

General Manager's Report June 12, 2017

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

FEDERAL

President Trump introduced the FY 18 Budget on May 23 and the proposed FY 18 Budget for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is \$11.2 billion which fully funds the transit formula funded programs at the FAST Act authorized levels. The FY 18 budget proposes cuts the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program by over \$1.3 billion from FY 17 and by \$1.1 billion as authorized in the FAST Act. This proposal seeks to solely fund transit projects with existing grant agreements and to limit participation by the federal government in future transit projects. The CIG program is vital to future transit expansion projects and is the FTA's primary mechanism for providing federal funding to transit projects.

2017 TRANSIT INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

On May 21 through May 23, I had the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference in Seattle along with a small delegation from Sacramento that included SacRT Board Members, Jay Schenirer and Patrick Kennedy. During the conference, which was hosted by the Center for Transportation Excellence, agencies and advocates from around the country addressed attendees with best practices and lessons learned regarding community transit ballot measures. Representatives from agencies such as LA Metro, BART and Seattle Transit provided key takeaways from their successful ballot initiatives including:

1. Effectively engage the public in the planning process and identify the needs and impact of proposed projects.
2. Foster positive relationships with riders, community members, advocates and elected officials.
3. Communities desire more service, more buses and connections to more places.
4. Must do a needs analysis. San Francisco and LA had multiple measures going, and based on merit, they all passed.
5. Look at polling results and trust the outcome - don't use pre-judgments or rely on personal opinions.
6. Be transparent about the issues your agency is facing. Don't be shy about owning the fact that your agency is not perfect, and focus on the message that we will continue to make improvements.
7. Make sure your plan includes excellent accountability and credibility measures to build trustworthiness and good stewardship of public funds.
8. Know your stakeholders! Public engagement and relationship building never ends; before, during and after an initiative passes.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, Director Budge contacted Mr. Li regarding graffiti, which had been painted over, on the Coloma instrument house in Rancho Cordova; however, did not look very good. Light Rail staff, the next morning responded and covered the patchwork of the old graffiti with new paint, which made the instrument house look brand new.

SacRT is committed to responding to the needs of customers. SacRT has a plan to completely turn the Watt/I-80 station around by putting in more lighting, provide a dedicated cleaning custodian, provide more safety personnel, replacing the elevators, and locking down the stairways at night.

SACRT CALENDAR

Regional Transit Board Meeting

July 24, 2017
RT Auditorium
5:30 P.M.

August 14, 2017
RT Auditorium
5:30 P.M.

August 28, 2017
RT Auditorium
5:30 P.M.

Quarterly Retirement Board Meeting

June 14, 2017
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M.

September 13, 2017
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M.

December 13, 2017
RT Auditorium
9:00 A.M.

Mobility Advisory Council Meeting

July 6, 2017
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

September 7, 2017
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M.

November 2, 2017
RT Auditorium
2:30 P.M

Paratransit, Inc. Board Meeting

June 22, 2017
2501 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA
6:00 P.M.

Coloma Instrument House

Before



After

