
3. Continue safeguarding publicly funded projects.
4. Allow for the tax to be used in other transportation projects.
5. Extend the one half cent sales tax 20 years.
6. Encourage cooperation regarding transit between the Transportation Policy Committee and Maricopa County.

A Preview for the Week Ahead

SB 1107, regarding ADOT and the use of federal monies, is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation on Tuesday, February 4th 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 2027	local transportation assistance fund	McClure	Placeholder legislation developed on behalf of the Arizona Transit Association.	Rules		committee assignment, 1/15
HB 2288	regional transportation districts	Pierce, Thompson	Summary pending.	Transportation, Rules		committee assignment, 1/28
HB 2292	county transportation; planning; excise tax	Pierce, Pearce, Chase and Binder	In order for a county with a population in excess of 1.2 million in population to extend an existing excise tax for transportation, the regional planning agency in a county must establish a Transportation Policy Committee consisting of public and private sector members and legislators. The committee is required to adopt a comprehensive, multi-modal and coordinated regional transportation plan for the county, including the establishment of priority transportation corridors. Any changes to the adopted regional transportation plan must be approved by the Legislature and the State Transportation Board.	Transportation, Rules		committee assignment, 1/28
SB 1107	ADOT; federal monies; acceptance; expenditures	Binder	Adds tribal governments to the list of entities that the Arizona Department of Transportation may cooperate with for the benefit of transportation purposes.		Natural Resources and Transportation	committee assignment, 1/27
SB 1108	vehicle load restrictions; violations; assessments	Binder	Makes changes to the penalties associated with vehicle loads that become loose, detached or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.		Natural Resources and Transportation	committee assignment, 1/27