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The following addresses various issues with respect to PCTPA.

FY11 Appropriations

The Congress adjourned with the passage of a “clean” (no earmarks) FY11 continuing appropriations to keep the government operating at FY10 levels through March 4, 2011. In the waning days of the Congress, the House had passed a full year “clean” CR- covering the last 10 months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. The Senate countered with a full year CR that included earmarks, those included in the FY11 Senate appropriation bills and those included in the FY11 House appropriation bills for Members who had been re-elected in November. At the end of the day, Majority Leader Reid did not have the votes to pass the bill- Senate Republicans who had initially indicated support for the effort changed their minds. As a result the March 4 version was passed. At this point, it is not clear what will happen come March 4- a “clean” extension until the end of FY11; an extension with earmarks; a combination of both; etc. We will continue to monitor the process which will coincide with work on the FY12 appropriations. To review, earlier this year PCTPA submitted its FY11 appropriations request to the Offices of Senators Feinstein and Boxer for \$3.084M for the I-80/SR-65 Interchange Improvement Project. Congressman McClintock, as he did last year, was not accepting requests as he will not be pursuing earmarks in the appropriations process. Along those lines, on March 11, 2010, the House Republican Conference voted to adopt a one year unilateral moratorium on all appropriation earmarks. The Senate Republicans did not choose to follow suit. In the Senate, Senators Feinstein and Boxer did not include anything in their Transportation Appropriations requests for the I-80/SR-65 Project.

FY12 Appropriations

In the House, it is still unclear at this time whether or not the Republicans will hold the line on no earmarks on the FY12 appropriations process. The press has already picked up a difference of

opinion among House Republicans on this issue. House Democrats still support earmarks, and some Members have already released their appropriations request form. In the Senate, Senate Democrats still support earmarks in the FY12 process while most, if not all, Senate Republicans support a ban. At this point, it is uncertain how this issue will be resolved.

SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization

Also included in the March 4 CR was another extension of SAFETEA-LU at current levels without any policy changes. In the House, we will know more over the next six weeks regarding the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's plan (timing of the bill; scope; duration; etc.). With a new Chairman, a new Ranking Democrat, and significant staff changes, "things" will take a while to sort out. We do expect another "call for projects" in the spring as the current database of projects is two years old. The new Chairman, John Mica of Florida, has said he wants a House-passed reauthorization bill by the July 4 recess. In the Senate, the leadership and staff of the Committee on Environment and Public Works remain the same and Chairman Boxer has said that she is poised to move a bill as soon as the House acts.

To review, on April 29, PCTPA submitted to Congressman McClintock a request for \$4 million to help fund the construction of Phase 2A of the Lincoln Bypass on SR65 as it's a high priority project in the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU. The Congressman submitted PCTPA's request to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It was one of only four projects he submitted. In addition, PCTPA decided to cosponsor SACOG's high priority SAFETEA-LU project request of \$4 million from Congresswoman Matsui for the Roseville-Sacramento rail track improvements. The Congresswoman submitted \$3 million for the SACOG project to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Federal Advocates is coordinating advocacy of this issue with SACOG's DC representative. The Bypass Project at \$18.203M was also submitted to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Senator Feinstein, per Senator Boxer's July 2009 "call for projects."

Grants

While it is still unclear how earmarks will be addressed in the FY12 appropriations process, effective January 1, Federal Advocates has expanded significantly its client grant solicitation service, and will begin the process of providing possible grant opportunities per its earlier press release.