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| **Vast Majority Of Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation Votes Against Broun Motion To Instruct That Would Have Cut $191 Million In Federal Funding For Metro**Earlier today, a strong majority of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation voted against a motion to instruct offered by Congressman Paul Broun (R-GA) that sought to cut federal highway and transit funding by nearly 25% in Federal Fiscal Year 2013. Adoption of the Broun motion to instruct conferees into law would have resulted in a cut of over $191 million for our agency during Federal Fiscal Year 2013. Specifically, the Broun motion to instruct sought to limit total "funding out of the Highway Trust Fund" in Fiscal Year 2013 to the amount that the Congressional Budget Office currently projects will be deposited in the Trust Fund under current law tax rates (plus interest on balances). During the past week, our Government Relations staff and Federal advocates have been informing members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation of the severe negative impact the Broun motion to instruct conferees would have on our agency.  The U.S. Chamber of Commerce also opposed the Broun motion to instruct and authored a letter to all House members sharing that, “Cuts of this magnitude would eliminate hundreds of thousands of jobs, would curb critical safety programs and would cause a substantial portion of transportation projects to be shelved.” Of the 53 Members of Congress from California, five voted in support of the Broun motion to instruct which would have cut $191 million in federal transportation funding for our agency [Representatives John Campbell (R-48), Darrell Issa (R-49), Tom McClintock (R-4), Dana Rohrabacher (R-46) and Ed Royce (R-40).**Metro’s Sponsored Legislation is Introduced**State Senator Carol Liu has introduced SB 204 which is a Metro sponsored measure which will preserve transportation funds relative to the State Route (SR) 710 project. SB 204 will ensure that revenues from the sale of properties along the SR 710 corridor stay within the study area of that project. The measure will be scheduled for a hearing in the next few weeks.   |
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