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| **White House Announces Release Date for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Budget**This afternoon a White House spokesman announced that President Obama’s Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Budget will be released on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. The President's Budget is the blueprint for the Administration's priorities and has historically been presented to Congress by the first Monday in February (February 4th this year). The President's Budget has been delayed due to the Administration's focus on sequestration and the year-end debate on taxes. In concert with the release of the President’s Budget, the U.S. Department of Transportation will release their annual New Starts report. The New Starts report will outline the Administration’s specific funding proposals for transit projects across the nation, including for the Westside Subway Extension and Regional Connector.  Last week, both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives passed their individual Fiscal Year 2014 Budgets. All three budgets are expected to differ in total dollars and priorities. Metro's federal advocates have been in close communication with the Administration as they prepare their Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. Please be assured that we will provide the Board full details on the President’s Budget when it is released on April 10, 2013. |
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