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| **Governor Brown Appoints New Transportation Secretary**  Governor Brown this week announced the appointment of the new Secretary of Transportation Brian Kelly. Kelly has served as acting secretary at the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency since 2012. We have been working very closely with Secretary Kelly since his original appointment and will continue to do so on the state’s transportation related issues. For more information and to read the governor’s announcement in its entirety, please click [here](http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18109).  **SB 811 (Lara) Interstate 710 Amendments**  State Senator Ricardo Lara has introduced amendments to SB 811, his measure relating to the environmental review process for Interstate 710. The amendments would require that the environmental review process include the entirety of a proposed community alternative, require that the legislative policy committees conduct a hearing on the environmental review document 60 days prior to the document being finalized, and would make various findings related to the project. The Board had adopted a support position on the measure in its previous form. Staff is concerned that while the general issues of concern in the legislation are appropriate for review in the environmental document, the amendments could set a precedent relating to the environmental review process of major projects. We will bring the measure back to the Board for reconsideration of its position. Please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130626_SB_811_As_Amened.pdf) to view the amended version of the bill. |
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