

General Manager's Report November 12, 2012

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

Congress stands in recess and will return for a busy "lame duck" session on November 13, 2012.

During the lame duck session, Congress may address the Bush-era tax cuts, the debt limit and budget sequester. In addition, Congress is also facing 12 uncompleted fiscal year 2013 appropriations bills. Before Congress left for its pre-election recess, it temporarily extended fiscal year 2012 spending bills under a continuing resolution (CR) through March 2013.

November 5, 2012, FTA released FY13 Apportionment Tables and a list of transit agencies newly eligible for operating assistance under the new transportation law. Transit agencies in areas with more than 200,000 residents are now eligible for financial assistance if they run fewer than 100 buses in peak hours. The complete list is part of the "operator caps" section in FTA's guidance: http://www.fta.dot.gov/12308_14875.html While this does not directly impact RT, we included this item as general interest as it represents a rare expansion of FTA policy regarding eligibility for operating funding.

STATE

Oral Report by Mark Watts of Smith, Watts & Martinez.

CHARITY PRESENTATION

Annually, RT employees volunteer to participate in a variety of fund-raising events, intended to provide the employees entertaining activities while helping Sacramento area charities. Each committee is staffed by RT employees who volunteer time, and often donate materials, to ensure the event is a success.

Each committee selects a local charity to support, with all proceeds from the event donated directly to a local charity. This year's activities raised more donations than any other year and included:

Date	Activity	Charity	Amount Collected
Various Dates	Sees Candy Sales	Volunteers of America	\$200
02/29	Bake Sale	Meals on Wheels by ACC	\$1,320
05/16	Pasta Feed	Sacramento Children's Home	\$827
07/28	Miniature Golf	Omni Youth Programs	\$1,212
08/19	Golf Event	Breathe California	\$6,500
10/18	Chili Cook-off	The Taylor Family Foundation	\$449.75
10/31	It's Not a Raffle	Special Olympics as well as a local charity	Total \$2,750; first \$2,000 to Special Olympics; \$750 to Sacramento Children's Home

Charity Information is as Follows:

Meals on Wheels by ACC:

Their website provides us detailed insight into the purpose of their program: *Meals on Wheels by ACC serves seniors 60 years of age or better throughout Sacramento County with nutritious meals to help maintain their independence. The menu is developed by a licensed dietitian to ensure that each meal provides 1/3 of the Daily Recommended Intake of calories, protein, vitamins and minerals to seniors, 5 days per week, 250-days a year.*

The contribution made on behalf of the RT employees should provide more than 700 meals for needy seniors.

David Morikawa, Program Director will be accepting the Check on behalf of Meals on Wheels by ACC.

Volunteers of America Greater Sacramento (VoA):

VoA offers a continuum of care that includes: homeless services and emergency shelters; transitional housing and job-development programs for families, singles and former foster youth; residential alcohol- and drug-treatment centers; a safe house for abused and neglected seniors; veteran services; permanent supportive services for disabled adults; and affordable-living apartment complexes for families and seniors.

Rachele Burton will be accepting the check on behalf of Volunteers of America.

Sacramento Children's Home:

A part of the Sacramento fabric since 1867, the Sacramento Children's Home mission is clear: The Sacramento Children's Home is committed to helping build strong families; to opening doors to the future; to maximizing potential; and ending the cycle of child abuse.

Sarah Mullins. will be accepting the check on behalf of Sacramento Children's Home

Omni Youth Programs:

Omni Youth Programs is a non-profit agency providing drug and gang prevention in Sacramento County since 1979 through youth and family school site and in-home programs, small group counseling, community events, workshops for youth and adults, and community outreach.

Cynthia Siege will be accepting the check on behalf of Omni Youth Programs.

The Taylor Family Foundation:

The Taylor Family Foundation is a recreation facility that serves children with life-threatening, chronic illnesses and developmental disabilities. The Taylor Family Foundation has been going strong for 22 years helping kids at no cost to the families.

Angie Carmignani, Executive Director will be accepting the Check on behalf of The Taylor Family Foundation.

Breathe California:

The Regional Transit Cycling Team, led by captain Jessica Shevlin and co-captain Sue Robison, participated in the 26th annual Emigrant Trails Bike Trek, which is a major fundraiser for Breathe California. Breathe California of Sacramento Emigrant Trails is dedicated to healthy air and to preventing lung and other air-pollution related diseases by partnering with youth, advocating public policy, supporting air pollution research, and educating the public. Regional Transit was a Silver Sponsor for the event, providing in-kind donations valued at over \$10,000.00 by way of featuring banner advertisements for the Trek at bus stops. The RT Cycling Team raised \$11,604.17, both through individual fundraising efforts and through the RT Golf Tournament, led by Roger Thorn.

Kori Titus, CEO will be accepting the Check on behalf of Breathe California

Special Olympics:

Special Olympics Northern California provides athletic opportunities to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, instilling the confidence they need to succeed in life.

Jeff Ruthenberg will be accepting the Check on behalf of Special Olympics.

RIDE TRANSIT OCTOBER

Oral Report by Mike Wiley.

RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

December 10, 2012
RT Auditorium
6:00 P.M

Executive Committee Meeting for 2012

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

Mobility Advisory Council

December 6, 2012
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

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