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| **Friday, August 30, 2012120830-1****In this Issue:*** **California Legislature concludes the 2011-2012 Legislative Session Today**
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| **California Legislature concludes the 2011-2012 Legislative Session Today**The California State Legislature is wrapping up consideration of remaining legislation prior to adjournment of the 2011-2012 Legislative Session today. As of the drafting of this alert, action is still pending on two Metro sponsored measures. The following summarizes the status of Metro’s bills still pending in the process.SB 204 (Liu) State Route (SR) 710 Properties – This measure would authorize the sale of properties in the SR 710 corridor and require the proceeds from the sale of the properties to be available to fund transportation improvements in the cities in which the properties are located. This measure is pending a concurrence vote in the Senate before transmittal to the Governor for his consideration.SB 415 (Price) Caltrans Park and Ride Lots – This measure would provide an administrative process for Caltrans to relinquish park and ride lots to county transportation commissions. This measure has received its last vote in the Senate and will now be transmitted to the Governor for his consideration.SB 1225 (Padilla) LOSSAN local control – This measure establishes a local control mechanism for the intercity rail route in our region. As of the drafting of this alert, the measure is still awaiting approval in the Assembly. Upon approval in the Assembly the measure will be transmitted to the Senate for concurrence before being transmitted to the Governor for his consideration. AB 340 (Furutani) Public Employee Retirement Benefits – Both the Assembly and Senate today approved an overhaul of the public employee pension program in California. The measure includes significant modifications of the pension system in our state that apply generally to new employees. Metro staff have engaged in a comprehensive analysis of the measure as information became available over the last few days. This effort will continue and we will keep the board apprised of the impacts of the legislation to our agency.  Metro’s advocacy team in Sacramento is fully engaged and is working to secure final passage of these measures. |
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