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| **U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation Considers Yvonne Burke Nomination for Amtrak Board**Yesterday the full U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee chaired by Senator John D. Rockefeller (D-VA) met to consider a number of nominations, including President Obama’s nomination for former Los Angeles County Supervisor and California Transportation Commissioner Yvonne Burke to serve on the Board of Directors of AMTRAK. U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) praised the nomination of Commissioner Burke and urged her swift confirmation by the Senate. Should the committee and the full Senate confirm her nomination, Commissioner Burke will join the Board of Directors that oversees AMTRAK, the informal name for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. Metro staff has been in consistent communication with Commissioner Burke to provide information on the importance of AMTRAK in enhancing mobility across the State of California and specifically in southern California. We look forward to Commissioner Burke’s final confirmation by the U.S. Senate and will continue to provide any additional support she may need in the coming weeks. Chairman Rockefeller has indicated that the nominees who were the focus of yesterday’s hearing will likely get a committee vote next week. |
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