General Manager's Report March 12, 2012

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

A Senate floor vote is expected this week to move forward on S 1813, the two-year, \$109 billion surface transportation bill. Work has moved slowly in the Senate to advance technical amendments submitted by relevant committees. The lead for HR 7, the five-year, \$260 billion highway bill being considered in the House, is now being turned over from Representative John Mica, Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to Representative Bill Shuster, who also serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The House leadership now expects Rep. Shuster to lay out new options and garner support for a revised transportation reauthorization measure with a mix of spending and policy that will pass in the House. The sense of urgency is growing in both the House and Senate as the current federal spending authorization for highway and transit programs along with its ability to levy the federal tax on fuel expires on March 31. Legislative advocates are stating that absent a long term transportation measure, Congress is unlikely to allow a lapse in highway and transit spending and would likely pass another short-term extension to authorize funding of current programs as they have done since 2009.

<u>STATE</u>

There is nothing to report at this time.

RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

March 26, 2012 RT Auditorium 6:00 P.M

April 9, 2012 RT Auditorium 6:00 P.M

May 14, 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.

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Mobility Advisory Council

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

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

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

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

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

June 18, 2012 RT Auditorium 9:00 A.M

September 17, 2012 RT Auditorium 9:00 A.M

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

ParaTransit Board Meeting

March 22, 2012 2501 Florin Road 6:00 P.M.

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

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