

Transportation

Overview

New technologies challenge cities, counties and transportation authorities to undertake large infrastructure projects that replace and modernize existing transportation networks — all at a time when competition for state and federal dollars is high.

Best Best & Krieger LLP's Transportation practice focuses on creative and collaborative solutions that promote efficient construction and maximize resources toward successful project completion. We are experienced in [public-private partnerships](#), [utilization of alternative construction delivery methods](#) and [funding through bond and tax measures](#). Transportation infrastructure projects we assist on includes:

- Construction of new light rail, streetcar and heavy rail projects
- Modernization and maintenance of existing rail systems and multi-modal projects, including freight and port projects
- New highways and toll roads
- New construction and modernization of tunnels and bridges

Our Transportation practice leverages the firm's extensive knowledge and experience with public infrastructure projects to provide legal support and counsel through all phases of a project, from planning through environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, procurement, grant funding or finance, construction, operations and project close-out.

Our attorneys practice on the cutting edge of transportation issues, working on projects that promote integration of "smart" technologies, such as autonomous vehicles, into the transportation networks of municipal and transit agency clients. We advise on privacy and cyber-security issues, as well as legal and policy concerns, that arise when utilizing new technologies.

Taking a multi-disciplinary approach, the Transportation group works closely with attorneys in our Municipal, Special Districts, Environmental, Eminent Domain and Public Finance groups. With so much happening at the federal and state regulatory levels, we work closely with our Government Relations team to ensure our clients have a say in changes that will impact safety, planning, commerce and more.

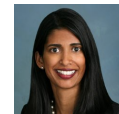
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Connected Industries

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[Special Districts](#)

Related Practices

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[California Public Utilities Commission](#)

BB&K clients include cities, counties, municipal planning organizations, transit agencies and transportation infrastructure and planning agencies. We are also available to advise Native American tribes regarding large transportation projects.

With an office in Washington, D.C., we are well positioned to assist clients seeking federal grant opportunities and regularly help clients interpret and comply with federal grant requirements and complex federal contracting rules and regulations. Additionally, we proactively keep clients informed on federal and state rulemakings, laws, and regulations that impact the transportation sector.

How Can Government Relations Help You?

Environmental, water, telecommunications and transportation projects by both public agencies and businesses can benefit from our advocacy services. Let us help you be heard!

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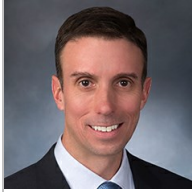
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Our Perspective

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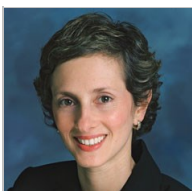
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News & Events

BB&K WEBINAR | AUG 08, 2019

Advancing the Policy Discussion Around Housing

BB&K Webinar Series: Innovating Livability for Communities

VIDEOS | JUL 29, 2019

[WEBINAR] Innovative Partnerships to Overcome Housing Challenges in Communities

BB&K Webinar

BB&K WEBINAR | JUL 25, 2019

Innovative Partnerships to Overcome Housing Challenges in Communities

BB&K Webinar Series: Innovating Livability for Communities

VIDEOS | JUL 12, 2019

[WEBINAR] Focusing on the “US” in HoUSing: Merging Housing, Transportation, Incentives and Community

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BB&K WEBINAR | JUL 11, 2019

Focusing on the “US” in HoUSing: Merging Housing, Transportation, Incentives and Community

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AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | APR 30, 2019

"California Water," Third Edition

Eric Garner's Updates to Text on Historical, Legal and Policy Issues Affecting California Water Use

EVENT | MAR 30, 2019

IMLA 2019 Mid-Year Seminar

International Municipal Lawyers Association

EVENT | MAR 14, 2019

CAALAC 2019 Biennial Retreat

City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County

LEGAL ALERTS | FEB 20, 2019

Drones: A Legal and Regulatory Update

Operations Over People and at Night Among Issues Addressed in Latest FAA Proposed Rules

EVENT | JAN 18, 2019

33rd Annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference

UCLA Extension Public Policy Program

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 15, 2019

Comprehensive Update to the State CEQA Guidelines

Approved by California Natural Resources Agency

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 09, 2019

New Year, New Laws Impacting Public Agencies in California – Part I

2019 Brings Changes to Election, Revenue, Conflict of Interest, Property and Public Safety Laws... and More

PRESS RELEASES | DEC 19, 2018

Cities' Struggles to Meet Obligations Are Real — BB&K Municipal Law Team Grows to Help

New and Expanded Services and More Attorneys and Staff Added in 2018

PRESS RELEASES | DEC 17, 2018

BB&K Welcomes Water and Environmental Partner Lowry Crook

Served Senior Positions with the Army Corps of Engineers and the White House

| NOV 15, 2018

[WEBINAR] Transportation Technology Infrastructure: A Smarter Future Requires Smarter Infrastructure

BB&K Webinar

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Transportation Technology Infrastructure: A Smarter Future Requires Smarter Infrastructure

BB&K Free Webinar Series

| NOV 08, 2018

[WEBINAR] Mitigating Transportation Technology Risks: Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity

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[WEBINAR] Transportation Technology Partnerships: Contracting, Coordination and Data Sharing

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Transportation Technology Partnerships: Contracting, Coordination and Data Sharing

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| OCT 25, 2018

[WEBINAR] Emerging Transportation Technologies: Introduction to Legal and Policy Landscape

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Emerging Transportation Technologies: Introduction to Legal and Policy Landscape

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EVENT | OCT 17, 2018

IMLA 2018 Annual Conference

International Municipal Lawyers Association

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 26, 2018

Federal Draft Infrastructure Bill Released

Aims to Provide Revenue to Repair Failing Infrastructure

EVENT | JUL 23, 2018

Are Drones and Flying Cars Coming to Your City?

The P3 Airport Summit

| MAY 15, 2018

[WEBINAR] Automated Vehicle Pilot Project Risks and Smart Infrastructure

BB&K Webinar

BB&K WEBINAR | MAY 15, 2018

Automated Vehicle Pilot Project Risks and Smart Infrastructure

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VIDEOS | APR 24, 2018

A Glimpse at the Future

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

VIDEOS | APR 24, 2018

Closing Remarks

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

VIDEOS | APR 24, 2018

Federal Legislative Discussion – Where Do We Invest?

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

VIDEOS | APR 24, 2018

Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment – The Complex Puzzle of Funding Our Future

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

VIDEOS | APR 24, 2018

Is the Road Forward Even a Road? Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

BB&K EVENT | APR 24, 2018

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

A BB&K Premier Event

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Bill is Due: Now What? Infrastructure, Pensions and the Environment

CLIENT SUCCESSES | APR 12, 2018

CV Link Lawsuit Dismissed

BB&K Attorneys Defended Against Funding Challenge

LEGAL ALERTS | APR 04, 2018

The First Self-Driving Death

Mitigating Risks, Regulatory Update and a Tale of Two States

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | MAR 16, 2018

Roads of the Future Today

BB&K Attorney Gregory Rodriguez Writes on the Latest Legal and Regulatory

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | FEB 22, 2018

Dockless Disruption: Maximizing Opportunities Through Smart Regulations

BB&K's Gregory Rodriguez and Steven DeBaun Discuss Bikeshare Issues in PublicCEO

BB&K WEBINAR | FEB 13, 2018

Free Municipal Law Webinar Series from BB&K

Legal Issues that Matter Most to California Cities

LEGAL ALERTS | FEB 12, 2018

Federal Infrastructure Outline Released

Details Local Agencies Need are Included

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 31, 2018

A Peek Inside the Trump Infrastructure Plan: What Local Government Agencies Should Know

The State of the Union Address and a Leaked Memo Give the Insight We've Been Waiting For

EVENT | JAN 12, 2018

Electrification of Port: California as a Case Study

Association of Pacific Ports Winter Conference

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 01, 2017

Proposed "Comprehensive Update" to the State CEQA Guidelines Released

California Governor's Office of Planning and Research Proposal Also Addresses SB 743

BB&K IN THE NEWS | NOV 01, 2017

Criminal Case Against Ex-Beaumont Officials Yields Settlement with WRCOG

BB&K Partner Jeff Dunn Discusses Development With the Riverside Press-Enterprise

LEGAL ALERTS | OCT 31, 2017

Drones: A Legal and Regulatory Update

Recent White House and Federal Court Action Impacting Future UAS Regulations

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | SEP 20, 2017

The Little Hoover Commission Issues Report on Special Districts

By Whitney Blackhurst

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | SEP 19, 2017

Automated Vehicle Regulatory Challenges: Avoiding Legal Potholes Through Collaboration

Gregory Rodriguez's Article to Supplement his LCC Conference Presentation

EVENT | SEP 15, 2017

Legal and Policy Considerations of Automated Vehicles: Balancing Innovation and Regulation

The Seminar Group

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 11, 2017

Legislature May Expedite CEQA Review for Transportation Projects Connected to 2028 Olympic Games

Bill Introduced in Advance of Los Angeles Being Awarded the Games This Week

CLIENT SUCCESSES | AUG 14, 2017

RCTC Secures TIFIA Funds for Important Highway Infrastructure Project

BB&K Advised on \$152.2 Million TIFIA Loan

PRESS RELEASES | AUG 11, 2017

Telecommunications Law Attorney John Gasparini Joins BB&K

Will Serve Clients from our Washington, D.C. Office

LEGAL ALERTS | AUG 03, 2017

CEQA Not Preempted in State-Owned Rail Project

California Supreme Court Decision Could Impact High-Speed Rail Project

VIDEOS | JUL 24, 2017

Promoting Public and Private Sector Collaboration in a Driverless World [VIDEO]

Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and the Law

CLIENT SUCCESSES | JUL 19, 2017

Mid County Parkway Freeway Infrastructure Project Prevails for Second Time

BB&K Attorneys Represent RCTC; Defeat Environmental Challenges

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 14, 2017

Lead Agencies Need Not (Necessarily) Consider Governor's Executive Orders When Analyzing Emissions

California Supreme Court Finding Serves as a Key Victory for Public Agencies

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | JUN 29, 2017

DOT Rebrands and Expands FAST Act Grant Opportunities for Infrastructure Projects

By Gregory Rodriguez and Ana Schwab

EVENT | JUN 21, 2017

CEQA Attorney's Perspective

ITE & AEP Workshop

VIDEOS | JUN 08, 2017

Scott Ditfurth Video Bio

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CLIENT SUCCESSES | JUN 01, 2017

NEPA Victory for Freeway Infrastructure Project in Riverside County

BB&K Team Represents RCTC in Mid County Parkway Project Dispute

VIDEOS | MAY 09, 2017

Haviva Shane Video Bio

Of Counsel

EVENT | MAY 05, 2017

Land, Air and Water: Navigating Complex Environmental Issues in the Inland Empire

State Bar of California Environmental Law Section

EVENT | APR 25, 2017

25th Annual Valuation Seminar

IRWA Los Angeles Chapter 1

EVENT | APR 21, 2017

IMLA's 2017 Mid-Year Seminar

International Municipal Lawyers Association

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | APR 20, 2017

National League of Cities Releases Guide on Preparing for Autonomous Vehicles

By Gregory Rodriguez

CLIENT SUCCESSES | MAR 29, 2017

State Route 91 Express Lanes

BB&K Helped RCTC Pave the Way

EVENT | MAR 15, 2017

Getting Energized for Automated Vehicles

International Municipal Lawyers Association Webinar

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 18, 2017

The Trump Infrastructure Plan

How BB&K Can Help Your Agency Position and Respond

PRESS RELEASES | JAN 03, 2017

BB&K Promotes Joshua Nelson to Partner

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 22, 2016

Looking Forward: New California Laws for Public Agencies

Laws Passed in 2016 That Will Impact Public Agency Work

EVENT | SEP 28, 2016

IMLA's 81st Annual Conference

International Municipal Lawyers Association

LEGAL ALERTS | SEP 21, 2016

Federal Autonomous Vehicles Policy Released by NHTSA

60-Day Comment Period Provides Important Chance to Have Local Voices Heard

CLIENT SUCCESSES | JUL 26, 2016

California Supreme Court Sides with Public Agencies on Precondemnation Access Issue

BB&K Partner Kendall MacVey Filed Amicus Curiae Brief

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | JUN 01, 2016

Gear Up for Driverless Cars: Local and Regional Regulators Should Speak Out to Protect Their Interests

Autonomous Vehicle Regulations Present an Opportunity for Local Governments to Get Involved, BB&K Attorney Jordan Ferguson Writes in PublicCEO

BB&K IN THE NEWS | MAY 18, 2016

Beaumont: Why City Still Owes Millions in Transportation Lawsuit

Criminal Charges Brought in Wake of Victorious Lawsuit Against City by WRCOG, Represented by BB&K

EVENT | APR 27, 2016

Wait! Who is Driving that Car?: The Autonomous Vehicle Revolution and our Transportation Infrastructure

IMLA Webinar

LEGAL ALERTS | APR 21, 2016

Municipalities May Not Grant Preferential Parking to Residents Based on Dwelling Type

California Attorney General Addresses Local Preferential Parking Regulations

LEGAL ALERTS | MAR 17, 2016

The State of Our Autonomy is... Moving Fast, Optimistic and Filled with Regulatory Questions

Cities Need to Climb on Board or Be Left Behind

EVENT | MAR 10, 2016

Hot Topics in Public Infrastructure & Right of Way

Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

LEGAL ALERTS | JAN 25, 2016

Office of Planning and Research Proposes Revisions to State CEQA Guidelines

Comments Sought by Feb. 29 on the Transition from LOS to VMT

LEGAL ALERTS | DEC 17, 2015

FAST Act Authorizes \$305 Billion in Transportation Spending Over Five Years

Funds to Help Critical Transportation Projects to Move Forward

LEGAL ALERTS | OCT 21, 2015

Surface Transportation: Be Informed and Heard

New Federal Bill for Transportation Funding on the Road to Passage

PRESS RELEASES | FEB 18, 2015

BB&K Attorneys Garner Top Verdict Recognition

Jeff Dunn, Thomas Eastmond and Steven DeBaun Recognized by the Daily Journal for WRCOG v. Beaumont

PRESS RELEASES | JAN 22, 2015

Six BB&K Attorneys in San Diego Included on the 2015 List of San Diego Super Lawyers or Super Lawyer

LEGAL ALERTS | OCT 20, 2014

California Takes Significant Strides Toward Design-Build

New Law Consolidates Certain Design-Build Authorizations Under a Single Statute

EVENT | SEP 10, 2014

BB&K Attorneys Appeared on Panels Covering Telecommunications, the Environment, Hot Federal Issues and More

IMLA 2014 Annual Conference

PRESS RELEASES | AUG 14, 2014

Three BB&K Attorneys Among Daily Journal's Top 50 California Development Attorneys for 2014

Partners Scott Campbell, Steven DeBaun and Michelle Ouellette Recognized for Projects that Transform the State

CLIENT SUCCESSES | JUN 10, 2014

BB&K Attorneys Win \$57 Million in Transportation Fee Dispute on Behalf of WRCOG

Judge Finds City of Beaumont Wrongly Used Fees to Build Its Own Roads
