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The following addresses various issues with respect to PCTPA.

### **FY11 Appropriations**

This month 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, is 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. Neither Senators Feinstein nor Boxer have to date posted their FY11 appropriations submissions to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### **SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization**

The current SAFETEA-LU program is extended until December 31, 2010. Regardless of the extension situation, the House is committed to passing a bill this spring. The March 11 moratorium also extends to House Republican projects in the SAFETEA-LU reauthorization bill although it is not clear whether such moratorium will remain in effect until the November election or the end of this year. Per conversation with Congressman McClintock's office, his staff would still like to meet during PCTPA's April D.C. visit because the Congressman remains committed to the Lincoln Bypass project and because the moratorium is only short-term.

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."

## **2010 Jobs Bill**

This month a \$15 billion Jobs Bill was enacted into law. The legislation is the first element of what Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) has said will be a multipart 'jobs agenda.' The measure includes a new program that would give companies a break from paying Social Security taxes on new employees for the remainder of 2010. It also carries a one-year extension of the Highway Trust Fund, an expansion of the Build America Bonds program and a provision to allow companies to write off equipment purchases. We will monitor developments regarding additional jobs bills, if any, for possible funding opportunities.

## **Grants**

Federal Advocates will continue its grant solicitation service which includes reporting on a weekly basis of possible areas of grant interest; monitoring Federal agency grant announcements; assisting in the application for Federal grant funding; pursuing delegation support letters for grant application; pursuing meeting opportunities before the grant-awarding entity; and, assisting in the implementation process by ensuring appropriate contacts within the Federal agencies.

## **PCTPA D.C. Visit**

In April representatives of the Agency will be visiting D.C. primarily as part of the annual Cap-to-Cap trip. In addition to attending conference proceedings, meetings will be scheduled with the following offices regarding PCTPA's FY11 appropriations request (if submitted by the Senators) and its SAFETEA-LU request: Congressman McClintock; Senators Feinstein and Boxer; and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Majority and Minority.

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