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**Director DuBois to Speak at the Gerald Desmond Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Director Diane DuBois will be speaking at the groundbreaking for the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, which will take place at the Port of Long Beach tomorrow, Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 10 a.m. Director DuBois will be at the event to celebrate this milestone, and acknowledge Metro as a regional partner in this development. The new bridge is set to replace the original Gerald Desmond Bridge built back in 1968, and is designed with modern amenities to better serve the needs of the region including a higher bridge clearance, bike paths, and additional traffic lights.

**California State Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg Announces Senate Committee Assignments**

California State Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg today announced committee assignments for this year's legislative session. Senator Mark DeSaulnier will continue to Chair the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Senators Lara, Liu and Pavely from Los Angeles County will also serve on this committee. Senator Kevin de Leon will Chair the Appropriations Committee. More information regarding this announcement can be found by clicking [here](#).

<http://sd06.senate.ca.gov/news/2013-01-07-steinberg-announces-senate-committee-assignments>.

**The Source Blog Asks, 'How Do You Do That?'**

The Source blog will be featuring several stories for a series titled 'How do they do that?' which takes a closer look at the technical aspects of what keeps our transit network moving. Some of the series will focus on topics that apply directly to the trains, buses and freeways and some of it will look at how things run in the background — invisible to nearly everyone but essential to mobility in our region. The first subject they explore is how to change steel wheels on trains. You can read the full post on the source blog by clicking [here](#).

<http://thesource.metro.net/2013/01/07/how-do-they-do-that-change-a-flat-on-a-steel-train-wheel/>

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