

General Manager's Report April 9, 2012

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

Congress is currently in recess and will return on April 16th. Prior to the recess which began on March 30th, Congress passed and President Obama signed the 90-day transportation extension (H.R. 4281). With the ninth extension of a bill that originally ran out in 2009, the Highway Trust Fund expenditures and most of the gas tax are now authorized through June 30th.

STATE

HIGH SPEED RAIL REVISED BUSINESS PLAN RELEASED

This last week the California High Speed Rail Authority released a revised business plan identifying the blended approach as the preferred implementation strategy. This plan lays out priorities for early: investment; unified rail service in Northern California; closing of the intercity passenger rail gap between Bakersfield and Palmdale; electrify Caltrain and upgrading Metrolink. The revised business plan also introduces preferred implementation strategy to build the Initial Operating Segment (IOS) from Merced to the San Fernando Valley, with cap-and-trade funds identified as being available, as needed upon appropriation as a backstop against federal and local support providing updated cost estimates and ridership forecasts.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

On March 30th, a 60-day analytical review and approval process started with the administration submitting the legislation of the Governor's Reorganization Plan (GRP). In January, the Governor advised the legislature his intent to streamline several cabinet level state agencies, which included moving certain departments from Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to other fitting organizations creating a Transportation Cabinet Agency. The benefit would be a more efficient and streamlined Transportation Agency.

RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

May 14, 2012
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

June 11, 2012
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

June 25, 2012
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

Executive Committee Meetings for 2012

Will be approved and scheduled by the Chair
on an as needed basis.

Mobility Advisory Council

May 3, 2012
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

June 7, 2012
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

July 5, 2012
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

June 20, 2012
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

September 19, 2012
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

December 12, 2012
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M

ParaTransit Board Meeting

May 24, 2012
2501 Florin Road
6:00 P.M.

June 21, 2012
2501 Florin Road
6:00 P.M.

July 19, 2012
2501 Florin Road
6:00 P.M.