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| **Thursday, December 13, 2012121213-1****In this Issue:****Members of Congress Added to Congressional Transportation Committees** |

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| **Members of Congress Added to Congressional Transportation Committees**As the 113th Congress begins to take shape, the relevant House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and programs have begun to confirm their membership.In the U.S. Senate, Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) will retain her gavel on the Environment and Public Works Committee, after authoring a two-year transportation authorization bill which significantly enhanced TIFIA financing based on Metro's Board Approved America Fast Forward federal program.  U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) will keep the gavel for the Senate Appropriations Committee and will welcome Senators Tom Udall (D-NM), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) to the committee.  U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) will remain Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee (which has jurisdiction over mass transit) and will welcome Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND).  The Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee will continue to be Chaired by Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and will welcome as a new member Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT).  And finally, the Senate Finance Committee will be led by U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) and will add Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Michael Bennet (D-CO).In the United States House of Representatives, incoming Transportation & Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA), who is replacing Chairman John Mica (R-FL) due to term limits, will add 10 new members to the Republican side of the aisle.  The new members are Representatives Steve Daines (R-MT), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Thomas Massie (R-KY), Mark Meadows (R-NC), Markwayne Mullins (R-OK), Scott Perry (R-PA), Trey Radel (R-FL), Tom Rice (R-SC), Daniel Webster (R-FL), and Roger Williams (R-TX).  Current California GOP members on the committee include Representatives Gary Miller (R-CA) and Jeff Denham (R-CA).Senate Republicans and House Democrats have not named their committee assignments yet with the exception of members who previously served on the committees.  Representative John Garamendi (D-CA) will rejoin the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) will rejoin the House Ways & Means Delegation.  Once other committee assignments are made, Metro's Government Relations Staff will promptly provide that information in a Legislative Alert. |
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