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| **California Legislative Analyst’s Office Releases Report on Transportation Proposals for the 2013-2014 Budget**Earlier today, the California Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) released a report on Transportation funding proposals for the 2013-2014 Budget. The analysis highlights the Governor’s plans for Transportation Spending, including Caltrans, CTC and High Speed Rail. For the High Speed Rail Authority, the Governor’s budget estimates expenditures of $2.4 billion in 2012-13 and $3.2 billion in 2013-14 to begin construction of the initial segments of the project. The LAO also makes recommendations to the HSRA for additional staffing and oversight for the project. The LAO report can be accessed [here](http://lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2690).**California Transportation Commission Executive Director Announces Retirement**This week, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) issued a statement that Bimla Rhinehart, CTC Executive Director, will be retiring, after 27 years of service. Metro staff have worked closely with Ms. Rhinehart to advance the funding and support of our agency’s projects and programs through the CTC. Most recently, Ms. Rhinehart was very helpful in helping to foster a partnership between Caltrans, the CTC and Metro to ensure the Interstate 5 project stayed on schedule and in resolving the issues surrounding the funding for the Interstate 5 project. We have always enjoyed a very strong and cooperative working relationship with Ms. Rhinehart and her leadership will be missed. Andre Boutros has been selected as interim Executive Director.    [**The 2013-14 Budget: Transportation Proposals**](http://lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2690) |
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