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| **APTA Responds To Metro Chairman Antonovich Regarding Positive Train Control Concerns**  Last month, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Chairman Michael Antonovich sent a letter to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) expressing his concerns about APTA’s position with respect to the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC). To view the letter, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130502_MetroChair_MA_PTC_Letter.pdf). Specifically, Chairman Antonovich expressed his concern that, consistent with the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, any alternative PTC technology that is considered be interoperable with PTC and meet the same safety benefits offered by this critical safety measure. Please find APTA’s response to the Chairman’s letter regarding PTC-related issues by clicking [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130502_Response_to_LA_County_Board_of_Supervisors.pdf). We have formally requested that this item be further discussed at APTA’s next Legislative Committee slated to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania this June. A formal response to the APTA letter is currently being formulated by our staff and will be shared promptly with the Chair’s office.  APTA held its annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC last month. At this Legislative Conference members of the Commuter Rail CEO’s subcommittee considered and approved a proposal to permit the use of alternative technologies to achieve the safety goals sought by the RSIA through the implementation of a PTC system (with a stated deadline of 2015). We are concerned that APTA’s position may serve to diminish the strong safety provisions included in the RSIA that was signed into law by President George W. Bush shortly after the tragic Chatsworth train collision on September 12, 2008. PTC is a GPS-based safety technology capable of preventing train-to-train collisions, over-speed derailments and also capable of bringing trains to a safe stop in the event of a natural disaster. PTC holds the promise of dramatically improving rail safety and for this reason has, for many years, been listed on the National Transportation Safety Board’s (NTSB) “Most Wanted” list.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130502_MetroChair_MA_PTC_Letter.pdf>  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130502_Response_to_LA_County_Board_of_Supervisors.pdf> |
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