General Manager's Report September 9, 2013

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

The House and Senate returned to Washington facing a busy legislative calendar into the fall. The House is only in session nine days in September, taking the week of the 23rd off, but the Senate is set to be in session the three remaining weeks in September.

The FY14 appropriations process has come to a standstill now that both chambers of Congress failed to pass FY14 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bills before leaving for the August recess. Twelve appropriations bills must be enacted by October 1, the beginning of this fiscal year. However, only four appropriations bills passed out of the House: Defense, Energy and Water, Homeland Security, and Military/Veterans — and the Senate have yet to vote on any appropriations bills. When they return, House Appropriators may attempt to advance a "clean" continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded through December while the broader budget debate continues, though any CR will face opposition in both chambers. The hope is that in the course of the debt ceiling discussions, appropriators will be provided with some clarity (and finality) on 302a budget allocations for the FY14 appropriations bills. Once the FY14 allocations are agreed upon, then Congress could seek to negotiate an Omnibus FY14 Appropriations bill for passage in December, just before the holiday break.

<u>STATE</u>

Oral report by Mike Wiley.

RT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

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

October 14, 2013 RT Auditorium 6:00 P.M

October 28, 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.

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Mobility Advisory Council

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

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

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

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

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

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Paratransit Board Meeting

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

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