# General Manager's Report August 12, 2013

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

#### **FEDERAL**

Congress has begun a five week summer recess. Prior to departing Friday, August 2, there was a flurry of activity in the House and Senate on the FY14 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill. Ultimately, neither chamber was able to move their bill off the floor. The inability to enact the FY14 bill in July greatly increases the likelihood that Congress will need to enact a temporary continuing resolution to fund DOT prior to the start of the new fiscal year (October 1, 2013).

The House is only in session 9 days in September and faces a packed legislative agenda including additional FY14 appropriations bills and an attempt to enact a reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act. Congress returns for legislative activity on September 9.

RT staff will send our federal update prior to their return with an outlook for the fall session.

#### STATE

Nothing to report at this time.

## **BLUE LINE TO CRC GROUNDBREAKING**

On Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 10 a.m., RT will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail extension on the future site of the Franklin Station, located west of the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard. The groundbreaking marks the beginning of an expected two-year construction process of the light rail extension, including work on the civil, track, structures, systems and stations. The recently opened Blue Line Light Rail/Cosumnes River College parking structure and two nearly-complete light rail bridges at Morrison Creek and Cosumnes River Boulevard make up the other portions of extension construction. The ceremony will include remarks from federal, state and local officials.

#### RT CALENDAR

## **Regional Transit Board Meeting**

August 26, 2013 RT Auditorium 6:00 P.M

September 9, 2013 RT Auditorium 6:00 P.M September 23, 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**

September 5, 2013 RT Auditorium 2:30 P.M

October 3, 2013 RT Auditorium 2:30 P.M

November 7, 2013 RT Auditorium 2:30 P.M

## **Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting**

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

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

# **Paratransit Board Meeting**

September 26, 2013 Eskaton 6:00 P.M.

November 21, 2013 2501 Florin Road 6:00 P.M.