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| **PEPRA/13C Update**  We continue our efforts to favorably resolve this conflict that has caused the suspension of federal funding to our agency and other California transit agencies.  Metro Government Relations staff was in Sacramento yesterday continuing to advocate for a solution to this problem in the remaining weeks of session, which formally ends on September 13, 2013.. Staff continued meetings with the offices of Governor Brown, Assembly Speaker John Perez and State Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg and members of our legislative delegation. Sacramento Regional Transit’s (SRT) CEO Mike Wiley joined Government Relations in yesterday's efforts, given his interest in maintaining the New Starts funding for a SRT transit project. We are in regular and constant communication with the Governor's office and legislative leadership and we are continuing to urge that this issue be resolved in the remaining weeks of session. Our advocacy team in Sacramento continues to brief members on the issue and we are also continuing to brief members of the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation and our two U.S. Senators.  Today, I met with California State Senator Mark De Saulnier, Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, to discuss this issue. Metro Government Relations staff also briefed the Advocacy Committee of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed). Staff have also prepared an updated [chart](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130808_Near_Term_Grants_&_Loans.pdf) outlining the federal funds that are at risk. We have accumulated approximately $260 million in grants which are currently suspended and could experience the suspension of $3.6 billion in federal funds in the near future if this issue is not resolved. We are continuing to explore the various options available for a solution and are hopeful that we can move these discussions toward a positive resolution. Please find the attached article that appeared in The Los Angeles Times today on the PEPRA13c issue. |
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