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*Co-Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Practice Group*

Amrit has obtained and defended land use entitlements for major commercial development projects and taken a lead role in significant transportation and infrastructure projects, including the recent expansion of the Los Angeles International Airport and the Port of Los Angeles. In 2011, the *Daily Journal* named Amrit a "Top 20 Under 40" lawyer.



**STEVEN R. MEYERS**

*Co-Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Practice Group*

Founder of Meyers Nave, Steven is one of the most respected public agency lawyers in California. He has advised countless public agencies on a variety of transportation and capital improvement projects, including those financed by public-private partnerships and transit-oriented developments such as the Sacramento Railyards Intermodal Project. Steven has spoken on trends in this area of law in both the United States and internationally.

Public agencies considering transportation and infrastructure projects require legal advice on issues that are complex, fact-specific and time-sensitive. Given this, our clients rely heavily on Meyers Nave's unique capability to represent them on all aspects of their projects. Our projects include ports and airports, roadways, freeways and interchanges, regional transportation plans, transit-oriented development, and public-private partnerships (P3) in California.

Our Transportation and Infrastructure Practice Group draws on the experience of our attorneys in a wide range of practice areas to fully support our clients. Our interdisciplinary team has built extraordinary relationships with public and private entities responsible for the development, upgrading and maintenance of significant transportation and infrastructure projects.

Importantly, Meyers Nave has extensive experience with the regulatory landscape impacting transportation and infrastructure plans in which agencies and their legal advisors must address a slew of funding, permitting and environmental review requirements.

Transportation agencies and multi-jurisdictional transportation agencies we have advised include the Port of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAX), the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and the Sacramento Regional Transit District.

**AIRPORTS**

Meyers Nave attorneys advise clients on a multitude of airports issues, including federal aviation law, municipal/government law, business transactions, personnel and labor matters, professional services, construction issues, international alliances, environmental and land use issues, disadvantaged/local business issues, and law enforcement/security matters.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS**

Our attorneys have been at the forefront of the development of law relating to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as it relates to land use and transportation projects. We are fully knowledgeable about the requirements of California Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) and Senate Bill 375 (SB 375). With respect to AB 32, we provide ongoing advice and analysis on CARB regulations to reduce GHG emissions; standards for measuring and reporting emissions; and the development and adoption of the Scoping Plan.

**PORTS**

From the development of port planning strategies to its implementation and the resolution of any legal challenges, we have talented and experienced attorneys who can skillfully navigate through every aspect of the legal landscape.

We understand that ports face a myriad of federal, state and local legal demands whose resolution requires a detailed understanding of how ports operate. Meyers Nave is uniquely knowledgeable about the inside operations of ports through our substantial experience working with and advising port officials on the legal issues they face. Meyers Nave's attorneys have worked on land use matters for the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Oakland. For instance, Meyers Nave successfully represented the Port of Los Angeles in environmental review of several major terminal development projects and formulation of innovative programs to improve the environment.

- Airports
- Ports
- Transit-oriented development
- Public-private partnerships

### TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Smart, sustainable development starts with policy decisions and a strong legal framework. At the intersection of transportation policy and city planning sits transit-oriented development, extending a promise of more livable communities. But this promise comes with a trade-off: it requires a major shift in planning philosophy and methodology, and therefore also in the legal framework that underpins local, regional and state planning.

Meyers Nave has advised on large and complex transit-oriented development (TOD) projects throughout California. Our TOD group is a cross-disciplinary team of public law attorneys who each have practical experience in one or more of the following legal disciplines.

- Redevelopment, real estate and housing expertise is often helpful in negotiating and documenting the complex agreements necessary to achieve moderate to high-density development that places housing, retail and employment opportunities close to public transit.
- Public-private partnership expertise enables us to facilitate such arrangements on behalf of public agencies. Public-private partnerships are a relatively new tool, which are well suited to large-scale projects such as TODs.
- Municipal finance expertise allows us to advise on financing tools that can be used to finance TODs or offer incentives that make them economically feasible.
- Land use expertise assures our clients that land use concerns will be addressed intelligently from the start of the project. We have superb experience in helping public agencies obtain land use approvals and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

- Environmental expertise is helpful when our clients face environmental clean-up obstacles, such as contaminated property. We have a broad base on knowledge in areas like brownfields remediation, endangered species protection and water quality issues.

### TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Our attorneys are familiar with the primary transportation funding sources associated with the Federal Transit Administration and the California Transit Authority.

We have been highly successful in helping our clients meet the requisite guidelines and follow best practices to win funding from these agencies. Furthermore, attorneys within our firm have issued legal opinions for clients in support of their grant applications for federal and state funding for both transportation and environmental cleanup projects.

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