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| **California State Legislature Reconvenes on Monday, January 7th, 2013**  The State Legislature will reconvene the 2013-2014 Legislative Session this Monday, January 7th, 2013.  The session actually began in December 2012 and legislators have been introducing bills since that time. Staff are currently reviewing all bill introductions and will soon bring measures to the Board for consideration.  The tentative legislative [schedule](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130102_2013_Legislative_Calendar.pdf)has also been released.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130102_2013_Legislative_Calendar.pdf>  **California State Senate President pro Tempore Announces Committee Chairs**  California State Senate President pro Tempore, Darrell Steinberg recently announced committee chairs for this year’s legislative session. California State Senator Mark DeSaulnier will continue to Chair the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. From Los Angeles, State Senator Kevin de Leon will chair the Appropriations Committee and State Senator Ricardo Lara will serve on the Senate Rules Committee.  Metro will continue to work with all of the members of the LA County State Legislative Delegation including Committee leadership to advance the goals of the 2013 State Legislative Program.  **California Legislative Analyst’s Office Issues Cal Facts Report for 2013**  California’s Legislative Analyst’s Office today released its annual Cal Facts Report. This report summarizes key statistics related to California’s population, economy, taxes, and government expenditures. Some key highlights from the booklet include a finding that approximately 30% of the State’s Gross Domestic Product comes from the Los Angeles/Long Beach/Santa Ana region and that the state is funding less than 25% of statewide highway repair needs. The full report can be found [here](http://lao.ca.gov/reports/2013/calfacts/calfacts_010213.pdf).  (<http://lao.ca.gov/reports/2013/calfacts/calfacts_010213.pdf>). |
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