

WEEKLY FLASH

Big Battle Shapes Up Over Goods Movement Funding

The end of November is looking to be a battle royal over infrastructure bond money for the movement of goods. *We need your help.* As part of the 2006 Prop 1B infrastructure bonds approved by voters, the California Transportation Commission will allocate \$2 billion to expand and improve rail, shipping and trucking routes statewide. To our shock and dismay, Los Angeles is using its political muscles to try to take 86% of the funds for that city alone, leaving the rest for San Diego, the Central Valley and Northern California, which includes Oakland, the nation's 4th busiest port. The Bay Area Council is fighting back. We are advocating for a Northern California trade program consisting of 14 improvements totaling \$860 million of Prop. 1B bond funds serving 23 counties. It results from leadership of Karl Schroeder, the President of the Northern California Division of Safeway, who secured an unprecedented partnership of the Bay Area, the Central Valley, and the Sacramento regions to improve the goods movement system both in Northern California and throughout the entire state.



Please consider putting [this supportive note](#) on your letterhead and faxing it back to us at 415-981-6408.

Top Shanghai Officials Visit, Deepening New Relationship

The Council was extremely honored to host Mr. Vincent Lo and colleagues from the Shui On Group, plus the top Party officials from the YangPu District of Shanghai this past week. The delegation, led by Party Secretary Chen An Jie, was taken on an exhaustive and informative week of meetings to learn about venture capital and innovation at Google, Oracle, Silicon Valley Bank, New Enterprise Associates Stanford, U.C. Berkeley, U.C.S.F. Mission Bay, San Jose City Hall, San Francisco City Hall, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the San Jose Bioscience Center. The trip ended with a strong speech by Party Secretary Chen about the future of clean technology in the Bay Area and China – and how he hopes he can help Bay Area companies come to China and the YangPu district of Shanghai to help with environmental challenges. In three weeks, the Bay Area Council will lead a trip of top Bay Area business and political leaders back to Shanghai.



Article of the Week

This [Sacramento Bee article](#) covers new court-ordered U.S. mileage standards.

Quote of the Week

"This is an incident that should not have happened." – [Senator Dianne Feinstein](#) about the Cosco Busan's collision with the Bay Bridge and the 58,000 gallons of fuel that leaked into the Bay.

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