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| **Wednesday, August 15, 2012120815-1****In this Issue:****MAP-21 Panel Discussion Hosted By Metro Draws Over 250 Attendees****Federal Railroad Administration Releases PTC Report** |
| **MAP-21 Panel Discussion Hosted By Metro Draws Over 250 Attendees**Today, our agency hosted an informative panel discussion that drew over 250 attendees on the recently enacted federal surface transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). This panel discussion included presentations from senior transportation experts from both the Executive and Legislative Branches, think tanks and key transportation stakeholders. The panel discussion also focused on the local, regional and national impacts of MAP-21. With a specific emphasis on California and Los Angeles County, this panel elaborated on funding formulas, innovative financing (America Fast Forward), public private partnerships and core programs that are embedded in MAP-21. We are thankful to Metro Board Members, Diane DuBois and Richard Katz, for providing opening remarks and highlighting our agency’s success in embedding America Fast Forward in the surface transportation bill signed into law by President Obama last month. Highlights from today’s event are posted on [The Source](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/08/15/program-dissects-new-federal-transportation-bill/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=program-dissects-new-federal-transportation-bill).  <http://thesource.metro.net/2012/08/15/program-dissects-new-federal-transportation-bill/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=program-dissects-new-federal-transportation-bill>**Federal Railroad Administration Releases PTC Report**The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued a report to Congress that concludes that, “The majority of railroads will not be able to complete Positive Train Control (PTC) implementation by the 2015 deadline.” The report entitled, “Positive Train Control Implementation Status, Issues and Impacts,” was issued late last week. Metrolink continues to work to implement their Positive Train Control system by late next year. For your review, please find [here](http://www.fra.dot.gov/downloads/08.2012_FRA_Report_to%20Congress_on_Positive_Train_Control.pdf) a link to the full FRA report on PTC implementation. <http://www.fra.dot.gov/downloads/08.2012_FRA_Report_to%20Congress_on_Positive_Train_Control.pdf> |
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