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| **PEPRA/13C Update**  Metro Government Relations staff was in Sacramento yesterday, Monday, August 5, 2013 advocating for a favorable solution to this issue. It is clear that leadership in both the Assembly and Senate are very focused on resolving this issue. Specifically, Assembly Speaker John Perez and State Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg and their key aides are fully engaged in seeking a resolution. Our advocacy team met with senior staff in the Speaker and President Pro Tem’s office to brief them on the impact to our agency and the need for a resolution in the remaining weeks of session. Staff also met with a number of members who will be instrumental in helping to find a solution to this issue. In addition, staff met with the Undersecretary for the California State Transportation Agency. Secretary of Transportation, Brian Kelly is also fully engaged in helping to find a favorable solution.  In addition to the existing legislation that has been proposed to resolve the issue, AB 160 (Alejo) additional alternatives are being considered for legislative consideration. Whatever solution is offered must allow the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) to certify all grants including Metro’s pending Full Funding Grant Agreements. |
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