

## **General Manager's Report October 12, 2015**

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

#### **FEDERAL**

Congress is in session this week. Congress will be in recess next week for the Columbus Day holiday.

The current Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government expires on December 11. Budget negotiations are on-going. On October 5, 2015, in an opening maneuver, Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) began the procedural steps to bypass the committee process on the floor by bundling 11 of the 12 fiscal 2016 spending bills into four groups, known as "minibuses," for potential floor consideration at an unspecified date. All have been approved by Senate appropriators but are likely to be blocked by Democrats.

Regarding transportation reauthorization, negotiations between senior members of the tax committees continue as Members try to find a way to use the proceeds from reforms to international business taxation to pay for a six-year surface transportation bill. House leaders have indicated that a markup of surface transportation reauthorization in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for late October could be announced soon.

Outgoing House Speaker John Boehner said Monday that lawmakers will elect his replacement on October 29, one day before he is set to leave Congress, and that elections for other members of the House Republican leadership will be delayed until after a new Speaker is chosen. On October 8, the members of the House Republican Conference met to elect their nominee for Speaker.

#### **STATE**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Oral report by Laura Ham.

#### **RT CALENDAR**

### **Regional Transit Board Meeting**

October 26, 2015  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

November 9, 2015  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

December 14, 2015  
RT Auditorium  
6:00 P.M

**Mobility Advisory Council**

November 5, 2015  
RT Auditorium  
2:30 P.M

**Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting**

December 16, 2015  
RT Auditorium  
9:00 A.M

**Paratransit Board Meeting**

November 19, 2015  
Sutter Senior Care  
7000 Franklin Street  
Sacramento, CA