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| **California State Legislative Committees to Hold Informational Hearings on High Speed Rail**On Monday, February 25, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, Chaired by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, will host an informational hearing regarding the status of the High Speed Rail project. The Committee will discuss the status of the project and consider oversight recommendations to the High Speed Rail Authority as the project begins construction later this year. The High Speed Rail Authority’s CEO, Jeff Morales, will provide an update on the project, organizational changes and issues that the Authority feel need to be addressed in the Legislature’s upcoming session.  On Tuesday February 26, 2013, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee on Resources, Environmental Protection Energy and Transportation will hold a hearing titled, “California High–Speed Rail Project: How Should the State Safeguard the Public’s Interest?”. This hearing will examine issues similar to those being addressed in the Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing but will also evaluate the delivery methods proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority. Metro staff will be at all hearings and will testify on behalf of the agency’s interests. |
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