

## **General Manager's Report September 8, 2014**

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

#### **FEDERAL**

The House and Senate were in recess and returned today. Congress will likely only be in session briefly (until the 19<sup>th</sup> (House) or 23<sup>rd</sup> (Senate)) with just enough time to enact a Continuing Resolution to prevent a government shutdown. Congress will next return to Washington following the November elections for a "Lame Duck" session and will have to enact a longer-term resolution to the FY15 budget situation.

#### **STATE**

##### **PEPRA Extension**

Led by the California Transit Association (CTA), the transit community successfully shepherded an important legislative measure through the process this August. AB 1783 (Sawyer-Jones) extends the present one-year PEPRA exemption for transit employees covered under the federal law until January 1, 2016. This effort was necessary because the pending legal action to maintain PEPRA through a determination by a federal court is not yet resolved and likely will not be this calendar year.

Following the amended bill emerging on August 18, the bill was maneuvered through three committee hearings and two floor votes leading to its final approval on August 29.

If approved by the governor, it is estimated that the provisions of the bill will avert more than \$1 billion in Federal Transit Agency (FTA) grants from being tied up.

#### **RT CALENDAR**

##### **Regional Transit Board Meeting**

September 22, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

October 13, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

October 27, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

**Mobility Advisory Council**

September 11, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

November 6, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

**Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting**

September 17, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

December 17, 2014  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

**Paratransit Board Meeting**

September 25, 2014  
Easter Seals  
2629 Alta Arden Expressway  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
6:00 P.M

November 20, 2014  
2501 Florin Road  
6:00 P.M