

## **General Manager's Report April 8, 2013**

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

#### **FEDERAL**

The House and Senate are in recess until April 9 (House) and April 5 (Senate).

The White House will release its fiscal 2014 budget Wednesday, April 10. In the meantime, both the House and Senate have passed annual spending blueprints (H. Con. Res. 25 and S. Con. Res. 8) and House appropriators already have been holding hearings on fiscal 2014 spending requests.

President Barack Obama visited a Miami port facility Friday to lay out his latest proposals to repair the nation's infrastructure, including a \$10 billion infrastructure bank, \$7 billion in tax cuts to spur private investment and \$4 billion in new competitive grants and loan guarantees.

#### **STATE**

##### **Governor Brown Administration**

Katherine Aguilar Perez-Estolano, 45, of Pasadena, has been appointed to the California High Speed Rail Authority. Perez-Estolano is an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development. Perez-Estolano was previously executive director of the Urban Land Institute's Los Angeles District Council from 2008 to 2011. Perez-Estolano was deputy mayor of the City of Pasadena from 1998 to 2000 and transportation manager for the City of South Pasadena from 1996 to 1998. She earned a Master of Arts degree in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. This appointment brings the Board to 7 members of the 9 that are statutorily authorized.

#### **RT'S RAILDEO EVENT**

Oral report by Mark Lonergan.

#### **WTS TRANSPORTATION YOU TOUR FOR THE NEW SAN JUAN HIGH SCHOOL**

On April 2, the District hosted a tour for the Women's WTS Sacramento Chapter Transportation YOU, which invited 11 female students from New San Juan High School interested in math and science careers. Transportation YOU formed as collaboration between WTS International and the United States Department of Transportation as a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls age 13-18 (Grades 8 to 10) an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. The program encourages educational courses in science and technology, and offers programs and activities that can spark their interest in a career in the transportation industry. WTS Sacramento helps expose young girls to the numerous opportunities the transportation field offers by introducing them to successful women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers. The New San Juan High School students' daylong visit began with a brief outline of RT operations that included a trip to RT's Light Rail Maintenance Facility, a tour of the Blue Line construction site and an

overview of RT's Planning Department. Laura Espinoza, Light Rail Maintenance Supervisor lead the RT Light Rail Facility Tour, Diane Nakano, Assistant General Manager of Engineering and Construction conducted the tour of the Blue Line with an overview of Engineering at RT and RoseMary Covington, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Transit System Development offered an overview on how the RT system is planned. All elaborated on their roles at RT giving the students a better understanding of public transit operations.

## **RT CALENDAR**

### **Regional Transit Board Meeting**

April 22, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

May 13, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

June 10, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

### **Executive Committee Meetings for 2013**

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

### **Mobility Advisory Council**

May 2, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

July 11, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

August 1, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

### **Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting**

June 19, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

September 18, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

December 18, 2013  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

**Paratransit Board Meeting**

March 28, 2013  
Asian Community Center  
6:00 P.M.

May 23, 2013  
2501 Florin Road  
6:00 P.M.

June 27, 2013  
2501 Florin Road  
6:00 P.M.