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| **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**  **20090923-1**  In this issue:   * **U.S. House of Representatives Adopts Three Month Extension of Authorization Bill** * **Los Angeles Times Article on Rail Car Options Expected** |
| **U.S. House of Representatives Adopts Three Month Extension of Authorization Bill**  Today, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a three month extension of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) – our nation’s federal surface transportation program. The vote was 335 to 85. The U.S. Senate is expected to adopt an 18 month extension later this week. The Obama Administration is a strong proponent of an 18 month extension of SAFETEA-LU.  Before the expiration of SAFETEA-LU on September 30, 2009, the House and Senate are expected to reconcile their respective versions of the extension bill.  **Los Angeles Times Article on Rail Car Options Expected**  On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Times requested and has received my recommendation to the Board not to exercise the AnsaldoBreda S.p.A rail car options. An article may run tomorrow morning or earlier on the LA Times website, and an LA Times reporter will cover the Board deliberations at Thursday’s meeting. |
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