FLOOR ALERT -- Vote YES on SB 32 (Pavley)

Sustainable Communities for All – a diverse coalition of conservation, transit, bike/ped and housing organizations – urges your support for SB 32 (Pavley) to extend the state's “ambitious but achievable” greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Reducing GHG emissions will bring significant benefits to the communities and households least able to cope with the financial burdens of climate change.

SB 32 will continue the legacy of AB 32 which is bringing more-frequent bus service, connected bike lanes, tree-lined streets, and affordable homes to communities all over California through climate smart investments. These investments not only reduce GHGs, they improve Californians' quality of life, increase the accessibility of education and job opportunities, and stabilize lower-income families' housing and transportation budgets. Below are just a few examples of the Program’s success:

- The highly competitive Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program has awarded over $150 million to 36 projects that integrate transportation and housing, including:
  - $3 million for farmworker van pool service in rural communities throughout California.
  - Over $6 million to provide 138 affordable homes for veterans at March Air Force Base.
  - $2.2 million for Crenshaw Villas in Los Angeles-- a mixed-use building with affordable homes for seniors, office space, and covered bicycle parking.

- $15.6 million in Urban Forestry grants to plant almost 38,000 trees in 29 projects across California’s most disadvantaged communities. These include:
  - $675,000 for LA Conservation Corps to employ local youth to plant and maintain 1,875 trees in Compton, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez.
  - A $70,000 grant awarded to Amigos de Los Rios to plant 225 trees at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, located in the underserved San Gabriel Valley region.
  - $750,000 for Our City Forest to plant 2,000 trees in San Jose, Santa Clara, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy. The project will employ 36 local young adults.

- The competitive Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program has granted over $220 million to projects from Sacramento to San Diego:
  - Nearly $38.5 million to the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks station redevelopment to improve safety and connectivity throughout the region.
  - Over $41 million to Metrolink for the purchase of nine fuel efficient locomotives to improve service to the Antelope Valley and Ventura County lines.

- $100 million in Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds have been distributed by formula to more than 150 regional and local transportation agencies. Funded projects include:
  - Nearly $1.5 million to construct a mobility hub on the campus of UC Riverside
  - $9.8 million to operate Metro Line 2 expansion between Culver City and Santa Monica
  - $700,000 to improve weekend service within the City of Fresno

We urge your support for SB 32 to continue these highly beneficial investments for lower-income Californians while reducing greenhouse gas emissions for all Californians.