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| **Conferees Moving Forward on Transportation Re-Authorization**Moments ago, the Chair of the Transportation Re-Authorization Conference Committee, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Representative John Mica (R-FL), released the following statement:“The conferees have moved forward toward a bipartisan, bicameral agreement on a highway reauthorization bill. Both House and Senate conferees will continue to work with a goal of completing a package by next week.”Metro's Federal team is working diligently with Conferees and with members of our Delegation on the Transportation Re-Authorization bill.**White House Releases Statement of Administration Policy against FY13 House Transportation Appropriations Bill**Earlier today, the White House released an official Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) against the Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, which passed out of the Appropriations Committee by voice vote tomorrow. The main point of contention is it's disregard of the Budget Control Act, which was passed last year to raise the debt ceiling. The SAP states that "if the President were presented with H.R. 5972, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/120621_SAP_on_%20H.R.%205972.pdf) to view the Statement of Administration Policy for H.R. 5972.**U.S. House of Representatives Vote on 2 Motions to Instruct Transportation Re-Authorization Conferees**Yesterday afternoon, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of a Motion to Instruct the House Conferees to resolve all differences and file a conference report by Friday June 22. The Motion, introduced by Rep. Dan Walz (D-MN) passed by a vote of 386 yeas to 34 nays. No members of the Los Angeles County House Delegation voted against the Motion. All Motion to Instruct are non-binding. The final votes can be found [here](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2012/roll391.xml). The second Motion to Instruct Conferees, sponsored by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV), insisting on the House Conferees to include the coal ash regulation language contained in the House Conference Bill. This motion passed by a vote of 260 yeas to 138 nays. The Los Angeles County Delegation was split along party lines on this Motion. The final votes can be found [here](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2012/roll411.xml). **U.S. House of Representatives Rules Committee approves House FY13 Appropriations Bill for Transportation.**Today, the House of Representatives' Rules Committee, chaired by Rep. David Dreier (R-CA), voted to approve an open rule and set floor time for debate on the Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill, HR 5972. This bill is expected to be taken up next week on the House Floor. The rule allows for amendments to be offered on the House Floor. Full text of the bill can be found [here](http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_112_2/LegislativeText/BILLS-112-HR5972rh.pdf). |
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